

and we are extremely grateful to those who organized it.

One of the unexpected pleasures of the week-end in Burlington was the renewal of our friendship with Lin Bachtell and Bill Brown from Georgia. Lin and Bill and the other members of the Mid-Georgia Soaring Association have given us invaluable advice and indoctrination in soaring. Their hospitality and enthusiasm is a credit to the soaring fraternity.

ALFRED F. BURNSIDE, JR., *Treas.*

### Icarus Soaring Club

Another club new to the U.S. soaring scene is the Icarus Soaring Club in the Newark, N.J., area. It has 14 members and bought Schweizer 2-22, N91842, from Gus Scheurer. Their operations site is the Hanover Airport, 18 miles west of Newark. Contact person is John Tabares, 86 Personette Av., Verona, N.J., Ph. CE 9-0376.

### North Georgia Soaring Society, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

No.Ga.S.S. and the Memphis Soaring Society were co-sponsors of this year's annual Jim Swearingen Memorial Contest, held at McCollum Field, Marietta, Ga., near Atlanta, over the Labor Day weekend.

Bob Brown placed first, flying his *Rebel* sailplane. Pat Mulloy was second in his 1-23 and Lin Bachtell third in a 1-26.

First task was a 52 mile triangle which Pat Mulloy did best on, 2:02 vs Bob Brown's 2:06. Bob was heard to mutter in his beer "I couldn't win with a motor." Jack Dunn went 12 miles.

Next day was open but poor weather kept distances down: Brown, 126 mi. (after three tows); Bachtell, 59 mi.; and Mulloy, 51 mi. "Red Ball" Jack Dunn in his BG-7 eked out 10 miles.

Last day was a 71 mile G & R. Mulloy beat out Brown again, 2:24 to 2:37, and Bachtell had 4:05. Dunn had made 74 miles.

In addition to the four cross-country ships, six others had come for local flying. Four states were represented. Jim Boyle of Memphis won a special spot landing event and Capt. Scheurer won altitude attained and gained awards. Thus concluded the first known soaring contest to be held in the Atlanta area.

Increasing soaring activity in the "Deep South" should dictate many more such get-togethers.

AUDREY & JOHN KARLOVICH



Photo: Wallace Hudson

A Briggleb BG-7 starts its take-off roll during the Jim Swearingen Memorial Contest at Marietta, Ga., on Labor Day. Jack Dunn is at the controls and co-owner John Karlovich runs the wing tip.

### Southern California Soaring Association, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

The SCSA Flight Group has succeeded in finding a temporary home. As of October 2nd, the 2-22 is being based at the San Bernardino Airport. The Airport is located about 55 miles east of Los Angeles, and is not as close as had been hoped. However, active training has begun on the little used 4800 ft. runway. Eight instructors rotate on weekend days thereby serving but one day a month each.

Elections for SCSA officers and directors were held at the October membership meeting. New President is Jack Lambie, V-P's are Wilson Barnes and Howie Burr, Treasurer is Charlie Webber, Recording Secretary is Vern Oldershaw and Membership Secretary is again Fred Eade.

### Texas Soaring Assn., Inc.

After its hour of glory with the Nationals, the TSA is settling down again to its usual routine. The club is presently considering the use of the Denton Municipal Airport as a home base, with negotiations being carried out at present on a tentative level. After clearance by the FAA and Denton City, the proposal will be submitted to TSA members for decision.

John Ryan, of Phoenix, has managed to talk TSA's Len Niemi into selling his SISU. Len's reluctance to sell was overcome by the fact that now he can devote full time to building two more SISUs, with additional improvements.

### Topeka Soaring Club A Chapter of SSA

The new Topeka Club reports that it is now in the air. SSA Chapter status was applied for and granted and the club is looking forward to a friendly association with the na-

tional organization. It makes the 40th club to become an SSA Chapter.

The group is flying TG-3A N59-688, and a training program is under way. President and chief of operations, Bill Oliver, is also instructor. There are eleven paying members and hopes are for a total membership of twenty. Most of the members are power pilots and they hope to carry the training program right through the winter. While soaring conditions won't be too good, it will be a fine time to instruct.

Operations are from Allens airport, and the club extends an invitation to anyone in the area to visit on the weekends. They advise checking at Allens to see if they are flying.

Officers of the group are: President, Bill Oliver; Vice President, Dr. Paul Boatwright; and Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Leland W. Weber.

DR. LELAND W. WEBER.

### Odds and Ends

A bit of Poetry from the Seattle Glider Council's *Towline*;  
Dust Devil?

While soaring the country across

In search of some lift that I'd lost,  
How it fractured my pride

When the thermal I spied

Was the smoke of a diesel exhaust!

—Anonymous

Soaring, Inc., a relatively new group in the Oklahoma City area is experiencing the usual growing pains, but seems ready to get off the ground. This is a true "Do It Yourself" club, as the members are all inexperienced in club operation, but had the interest and the enthusiasm to form a club anyway. Things have now progressed to the point that they are hoping to get a high-performance ship.