

MATERIAL AVAILABLE

The SSA has a variety of items available on a free distribution basis, unless otherwise specified. Request by item number or name from SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

Item 3. FAI soaring awards application blanks.

Item 4. SSA membership application blanks. These are in the form of business reply envelopes, making it easy for new applicants to mail in their dues.

Item 6. SOARING . . . The S.S.A. . . . and YOU pamphlets, telling about the sport of soaring, glider pilot certificates, how soaring is organized, what the SSA is and what it does, and how to get started in soaring. Ideal for answering the questions of prospective soaring enthusiasts.

Item 7. Region lists of soaring clubs and SSA Governors, by SSA region number, as excerpted from the SSA Directory. The list for each region lists all soaring clubs in that region, their addresses, meeting times and places, flying sites and contact persons and the SSA Governors' names and addresses for each state in the region. Add the region number in parentheses after Item 7 when ordering or just the state desired.

Item 8. List giving Availability of Plans, Kits, Partially Completed and Ready-to-fly Gliders and Sailplanes. At present, the list includes only U. S. designs for which details have been obtained, including a brief description, price, manufacturer's name and address. New equipment only.

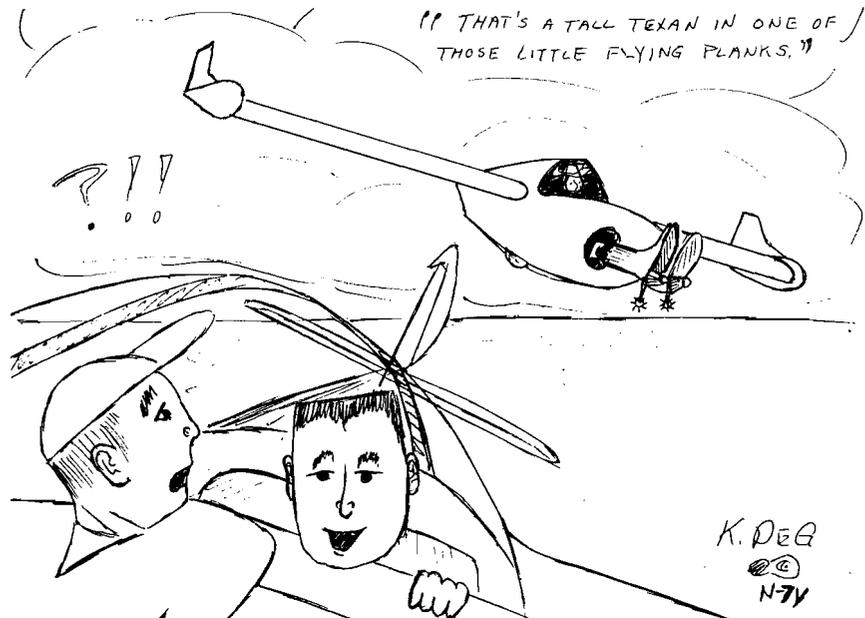
Item 9. List of Glider Schools and Commercial Glider Operators in the U.S., giving location, equipment, services and prices, where known.

Item 10. List of Books on Soaring, where they may be obtained, prices and a brief description of each.

Item 24. Incorporation Procedures—California. Intended to show non-profit soaring clubs the way to incorporate, with specific details for the state of California.

Item 28. Used Sailplanes For Sale List. Over 50 ships listed by type, N number, price and owner's name and address, as compiled from SSA census report forms, ads and owner's notices. Revised frequently.

Item 30. Film Library List, with rules governing use of the films. Request from Walter B. Hausler, 67 Fisher Rd., Rochester 11, N.Y.



Item 38. How to Start a Soaring Club. Six pages of suggestions.

A NEW SOARING TEAM

Apparently our SSA President has taken seriously his words in his May editorial "The Decline of Meteorology" and decided to do something about it. Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr., President of Meteorology Research, Inc., of Altadena, California, has announced that Dr. Harner Selvidge has resigned from his position with Bendix Aviation Corporation where for more than fourteen years he has been engaged in research and development of new products, and will join Meteorology Research on June 1st as Vice-President and General Manager. With two soaring pilots at the controls we predict that whatever expansion may be in store for M.R.I. will surely have a considerable soaring flavor.

BIBLIOGRAPHY ON SOARING

Recent articles or items on soaring which have appeared in non-soaring publications of national circulation:

Sports Illustrated, May 9, 1960, p. 24-25. A two-page photo of an Olympia sailplane half-way through a loop.

Time, May 16, 1960, p. 15-18. Photo of sailplane-like Lockheed U-2 high altitude jet and story of the one lost in Russia on May 1st with numerous references of its sailplane qualities.

Flight, May 1960, p. 30-32, 48 (Box 750, Dallas, Tex. 50¢/copy). Dick Johnson's *Adastra* sailplane with 11 photos.

SO. CALIF. FINANCE PLAN

Through efforts of the SSA Finance and Insurance Committee, arrangements have been made with a branch of a large western bank to make personal loans for the purchase of sailplanes by qualified residents of southern California. Interested persons may make application directly to Mr. Carl Sugar, Mgr., First Western Bank & Trust Co., 3772 W. Santa Barbara Av., Los Angeles 8, Calif., phone AX 2-0431. Terms were not defined but would be at favorable bank rates.

Applications for loans by clubs would be considered if some of the members would be responsible for payments.

The holding company of which this bank is a part has branch banks in all eleven western states so it is possible that such loans could be made available to residents of this larger area if satisfactory experience is obtained by this first branch.

SSA will endeavor to make similar arrangements to cover the rest of the country.

Naturally, banks must realize some benefits to justify making loans of this nature. They are more favorably inclined to loan if the applicant has his account with them so they have the use of his money. Although this is not a requirement, SSA members desiring loans, as well as others, might well consider supporting a bank that will give soaring enthusiasts service that their present banks do not offer.

Further expansion of this service will be announced in subsequent issues of *Soaring*.