

Vice president; Jim Ashlock, Secretary; Jim Jones, Treasurer; Bob Brower, Operations Chief; and Boyd Miller, Asst. Operations Chief.

Bob Brower and Jack Bates are designing a new winch to be made from an old Ford 1-ton truck chassis with a cut-down Cadillac engine and cable reel mounted on it. It is expected to give a more convenient, mobile and stable winch than the one presently used. The new winch, expected to be in operation soon, will handle about 4,000 feet of cable.

The MSA, suffering from small turnouts at its monthly memberships meetings (a problem they share with many of us) has decided to discontinue them. The board of directors will meet on call of the president to conduct club business, and any proceedings will be revealed to the members through the club newsletter, *Cumulus*. Meetings of the board of directors will, of course, be open to all who want to be seen and heard.

Seattle Glider Council, Inc.

At its last meeting, the Columbia Basin Soaring Association voted to incorporate. By-laws were adopted and the following officers were elected; President, Tom Clark; Secretary, Ira Jacobson; and Treasurer, Gene Rudock.

The Boeing Soaring Club reports work well under way on a new 2-22. It is being built in Doug McDonald's basement, with several people in charge of various parts. Did anyone ever hear the story about the fellow who built a boat in his basement and couldn't get it out? Hmm? Hope the stairs aren't too narrow!

The Cascade Soaring Society has purchased a standard 1-23 in Florida, and everyone hopes to see it gracing the skies at Enumclaw in the near future.

Soaring Society of Dayton, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

Plans are progressing for the 12th Annual Wright Memorial Glider Meet, to be held on May 27 - 30th. The SSD towplane is being re-covered, and should be a very impressive sight in front of a glider. Weather is improving, and the club looks for good conditions by the time of the meet.

Stillwater Soaring Society A Chapter of SSA

One of the SSA's newest chapters (#25), the Stillwater (Oklahoma) Soaring Society, now numbers 10

members. The Club owns an L-K in which they logged over one hundred hours in the past year. During this time, four pilots received commercial glider certificates, one flight instructor certificate and two private glider certificates. One student pilot, Dale Nielsen, made his first solo in the L-K.

Texas Soaring Assn., Inc.

The TSA has just gained a new chief towpilot. Leonard Pratt, a senior airline pilot, power and glider instructor and A&E mechanic, will have full responsibility for all the club's towing operations and will supervise check-out of new tow pilots and maintenance of the towplane.

Tulsa Skyhawks Soaring Club, Inc.

Saturday morning, March 26, 1960 — Beautiful day — all of the Skyhawks got up bright and early, loaded their barographs, picked up the parachutes and hurried out to the airport to fly. You never saw such enthusiasm, or heard a phone ring so many times. Happy Day! They were going to get to fly after a long, cold, bad winter. After arriving at the airport, guess what! The towplane wouldn't work! You never saw such an un-enthusiastic group so soon! "Typical Soaring Club" on the first pretty day.

The Skyhawks had some difficulty with a Tax Problem, but managed to solve them through the Tulsa Board of Assessors. Their experience may be of some use to other clubs in talking with their Assessors. Tax exemptions, anyone?

JAMES L. (JIM) RHINE

Odds and Ends

With the improvement in soaring techniques and sailplane design, a great many clubs are changing their names to drop the old designation of "Glider Club" to become "Soaring Clubs." The latest to consider the change is the Chicagoland Glider Council. Watch for a possible new name from this group.

Soaring at Torrey Pines, Calif., may receive more much-needed publicity (did you see the Camel Cigarette Commercial?) in the near future. Recently a television commercial was filmed featuring the 1961 Buicks, all done in the deepest secrecy to prevent advance viewing of the new designs.

The AGCSC is still pursuing its attempts to preserve the gliderport at



Mary Wallace Funk, 11, a new member of the Stillwater Soaring Society, gained her C badge on her first solo sailplane flight. She holds a commercial pilot certificate with SEL and SES ratings. Shown with the Club's L-K, Mary soloed on her fifth sailplane flight.

Torrey Pines. Latest developments have been several local town council meetings involving encounters between San Diego Mayor Dail and the AGCSC representative, Jack Jaynes. It seems the mayor is coming off second best in these little affairs, and we still hope for the best.

The Northern California Soaring Association, Inc., has established a soaring award in memory of Dr. John B. Sawyer. To be awarded to the NCSA pilot who has exhibited the greatest interest and improvement in his soaring activities, the award will be presented on a yearly basis, with the winner being responsible for administering the award the following year. The award is decided on a point scoring system, emphasizing soaring flights.

Quotable Quote — "I know I was flying straight — I had an equal amount of ice on each ear." From the NCSA publication *Hot Air*, said by an open cockpit pilot no doubt!

Interest in soaring is increasing in Houston, Texas. There is no club organized there yet, but it looks as if it won't be long. Jim Sands appears to have inherited the duty of answering inquiries from the area, due to the fact that he writes such delightful letters!

Another young solo pilot — Don Coder of the Texas Soaring Association. Don made his flight in the club TG-2, having received the bulk of his instruction from his father, George.