

dent was the design of the aileron hinge system, which provided for only two aileron hinges and which, due to tape on the upper surface and a minimal gap on the bottom, made inspection of the hinges extremely difficult.

It is unfortunate that the simple act of forgetting to reinstall a part of the control system resulted in such dire consequences. No one can predict the course of events when the control system malfunctions and the pilot does not choose to land and correct the difficulty when the first signs of trouble appear.

MIDWEST SOARING COUNCIL FORMED

A new area-type soaring organization called the Midwest Soaring Council came into being on February 13, 1960, at a meeting held in Toledo, Ohio. It is a federation of the various clubs in SSA regions 6 and 7, the upper Midwest. The council's main object will be to coordinate soaring efforts and meet schedules within its area.

The Council will hold at least one meeting each year, generally after the dates of the Nationals are known and after the midwinter meeting of the SSA Board of Directors. Each club of five or more flying members may send two delegates to Council meetings, each delegate having one vote.

Officers elected until the next meeting were: Nelson Bailey of the Toledo Glider Club, chairman; Ben Harlamert of the Buckeye Glider Club, vice-chairman; and John Bierens of the Toledo Glider Club, Secretary-Treasurer.

Soaring meets will be either local or regional. Regional meets must schedule at least three days of competition and use the scoring and other appropriate rules from the previous Nationals. Champions will be selected for distance and speed performances only, although other type events may be conducted for novices and prizes awarded for them. 1960 regional meets were selected as the SSD's Memorial Day meet, the Buckeye Glider Club's July 4th meet and the Illini Glider Club's Labor

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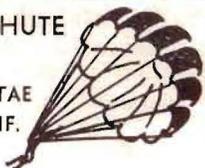


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Love Field, Prescott, Arizona, looking SW away from the valley, site where the Arizona Soaring Assn. will conduct an Invitational Cross-Country Weekend over Memorial Day weekend.

Day meet. Local meets will be conducted by the Northwest Michigan Soaring Club from July 30-Aug. 7 and by the Columbus Soaring Assn. on Oct. 1-2.

All clubs in the Council will exchange rosters of members and addresses of sailplane owners to facilitate the mailing of invitations to meets. Also, the Council recommended that each club establish exchange courtesies for visiting members of other clubs, such as for towing, storage, etc. Other subjects to be investigated by the Council concern insurance on sailplane operations and how best to deal with the Federal Excise Tax problem. Unfortunately, affiliation with SSA as a Chapter does not make a club exempt from tax (SSA is not exempt, the main reason why dues are kept below \$10.01) nor qualify it as an organization to which contributions are tax deductible, since each club exists as an organization in its own right.

ARIZONA BECKONS

The Arizona Soaring Assn. extends a special invitation to all soaring enthusiasts to participate in their Invitational Cross-Country Soaring Weekend over the Memorial Day weekend. Operations will be conducted at Love Field, Prescott, Arizona, take-off site of two Diamond C distance flights in 1959.

Although this will not be a contest type meet, a weekend of superb soaring is in prospect for those wishing to earn altitude and distance legs for FAI soaring badges. ASA will provide towplanes and ground personnel to help insure that flights qualify for appropriate awards.

Housing can be as elaborate as desired. Camping grounds and many fine motels are near the field. Bob Sparling at 223 N. Virginia, Prescott, can assist in getting located.

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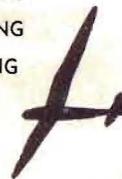
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