

total of 12 hours on the TG-3A, mostly instruction with some passenger hopping.

Isn't enthusiasm wonderful! Truly there is nothing to replace it, at times! This we are sure of, and to confirm it as we approach the 1960 season, we find it compounding. For instance, what more opportune good fortune could happen to any founding club than for two of its members to decide to make the purchase of an airplane suitable for towing? In this instance it's an L-5, which will just happen to make it possible for the club to start operating from a semi-private strip only 15 minutes drive from most of our homes. Such are the breaks of the game. Maybe enthusiasm pooled does generate unexpected motivations which, with necessary applications of work and play, can help such efforts to grow and prosper. Only time will tell.

In addition to the TG-3A and 1-26, prospects for this season include a privately owned Grunau-Baby by Bob Martin, and a BG-12A by Tom Smith. With the current rate of progress Tom is making with the construction of the BG-12A, it may be flying this summer. No doubt this one will be "invading" the Schweizer territory for Tom has revealed that one of his ambitions is to make the 106 mile X-country from Utica to Elmira.

And so goes the story of the charter year of the Iroquois Soaring Association. With our enthusiasm, and the "green-air" that we were lacking last year, how can we go anywhere but ——— UP!

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Mid-Atlantic Soaring Ass'n., Inc.

The following poem is reprinted from MASA's publication, *The Convector*, although it could also have been reprinted from several other club publications whose editors enjoyed it enough to republish it:

What Kind Are You?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings,
Mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?
Do you ever voluntarily help
At the guiding stick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the Clique?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along?



Photo: Tom Page

Herman W. Linder, air safety chairman, and Don G. Larson, A & P, re-cover the Illini Glider Club's flattopped L-K 10A to get it ready for a busy season of training.

Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong?
Come out to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart;
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.
Think this over member,
You know right from wrong;
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?
'nuff said.

Midwestern Soaring Assn., Inc. A Chapter of SSA

The MSA gained two solo students of note in January and February. The first was Betty Brick, 15 years old. After Betty made her flawless landing in the club 2-22, her instructor Gus Choliassen became so excited that he couldn't spell his own name! Well, at least MSA members knew who Choliassen was when they read the papers.

Staff photographer for the *Kansas City Star*, Abe Crank, soloed the 2-22 on February 6. An experienced pilot with a number of ratings, Abe was checked out after two dual rides. Looks as if we can expect some spectacular pictures from the MSA in the future.

Rochester Soaring Club, Inc.

On Friday, March 11th, the Buffalo Chapter of the Rochester Soaring Club conducted the first of a series of monthly meetings at Burgard Vocational High School in Buffalo, N. Y. The attendance was very good; 40 members and guests turned out

and many of the guests indicated a keen desire to get into soaring.

Vice-president Cid Carvalho conducted the meeting and President Edgar Seymour and Sec. Don Ryon provided a program of very fine color slides on soaring activities which the members enjoyed very much.

It was decided at the meeting that soaring activities will begin at Batavia Airport as soon as runway conditions will allow. This most likely will be in late April or May. A report was made to the members on the progress being made on the repairs to the club's wind damaged 2-22. Repairs are well under way and the ship will be as good as new come spring.

The next meetings are being planned to please everyone interested in soaring and related activities. SSA members in the Buffalo area are invited to come to the meetings. Let's all get acquainted, as we have a common interest and we would like everyone to visit with us! We would especially like to see these people at the airport when we are soaring. This summer we expect to have a real "wing-ding," with a 2-22, a TG-3A, two 1-26's, an L-K, a Pratt-Read and a TG-2 soaring for all they are worth!

Odds and Ends

In reading the club publications, I have noticed a wide variance in the customary harassment of first solo students. In the AGCSC, for example, we douse the student thoroughly with water after his first solo flight, and then send him up again to dry off! What does your club do? Baptize, cut off his shirttail? Let me know.

The Metropolitan Airhoppers Soaring Association has generously contributed to the International Team Fund, both from its treasury and by individual subscription. How about some of the other clubs following this example? The International Team represents us all, and should have our support.

The Toledo Glider Club has put together a television program in cooperation with the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, demonstrating the art of soaring. Titled "Flight Without Power," the program spends the day with the TGC to show viewers the skills and fun of gliding and soaring. This sort of publicity is promoting soaring in the best sense of the word, and shows the layman that glider pilots are not the rash daredevils they are commonly thought.