

# CANADIAN NEWS

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## Buckingham (Que.) Gliding Club

Having heard nothing from the Lievre Valley all year, your Canadian editor mounted an expedition there the other day. Having reached Buckingham airport after the 25-mile drive from Ottawa, through the fall colours of the Gatineau Hills, we found the dearth of news to be that everyone there has been fully occupied (when not flying) with building (a) aircraft, and (b) a second hangar to house the overflow. This new structure, now complete, has room for about six sailplanes; the old one is somewhat smaller.

Mirko Kukovica finished his Cherokee II and test-flew it September 10th, and is pleased with its performance. Ray Bastien has a second Cherokee II under construction, having taken it over partly-completed. Joe Collins and Barry Milks are building two Jodel D-11's—two-place side-by-side low-wing jobs, the kind of aircraft with a fan up front.

The club is flying a 2-22, a 1-19, a 1-20, and a Tiger Moth tug. Moving spirit of the club is Brother Hormisdas, who teaches at St. Michael's High School in Buckingham. Many of his pupils have learned gliding from him as well as math.

## CuNim Gliding Club of Calgary

George Ryning reports that the Cu Nims of Calgary were visited over the Labor Day weekend by delegations from the Edmonton Soaring Club and the Red Deer Soaring Association. There was good soaring, with weak wave conditions Sunday, but high winds grounded everything on Monday. The ESC Tiger Moth was flown down, which was fortunate as the host club's Auster landed sans prop and is out for the season with an over-revved engine.

The club winch was soon put into shape, and in the meantime operations continued with a privately-owned winch. Some of this flying is being done at the farm of a friendly and air-minded citizen of Langdon Corners, 20 miles from Calgary.

Among the first sailplanes launched there was Bill Thudium's newly-completed BG-12A.

Another get-together was planned



Photo: Charles M. Yeates

A fierce-looking flat-topped L-K owned by three members of the Southern Ontario Soaring Assn., Jim Carpenter, R. N. Good and Charlie Bonds.

for the weekend of October 8-10. The Regina Gliding and Soaring Club intended to fly their Super Cub over for the occasion.

The Cu Nims extend a welcome to any eastern members of the SAC who wish to take a chance on striking wave conditions at Pincher Creek. It is expected that the club's flat-topped TG-3A will be available for the purpose. George says the spring and fall are the most likely seasons for wave formations. As an example of local conditions, Ralph White gained 5000 metres for a Diamond last Easter, and is claiming the Canadian absolute altitude record. Confirmation awaits establishment of the exact altitude of the airfield, a detail neglected until recently. Ross Grady's considerably higher flight of the same day, also at Pincher Creek, did not qualify for the record as his gain of altitude was just under the required 5000 metres.

(NOTE: The editor of this page hereby accepts the Cu Nims' kind invitation and expects to turn up at Pincher in the spring.)

## The Gatineau Gliding Club

The Labor Day Meet at Pendleton was won by Norm Tucker and Elvie Smith in Skylark ZDH. Norm was the only one to complete a 200 km. triangle on the first of the two contest days and Elvie went farthest around a 300 km triangle on the other day.

Don Wilson and Frank Wright of Welland bought the Club's Olympia in mid-September and will base it at Brantford. The Club expects to replace it with a 1-26, after the L-K or the Grunau have been sold, and later acquire a new high-performance two-seater, probably a Bergfalke. The trend is to more modern equipment.

## Regina (Sask.) Gliding and Soaring Club

Harold Townsend expected to have his BG-12A going in time for the club's September 18th local meet. Harold had the C of A and should be airborne by the time this is printed.

Bob Shirley reports in the RGSC's "Cloud Street" on his impressions of the Internationals. Bob helped crew for the Southern Rhodesian pilot until his regular people arrived, and shared in their satisfaction in a 10th-place standing. Bob was last year's winner of the Saskatchewan Trophy.

The club hopes to buy the Audette-Jones 1-26, the funds to be raised partly by the sale of the Grunau Baby. Also considered at a meeting September 8th was insurance on aircraft. Treasurer Ken Turner reported that the club is in good shape financially but would be even better off if members would pay their bills. (Sound familiar?).

Editor Alex Stewart continues to put out one of the best club newsletters we've seen.

## Saskatoon (Sask.) Soaring Club

Fragmentary accounts have been filtering through from the prairies to the effect that a new gliding club is getting established at Saskatoon. A Bergfalke two-seater has been ordered, and a number of members already have their own sailplanes either flying or under construction. Several members have been gliding with the Regina club. Among these are the Eight Soaring Eleys of Colonsay, a good nucleus for any club! Best wishes to this new venture.