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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This issue of *Soaring* is devoted in most part to the memory of the late Dr. August Raspet, who lost his life in an unfortunate power airplane accident on April 27, 1960. Most of the usual features of *Soaring* have been omitted in order to present the two papers by Dr. Raspet in their entirety. A return to the usual variety of content will be made with the next issue.

Although it was planned to include the detailed story of the 1960 World Soaring Championships, that contribution could not be made in time so it will appear in the September issue, as will the results of the 1960 National Soaring Championships, being held at Odessa, Texas, from August 2nd through the 11th.

FOUR NEW SSA CHAPTERS

Four soaring clubs have been granted SSA Chapter status since the last magazine appeared, bringing the total number of Chapters to 37. Of the 109 soaring organizations listed in the 1960 SSA Soaring Directory, only 93 have natures which might qualify them for SSA Chapter status so 40% of the clubs now have that distinction. How about yours?

The Southern California Soaring Association, Inc., was the first of the four most recent. By far the largest Chapter to date, SCSA now has 134 members, all of which are voting members or Student Members of SSA. The Association's membership has taken a sharp rise in the last month with the decision to trade their Schweizer 1-26 for a two-place 2-22 and inauguration of a close-in training program. A number of possible sites for operation in the Los Angeles basin are being investigated and it is expected that a firm commitment to use one of them will be forthcoming before the end of August.

Next came the Iroquois Soaring Assn. of Utica, N.Y. They have eight members and a Schweizer TG-3A sailplane which they operate from Highland Airport, six miles southeast of Utica.

Then came the Arizona Soaring Assn. from the Phoenix area. Their roster contained 34 members. They operate a Schweizer 2-22C in a training operation.

Most recent Chapter is the Santa Barbara (Calif.) Soaring Club. Their eight members fly the club's Schweizer TG-2 sailplane at various southern California soaring sites but mostly at Elsinore.

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