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Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr., as he addressed SCSA on the subject of "Philosophy and Attitudes of Competition Soaring Pilots" at their February meeting.

operations started at Nellis Field in mid-April.

We wish it were our good fortune to be able to report that everything just fell into place from this point on. But alas, such was not to be the case, and mostly for the lack of that ever elusive "green-air." Ever so gradually it began to seep into our consciousness that this "chosen" site seemed to be in one great big hole in the sky. Weekend after weekend came and went, and no soaring by the TG-3A. Straight glides yes, but for this we were driving 40 miles, and beginning to make excuses to our wives? During May, the 1-26 did manage to get in two soaring flights, one of 1½ hours, and one of 45 minutes. But this was not helping the TG-3A with its student instruction flights, mostly flown back seat by our one rated instructor, Bob Breiling. Eventually, the desire to travel set in with the result that the 1-26 "participated" in the Nationals at Elmira. This saved the season for the 1-26 which logged nearly 20 hours there, accounting for over half of its total time for the year.

Upon returning from the Nationals, the TG-3A was taken to Schenectady where it made numerous winch tows from the Ballston Spa site, thanks to the openhanded hospitality of the Mohawk Soaring Club. Those of us of the Iroquois clan consider it our good fortune to be neighbors of this fine group of Mo'Hawks, from whom we can claim geneological descent, as clubs go, since four of our number started in this fascinating game as Mohawk members.

(To be concluded next month)

Minnesota Soaring Club

This is a new club organized in the Minneapolis area. They have purchased a two-place Schweizer TG-2 sailplane from Joe Steinhauer and hope to have it soaring this season. Contact person is Charles H. Whitmore, 2517 W. 66th St., Minneapolis 23, Minn.

Orange County Soaring Assn., Inc. A Chapter of SSA

The officers for 1960 are as follows: President, Samuel D. Horowitz; Vice President, Jack Wolfe; Secretary-Treasurer, Don Slotten; remaining Board of Directors, Ralph Grose and A. R. "Buzz" Murray.

The club is still going well. The fellows working on the winch got it to backfire at last, but it wouldn't run. In the near future we expect to have it running. The strip alongside the runway at Orange County Airport has been taken over by the airport as a tie-down area, and we no longer operate from there. We are endeavoring to obtain a suitable winch operation site in Orange County. Meanwhile, the L-K is being flown at Skylark Field, Elsinore, Calif.

DON SLOTTEN, Sec.

Seattle Glider Council, Inc.

Another youngster has joined the ranks of soloed pilots in the Pacific Northwest. On Sunday, February 7th, Waid Reynolds, son of Dean and Iris Reynolds, soloed the Motorless Flight Associates' L-K. Waid was ceremoniously relieved of his shirt tail after a satisfactory struggle. Waid, at fifteen years of age, has a wonderful start in soaring, having gained a wealth of experience flying dual with Dean over the years.

The Soaring Society of Boulder, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

On Jan. 18, 1960, the Soaring Society of Boulder held its first annual directors' meeting since its incorporation in May of last year. Present total club membership is 11, plus 2 associate members.

The board of directors was increased from 7 to 9. Present board members are: John LeCoq, Tom Parsons, Jack N. Bell, and Duane L. Burnett entering their second year; Harvey Hall, L. Gale Abels, and Richard H. Ball re-elected; and Jack

A. Carney and Peter Smelser newly elected.

This coming spring, with a tow-plane available and operating out of the local Boulder airport, we expect to get several new members and to keep the club's 2-22 real busy.

JACK A. CARNEY, Sec.

Tarheel Soaring Club A Chapter of SSA

The Tarheel Soaring Club held its fifth flying session on February 7th, our TG-3A being up for eleven flights, making a total of 40 logged for the club in less than two months. This is equivalent to the total number of flights logged by all previous owners in the ship's 16 or 17 years of existence! The day was marked by high wind, gusts and wet ground, but as early as 10:30 another member (Floyd Macomson) and I got to 4500' and later in the day I caught a good thermal to 5300' with a very heavy (and excited!) passenger aboard. With this sort of flying in the 'raw winter' we are looking forward to the "good weather" of spring and later.

EMERSON FORD

Willamette Valley Soaring Club

This is another new club, reported by Don Santee, SSA State Governor for Oregon. They have purchased a two-place L-K sailplane from the Cascade Soaring Society of Seattle and are looking forward to a busy soaring season. It is their expressed intention to become an SSA Chapter, also. President is Don DeHaan and Secretary-Treasurer is Bill Shipman.

One of the main speakers at SCSA's March meeting, X-15 pilot Scott Crossfield, makes a humorous point while describing his fast glides.

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