

SSA NEWS

NEW SSA STATE GOVERNORS

Dr. Harner Selvidge, SSA President, has recently made the following new appointments of SSA State Governors:

ALABAMA:

Robert E. Brown, 432 S. Plymouth Rd., Huntsville. Ph. JE 9-8146.

FLORIDA (Northern):

Dr. Edgar F. Davis, 7118 Railey Circle, Jacksonville 10. Ph. EV 7-1500.

MONTANA:

Mark E. Anderson, 114 -5th St., Harve. Phone 265-6067.

NEBRASKA:

Nathan L. Eastman
414 W. 2nd St., Kimball.

NORTH DAKOTA:

William Kirchmeier, Jr., 709 Av. B West, Bismarck. Ph. CA 3-7142.

SOUTH DAKOTA:

David S. Nelson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls.

TEXAS:

Jon D. Carsey, 3106 Fairmont St., Dallas 4. Ph. RI 7-5972.

VIRGINIA:

Arthur L. Lowe, Jr., 538 Elmwood Av., Lynchburg. Ph. VI 6-3461.

WYOMING:

Earnest D. Shattuck, Convair Operations, WAFB, Box 68, Cheyenne.

FIVE NEW SSA CHAPTERS

Five soaring clubs have been granted SSA Chapter status in the last month and one other Chapter had its status rescinded, bringing the total number of Chapters to 29, almost one-third of the clubs in the U.S.

The Charlotte (N.C.) Soaring Society disbanded after experiencing some difficulties last year so no longer qualified as a Chapter, hence the status was rescinded in April. Gene Bartos is working to reactivate the club, however, so it is expected to function again in the near future and may become a Chapter once more.

Bringing the total back up to 25 was the Stillwater (Okla.) Soaring Society with nine members operating an L-K sailplane at Searcy Field, four miles north of Stillwater. They are mentioned in this month's "Club News."

Number 26 was the Skyline Soaring Club, Inc., of Asheville, N.C. They have 10 members and now own a Pratt-Read sailplane, recently purchased from Norm Gowin of Buffalo.

Next came the Huntsville (Ala.)

Soaring Club with 18 members and the TG-3A formerly owned by TSA and brought to Huntsville by Bob Brown.

The Buckeye Glider Club of Columbus, Ohio, became the 28th SSA Chapter. They have 13 members and four ships; a 1-19, a 2-22 and two 1-26's.

The latest club to qualify for Chapter status is the Minnesota Soaring Club of Minneapolis. They were organized last October and have grown to 15 members. In January they purchased a Schweizer TG-2 needing new fabric and expect to have it soaring in June.

REBATE CHECKS MAILED

Checks totalling \$292.00 were mailed in May to 10 SSA Chapters as their annual partial SSA dues rebate. Chapters that meet the special qualification of maintaining 100% voting members and Student Members of SSA are qualified for this rebate of \$2.00 per Member and \$3.00 per Family Membership. Fourteen other Chapters received their annual rebates last fall. Only two of the 29 present Chapters maintain some SSA Associate members on their rosters and hence do not qualify for the annual rebate; however, they do receive all other Chapter benefits such as qualification to insure club-owned sailplanes under the SSA master policies, reduced contest sanction fees, etc. If your club is not yet a Chapter, put the subject on the agenda of your next meeting and give it some consideration.

SSA SEW-ON EMBLEMS

A new supply of SSA sew-on emblems has been received and they are now available for 65 cents each, tax included, from SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif. The official SSA insignia (see masthead page) in three colors, very attractive when sewn on caps, jackets or other apparel; good advertising for SSA and soaring, also.

NEW SSA ASSISTANT

SSA announces the employment of Tommy A. Stoops, 24, as Assistant Executive Secretary, effective June 1, 1960. Tom has been a full Member of SSA and quite active with the big soaring club in San Diego, Calif. (AGCSC), where he lived while working for Convair Astronautics. He will work for SSA out of the Ex-

ecutive Secretary's office and should be a big help in handling the Society's affairs which have grown so much in the last three years. A C badge holder (U.S. #1849), Tom also has his Silver C altitude leg. Although single, he is engaged to be married this fall and eventually expects to complete a college education begun at Purdue some years ago.

SSA REPORT TO NAA

The annual statistical report on U.S. soaring activity for the calendar year 1959 has been made to the National Aeronautic Assn. for inclusion in its report to FAI. Pertinent figures included in the report follow:

Sailplane activity:

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| Auto and winch tows . . . | 11,020 |
| Airplane tows | 28,200 |

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| Total launchings . . . | 39,220 |
| Hours from auto/winch tows | 2,482 |
| Hours from airplane tows . | 19,920 |

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| Total hours | 22,402 |
| Cross-country miles soared | 79,100 |

Sailplane census:

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| Club-owned sailplanes . . . | 133 |
| Privately-owned sailplanes . | 467 |

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| Total sailplanes | 600 |
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FAI soaring awards issued:

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| C badges | 256 (1832 to date) |
| Silver C badges . . . | 43 (379 to date) |
| Gold C badges | 7 (90 to date) |
| Diamond C badges . . . | 3 (15 to date) |

Records established:

Richard E. Schreder's three single-place world soaring speed records: 66.51, 67.01 and 60.18 mph.

Other noteworthy performances:

Harland C. Ross' 365 mile Diamond C distance and altitude flight.

Dewey J. Mancusos's 37,500 foot wave flight with a gain of 30,370 feet.

Richard H. Johnson's winning of the Nationals for the fifth time, in a 20 year old Weihe sailplane. The 10,144 cross-country miles soared by 40 pilots in 28 sailplanes at the Odessa, Texas, Soaring Camp.

Some interesting figures to supplement the above statistics: 144 of the 600 sailplanes, 24%, did not fly in 1959. For the 456 that did fly, each averaged 49 hours of flight time, 84 flights and 173 crosscountry miles. Of the 467 privately-owned sailplanes, 407 were owned by individuals, 43 were owned by partnerships of two people, 9 by three people and 8 by four people.