

CLUB NEWS

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Arizona Soaring Association A Chapter of SSA

The September meeting of the Association was held to elect new officers, and the results were as follows: President, John Ryan; Vice President, Jim Turnbow; Secretary, Chuck Doty; and Treasurer, Clay Hartman. Derek VanDyke and Ken Bawden were also elected to the Board of Directors.

The members discussed new activities, and plans are under way to secure a new soaring site for the Association. After a fairly inactive summer it is hoped that renewed activity will begin when the club 2-22C is brought home from its summer site at Sedona.

CHUCK DOTY

China Lake Soaring Club, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

Last spring some of the members of the China Lake Soaring Club enjoyed the hospitality of Les Arnold's flying school and successfully completed three commercials and one private glider rating. Soaring over Mission peak with hawks and other sailplanes while overlooking the

view of the bay area was an experience we shall never forget. An annual club safari to Les Arnold's locality is now planned.

During the summer our members have been feverishly building a 2-22-C while some of the best soaring weather we have ever seen has been going to waste. Completion date is very near. The purchase of this ship was worked out on a plan which gives club members the option of participating or not, and, while the ship is available to all club members, the flight charges are pro-rated according to the member's degree of participation. The plan is running smoothly and we feel that it offers a sound mechanism whereby small groups can purchase a ship of this calibre. Details will be forwarded to any interested group on request.

Our CAP program has been progressing smoothly even without an airworthy trainer this summer. We have three CAP students attached to the local 84th Composite Squadron who will remain under our wing until completion of training through solo. They are Mr. Michael Fullerton of China Lake, Mr. Robert Meyers of Ridgecrest, and Mr. Tyrone St. Louis of China Lake. Each year the club sponsors two or three such students who are selected from the squadron roster by an incentive award system. Their training cost is absorbed by the club entirely. During this period they enjoy honorary membership in the China Lake Soaring Club and are also sponsored at the student level in SSA. We feel that this is an effective means of

introducing soaring to young people who have a prior leaning toward aviation. Needless to say, we don't have to start by selling soaring to these students.

The Huntsville Soaring Club A Chapter of SSA

Sunday, September 25th, marked a memorable day for the Huntsville Soaring Club. This was the first day that the club became truly operational. Flying was from Pryor Field in Decatur, Alabama, and used the club's newly purchased L-5 tow ship. Mr. Herb Muncy from Marietta, Georgia, was our instructor and seven flights were made.

A word of thanks is in order for Herb who contributed the whole day to instructing the club members. It is this unselfish quality of Herb, and others like him, that is doing more than any other factor to further the sport of soaring in this country.

Now that our club has reached operational status, we can look back and pick out several people whose efforts should not go unrecognized.

First, our one and only tow pilot, Ray Leonard. Ray, besides flying our tow ship from Ohio with our Secretary, Al Jackson, has put many hours in the building of and the installation of the hitch on the L-5. He recently performed the 100 hour inspection on the L-5, among many other things which cost him many hours of time. We, of the Huntsville Soaring Club, owe Ray Leonard a great amount of appreciation.

When our club was going through very acute growing pains, Robert Brown appeared on the scene from Dallas, Texas, and through great patience and perseverance, saw us through buying a sailplane and various organization problems. He was also instrumental in our buying the tow ship. In fact, had it not been for Bob, we would still be hangar flying.

Our treasurer, Al Jackson, has spent many hours of his time keeping the finances in order and also spent part of the Memorial Day weekend flying the L-5 back from Ohio.

Due to these folks' efforts, and others, our club is well organized, and we are anticipating great things in the future . . . they are just over the horizon!

LLOYD A. SWAN.

Kansas Soaring Association A Chapter of SSA

Mickey Jensen of the KSA has submitted a proposal to the President

The tortured, demented soul holding paper propeller and demonstrating the leg room in the EPB-1 fuselage is Charles Drew. Charlie is "Mr. Soaring" in the China Lake Soaring Club, and a renowned research chemist at the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, Calif. As can be plainly seen, even a brilliant intellect can reach elastic limits under the strain of an intensive construction program!

