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### SOARING in america



The purpose of this booklet is to describe American soaring and answer the initial questions of those whose curiosity in this sport has been aroused. It features:

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## SSA NEWS

### MORE NEW SSA CHAPTERS

Since mention in the last issue of SOARING that the Soaring Society of Boulder (Colo.), Inc., had become the 20th club to become an SSA Chapter there have been a number of new additions and one subtraction.

Through reorganization the Hudson Valley Soaring Assn., Inc., of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., lost a number of its members and fell below the minimum of seven needed for qualification as an SSA Chapter so its status was withdrawn.

Making up for the loss was the North Georgia Soaring Society, Inc., recently reactivated with the purchase of Pat Mulloy's Schweizer 2-22. Operating out of the Atlanta area, they have 19 members, including two couples. The February "Club News" section will contain more information on their history and activities.

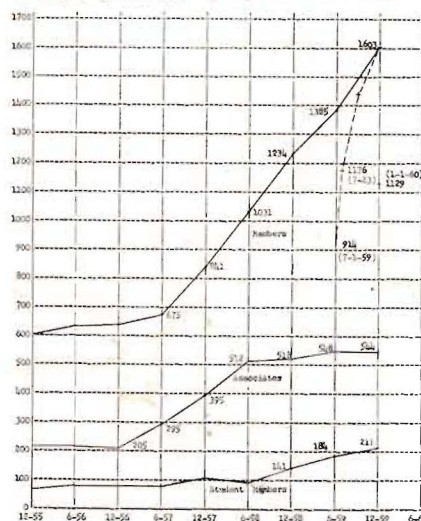
Raising the number of Chapters to 21 was the Orange County (Calif.) Soaring Assn., Inc. They have 18 members and presently fly an L-K leased from Carl Ziler, an outgrowth of a group called "Ziler's Soaring Zealots." Most of their flying activities are conducted at the Orange County airport on a strip parallel to the very active power plane runway, although they occasionally fly at Elsinore where soaring conditions are more prevalent. A current project of the club is the complete rebuilding of a winch on loan from Herman Stiglmeier.

Number 22 was the South Jersey Soaring Society, Inc., a long-time club and the only active one operating in New Jersey. Their ten members fly a Pratt-Read at the Millville, N.J., airport and include such notables as Art Heavener and Otto Zauner.

Last to be approved as an SSA Chapter is the China Lake (Calif.) Soaring Club. They too have 10 members, and fly a club-owned TG-2 from Cuddeback Dry Lake near Atolia, Calif., and at El Mirage Field. Their members have a number of sailplanes under construction.

On hand is an application for Chapter status from the Aeronaut Soaring Club of the Long Beach, Calif., area which will make number 24. We hope to be hearing from many more clubs in this regard over the next few months. How about your club, has it considered taking advantage of the numerous benefits of SSA Chapter status?

### MEMBERSHIP FLOW CHART



Reproduced above (half as large as intended) is a chart showing SSA membership growth over the past four years for the Member, Associate and Student Member categories. Not included are: Family Memberships (two voting members in each) which numbered 65 on Dec. 31, 1959; Life Members which now number 41; Sponsoring Members (one, the Chichester du Pont Foundation, Inc.); and Industrial Members (two, All American Engineering Co., Inc., and Schweizer Aircraft Corp.). At year end the total number of voting members was 1777. In addition to all membership categories, there were 310 subscriptions to SOARING magazine, bringing the total paid circulation of the magazine to 2777 (only one copy to each Family Membership).

### TECHNICAL PAPERS NEEDED

This is a call for technical papers to be presented at the 8th OSTIV Congress in mid-June near Cologne, Germany. Persons desiring to submit papers on Aerodynamics, Design, Airworthiness, Instruments, Equipment, Training, Maintenance, or Design Requirements for Advanced Soaring Techniques should send the proposed titles for their papers and brief resumes of what the papers will be about to Robert Kidder, 500 North St., East Aurora, N. Y. Recommendations will then be made to Lt. Floyd J. Sweet, USAF, new chairman of OSTIV's Technical Committee.

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