

Letters

Hawaiian News

Dear Lloyd:

All present soaring activity in Hawaii is under Civil Air Patrol advisement and operating from abandoned military airfields under military control.

It is my understanding that SSA member, Howard Gottschalk, now living in Honolulu, plans to obtain a Schweizer 2-22C and a 1-26. Howard at present owns a Stinson L-5 to which he has attached an approved glider tow hook. This effort and interest on his part will open up civilian soaring in the Islands.

Our biggest headache out here, as with many projects, is the availability of land for a soaring site. The Hawaii Aeronautics Commission has the whole say regarding civilian operations where and when. Theirs, at the present time, seems to be an effort to discourage rather than encourage private flying and all aspects thereof. In due time, with the equipment on hand and the enthusiasm shown so far, I believe even this can be overcome.

At present, my globe-trotting in an attempt to get my navigator's ticket does not permit me the time I would like to devote to the planning of a proper program. Those with the time and money are carrying the enthusiasm and progress along at a rate quite satisfactory with the over-all goal of keeping soaring here to stay.

An open invitation is extended to any and all who visit the land of Aloha to drop in and offer suggestions or words of encouragement.

RAWLIN A. SMITH

SSA STATE GOVERNOR

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First Glider Flight

Dear Mr. Licher:

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 for an Associate Membership in SSA.

During a trip East this summer I took my first glider flight at Elmira, N.Y., at the Schweizer Soaring School. This was a very rewarding experience, staying aloft for a 1/2 hour flight in a two-place sailplane.

Having lived most of my life in Miami and Milwaukee during the last five years, I feel that the primary reason I did not fly sooner was the fact that there were no gliding clubs or pilots near, to my knowledge. I believe that this is one of the main factors holding back the soaring movement. Perhaps more public invitations or notices of where they are might help.

The article in the *Wall Street Journal* recently was fine publicity before perhaps the wealthiest segment of this country. Is there a way to establish gliding clubs in the universities and colleges?

Please advise me where the closest soaring club is and forward the past issues of *Soaring*.

EDWARD F. LOWMAN

c/o W. R. Winslow, City 13, Rockville, Md.

Nationals Appreciation

Dear Lloyd:

I would like to express my appreciation for the superb job done by Al Parker, Beaumont Cooley, and others at Odessa during the recent soaring contest.

It was a National which had everything: a champion who flew superbly every day of the meet; Mr. Wills, E. J. Reeves (suggest making a guarantee of the presence of E. J. one of the requirements for bid acceptance at all future Nationals), perfect weather, and the hospitality which goes with Texas.

With scoring, telephone communications, field preparations, and all other details of a contest so well handled it is difficult to pick out a performance which stood out from the group.

I think one did. The job Oats Schwarzenberger did as SSA representative and competition director was so good that all future competition directors can use his performance as a standard of excellence to be equalled.

JOSEPH C. LINCOLN

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Thermal Encouragement

Dear Mr. Licher:

Attached is my application for Silver C duration. I suppose most everyone who goes after the 5 hour flight has some anxious moments, especially during the late afternoon hours when thermals begin to weaken. I'm sure nothing could be more heart-breaking or frustrating than to be in the air more than four hours and then fall short. This was fully brought home to me during my flight. No one can realize the anguish experienced unless he's been there.

But I did discover one thing. Just as the sailors used to whistle up a wind, you can talk up a thermal . . . if you talk long and hard enough. To help those who are still working for their duration, I pass on this theme song which helped me over the hump. It's sung to the tune of "Glow-worm." Apparently tone quality has little to do with its effectiveness. But the louder it's sung the better. It goes,

Grow little thermal

Grow up, grow up

Grow little thermal

Grow up, grow up

Just keep repeating and don't give up. You'll be surprised at the results.

NORMAN JACOB SHAGEN

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South Dakota Potential

Dear Mr. Licher:

As SSA's State Governor for South Dakota I am sorry to say that there is still no soaring activity of any sort in this state. However, my plans are to begin first attempts at forming a club during the winter. From past experience along these lines the going will be rough in getting good people interested. I wish that we could get just one sailplane into the town for an afternoon's exhibition. There's a huge airbase here with hundreds of pilots and crews just sitting around much of the time. In addition, there are a thousand science students in this school and 40,000 - 50,000 people in the town that get excited over a Piper Cub. A sailplane would put this town on its ear but I'll bet I can talk all winter without getting the interest of a dozen. If there is anyone operating a sailplane close to here why don't you let me know. Maybe I could talk him into flying in here some day.

DAVID S. NELSON

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NAA DIRECTOR GENERAL

Ralph V. Whitener has been named Director General of the National Aeronautic Association, as announced recently by Jacqueline Cochran, President. He will assume his new post at NAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., on November 1st. The new title of Director General is in keeping with that used by other national aero clubs for their chief executives.

Whitener brings to NAA more than 12 years of experience in association work, most of it with the Air Force Association. He has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of NAA and been a member for 10 years.

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Floyd A. Waldahl,
Notary Public.
(My commission expires
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