

CLUB NEWS

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Central Texas Glider Council A Chapter of SSA

The Central Texas Glider Council, Inc., is an active flying organization with enthusiastic members. At the present time there are 15 active (flying) members but in addition there are a multitude of sustaining members who do a lot toward keeping most of the soaring organizations in operation. The club publication (THERMAL JOURNAL) mailing list of 60 includes many who contribute in one way or another without expecting to fly.

Columbia Basin Soaring Assn. A Chapter of SSA

At the December meeting a budget for 1960 was proposed, amended, and accepted, and a formal constitution was presented for ratification. Flying time in December was restricted due to lack of thermals (common for that month). Jim Hard and Gene Rudock accumulated 200 flights during 1959 in their 1-19. Rudy Allemann solo soared 1½ hours in his new Ka-6BR and Ed McClanahan has been out practicing the pattern in his 1-26. He made some estimates about the number of gallons of fuel oil needed to burn in order to give a thermal in December. It looks like

Jim Hard, Secretary of the Columbia Basin Soaring Assn., makes an approach in his Schweizer 1-19 utility glider. Jim is one of the flyingest owners of a 1-19 in the U.S., extracting many hours of soaring enjoyment from his modest investment.

Photo: Robert Lee Moore



Texas might be the spot for that too! Happy soaring in the New Year.

RUDY ALLEMANN

New England Soaring Assn.

The Annual Smorgasborg and Christmas Party at the Worcester (Mass.) Airport on December 5th marked the close of NESA activity for 1959. Hal Hobkirk, retiring President, summarized the year's operations. As is the usual custom at the Christmas Party, a short business meeting was held for the election of officers and directors for 1960. They are: President, Joe Anthony; Vice President, Marc Abell; Secretary, Bill Foley; Treasurer, Ernie Hartmann. Directors are: Mrs. Catherine Hiller, Hal Hobkirk and Andy Anderson.

All ships have been removed from the field for the winter. Some are stored in the hangar and others have gone their various ways for overhaul and refurbishing. Next season we hope activities can start at an earlier date. We are hoping to see at least two and possibly three new ships on the NFSA flight lines; the Cannon's BG-12A, Andy Anderson's Cherokee II and perhaps Frank Martin's Cherokee II. Stan Krupinski's L-K should be flying at Southbridge and possibly the CAP's TG-4 at Northampton.

North Georgia Soaring Society, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

North Georgia Soaring Society, Inc. is now well underway and formally affiliated with SSA. It was put together in rapid time by the

hard preliminary work of Jack Dunn, pilot for Lockheed, and by John Karlovich, pilot for Delta Airlines, both experienced soaring pilots.

They collected from here and there the names of people around Atlanta who were interested in soaring and called a meeting. The meeting came to pass last November at Parkaire, a field near Atlanta where many small planes are based. Complete constitution and by-laws were submitted. Sixteen "guests" pulled out their checkbooks and wrote checks for initiation fees at this first meeting — some sort of a record!

The roster is up to 20 members now (includes two half-members so it is probably more correct to say 20 "souls" rather than members to keep the arithmetic right).

NGSS is also the proud owner of a used Schweizer 2-22 which is now in the air on good gliding days (we haven't had any good soaring days yet).

The official meeting is held at 6 P.M. on the third Sunday of each month at Parkaire Field after (we hope) a good day of Sunday soaring. The Welcome Mat is out for SSA members within range to come visit us and perhaps affiliate with NGSS. If information is needed, it can be obtained from Betsy Weaver, the secretary of NGSS, at her office at 1447 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta 9, Georgia; phone TRinity 4-8694. That address is being used also as the official address of NGSS for those wishing to write us.

Initiation is \$100; dues \$10 per year plus \$10 for SSA. Membership in SSA is compulsory for members of NGSS. Come see us!

LAURENCE A. WEAVER, JR.

San Gabriel Valley Soaring Group

The San Gabriel Valley Soaring Group celebrated their Christmas holidays with a one-design sailplane class soaring contest with such outstanding soaring personalities and pilots as John Robinson, Kirk Harris, Jack Gretta, Carl Walters, Martin Schriber, Frank Boosman, Joe Cossey (Ontario FAA), Rich Egleston and the host-manager of the meet, Stan Winsor, who was also responsible for the design and flight tests of the sailplane used by all contestants. The strange design which is seldom used by soaring authorities could be classified as a delta wing configuration with a critical balance at the center of gravity being adjusted to