

CLUB NEWS

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Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, Ltd.

The main item of news currently in the AGCSC is, of course, the preparations for the February Torrey Pines Meet. Things are going well, with great plans for a bigger and better meet. Some of the new training group officers who are organizing things, are real fireballs and plans are going forward with great enthusiasm. There will be the same type of souvenir programs as last year (only bigger) to give away to spectators. It is also planned to include with the price of admission and parking, a chance on a trip to Las Vegas. The AGCSC is again co-sponsoring the meet with the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The club is getting quite a bit of experience with soaring meets this year having sponsored two very successful ones at Elsinore - over the Memorial Day weekend and again in October. There was another meet conducted by the club at Elsinore (Skylark) for New Year's weekend, an informal "Get into 1960."

The annual elections were held in October and the new officers are: Pres., John W. Swinson; V. Pres., Bud Wemple; Secretary, Nikki Delp; Treas., Frank R. Robbins; and Editor of the very excellent club publication

WIND AND WINGS, John K. Gorman.

The Club has found it necessary to raise the initiation fee from \$25 to \$40 in order to keep up with rising costs. Sterling Starr made a complete financial study of the club's costs and income and it was felt the raise in initiation fee was the most acceptable solution. It is hoped to be able to keep up with maintenance costs and still be able to plan on adding new equipment in the near future.

Chicagoland Glider Council

The closing of the Stinson Airport and the resultant crowding at Prosperi and other airports because of this move has caused some of the members of the soaring group to again think of possibly acquiring a field of their own before the real estate around the city of Chicago becomes so expensive that it will be beyond the reach of such sporting groups. Members reported that this has happened at a number of places in the country such as Philadelphia, Grand Prairie, Texas, and Ted Nelson's Gliderport in California. A beginning has been made by the Dayton Club which is raising a fund for the purpose.

Those that have been around for ten years in this sport have seen airports in the Chicago area close each year and along with each closing goes also a possible haven for a glider group. If this keeps up JATO BOTTLES will be needed to get a boost from the local high school football field. The club members will be on the lookout for farming property and will perhaps pool their resources to establish just such a site for soaring.

Columbia Basin Soaring Ass'n. A Chapter of SSA

President Ed McClanahan has acquired a wrecked TG-3A along with its valuable trailer. Damage to the ship is extensive but rather than use the pieces for kindling, Ed will give it to anyone interested in repairing it or to anyone in need of TG-3A parts.

Jim Hard and Gene Rudock have been making lonely flights in the 1-19 in the icy November winds. Jim was trying to make his 100th flight of the year even if it is only a pattern circuit! Rudy Allemann got his Ka-6BR but hasn't had a chance to fly it yet. For the CBSA, no matter how soon it comes, "spring will be a little late this year."

The club recently took up a collection for the 1960 U.S. soaring team's expenses, raising \$52.00 at one meeting. The letter of transmittal with the check included this sentence: "It is a small amount but if each member of SSA did likewise we feel it would be of great help to the team."

Columbus Soaring Assn., Inc.

The Columbus Soaring Association, Inc., met on January 7th to elect the 1960 slate of officers. Harry McIntyre is the new president; Ed Wagner, Veep; Ralph Turner, Sect'y.; Jim Pears, Treasurer; and George Bailey, Operations Manager. All except Wagner are employed in the Engineering Department of North American Aviation, Inc., Columbus Division.

The club, which in 1959 logged 251 flights in the Cinema, BG-7 and 1-19, towed by the Waco, operates at Chillicothe, Ohio, Skypark Airport. The club participated actively in two contests last year, the Dayton club's Wright Memorial Glider Meet and the Toledo Club's Midwest Soaring Meet. We observed the doings at Frankfort, Mich., and conducted our own Fall Roundup at Skypark.

An increase in the flying equipment will occur this spring with the completion of the Westlake-Wedemeyer TG-3A and the Turner-Marsh BG-12A. Also, George Bailey and Ben Stephenson will soon begin construction of a Cherokee II.

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Northern California Soaring Association, Inc.

The annual election and awards meeting of the Northern California Soaring Association was held at Les

Joe Carter takes off on auto tow in the Cascade Soaring Society's Bunny-nose L-K at Arlington, Washington.

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