

# CANADIAN NEWS

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## New Records

Stan Rys, in charge of homologation of records for Canada, announces that two new records were set this year.

On April 17th, Ralph S. White flew a 1-26 to 23,884 feet after the 5000-metre climb required by the FAI. The previous record of 19,940 feet was held by Rusty F. Chapin, flying a Fauvel AV-36. Both flew from Pincher Creek, Alberta, and used the lee wave of the Livingstone Range of the Rockies. Pincher is the base of the Cu Nim Gliding Club of Calgary.

The only 300-kilometre triangle known to have been completed by a Canadian was recorded by Gordon Oates of Toronto, who took off from the Southern Ontario Soaring Association's base at Brantford, rounded Maple and Mount Forest, and returned with an average speed of 32.7 mph. He was flying the same Skylark 3D which had carried him to two previous records, 39.6 MPH for the 100-km triangle and 17,200 feet gain of altitude, both at Brantford. He also holds the Canadian 200-km triangle speed record of 40.7 mph, done in a Geier at the 1958 Internationals in Leszno, Poland.

By the way, it's time some women's records were established, Stan has none listed.

## Nationals Scores Change

The results of the Canadian National Soaring Contest, held at Brantford, Ontario, in July, were announced October 21st by Terry Beasley, chairman of the Contest Committee, S.A.C., and published on page 17 of the September issue of *Soaring*. Unfortunately, that report contained five errors. Official scores for the five entrants affected should be as follows, with other places revised accordingly:

5. R. F. Grady, L-K	4217
8. C. Bonds, L-K FT	3301
12. E. Seymour (U.S.), 1-26	2785
14. P. Tingskou, Viking	2649
17. R. Mackenzie,	
N. Birch, Skylark 2	2539

The corrected scores moved Grady up one place, Seymour down one, Tingskou up three and Mackenzie/Birch down eight. We'll do better sooner next year.

## Two New Clubs

A new club has been formed at Virden, Manitoba. They have bought a Cinema II from the Regina Gliding and Soaring Club, and are doing some work on the wings. Murray Wood, Box 513, Virden, can provide information.

At the head of the Great Lakes another new club has been set up. Don Wood, 232 Robinson Drive, Port Arthur, is president. Vince Plesch has been checked out for instructing by the Regina club. They are in the market for aircraft.

## Lakehead Gliding Club

From a group of ten in February, the new Lakehead Gliding Club has now grown to 26 members. A limit of 35 has been set. Each member buys a \$100 share toward the purchase of a 2-22 and other equipment. Winch or car tow will be used until a tow-plane can be bought. A trailer will be built this winter for the two-seater.

The executives are: Donald T. Wood, President and Secretary; George Stewart, Vice-President; Bill LaBelle, Treasurer; and Vincent Plesch, Chief Flying Instructor. Vince holds a German Silver C and considerable power time.

Those familiar with the Lakehead district will wonder about the terrain, which is mostly rocks and trees. The club has carved a two-runway field out of the Pre-Cambrian Shield, starting with a relatively flat clearing near Kakabeka, 18 miles west of the twin cities of Port Arthur and Fort William. A half-mile long "hedge" of rocks was cleared out by hand from the middle of the field. Sounds like this club has the gump-ton to make a go of things.

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## Saskatoon Soaring Club

Bill Proctor of the Saskatoon club reports rapid progress since the club was founded in August. Five sailplanes are owned by various members, besides an Aeronca tug and a winch, and a Bergfalke II-55 is on order for the club. A field has been located near the city and negotiations are under way for its use. Some winching and aero towing has been done at the Colonsay farm of the six Eleys on the membership roster, a few members have been going down to Regina for instruction. The membership now stands at 41, with eight or nine on the waiting list. Eleven members hold private tickets and ten have glider pilots' papers.

The gliders now on hand are a Fauvel AV-36, a Grunau IIB, a BG-12A, an H-17 and a 1-26.

The Chief Flying Instructor is one of Canada's gliding pioneers, Norm Eley, who got into the game by building a Dagling primary glider in the early thirties. Norm later took a power course, instructed for the Air Force during the war, and for the Regina Gliding and Soaring Club from its inception about three years ago. George Reznick is president.

A picnic and flying demonstration was held September 25th at the Eleys', with 58 present, not counting enough youngsters to assure the future of the club for some time to come. So says the club newsletter, the "BLANK" — which is its name until a better one is chosen as winner of the Newsletter Contest. Prize is a club crest. Vol. 1, No. 1 is described on the masthead as "an unlicensed experimental model."

## To All Readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR — To all readers of this page — with lots of GREEN AIR! —Dave King

The winch owned by George Redzich of Saskatoon, Sask. Wire comes in under radiator to drum behind seat.

Photo: George Redzich

