

CLUB NEWS

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Arizona Soaring Association A Chapter of SSA

Although it was not as well attended as has been hoped, the Prescott Soaring encampment was a great success. The Memorial Day weekend weather was conducive to some very rewarding flying.

On Saturday, May 28th, the weekend began with several altitude flights including a flight by Jim Turnbow to 17,200 feet in a 2-22. Bill Ordway, from Tucson, made a 290 mile flight on Sunday in his TG-3A. Although it was slightly short of the 310 miles he needed for his third diamond, it was quite a flight.

A trip to 12,000 feet in the 2-22 gave Chuck Doty his Silver C altitude on Monday. On the same day Jim Turnbow made his Gold altitude in a borrowed L-K.

The final tally showed a little over 41 hours and 19 flights for the weekend. Five sailplanes participated, with the added interest of a fly-in by the 99's on Sunday.

Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, Ltd.

The outcome of the recent municipal election dashed the hopes of the AGCSC to gain a permanent home at the present Torrey Pines Gliderport location. The land on which the club now operates is to be divided between the proposed University of California campus and the medical research laboratory of Dr. Jonas Salk. At present it appears that the club will be able to operate for a number of years yet, as the runway and facilities (such as they are) are on the portion of land which will be used by the University. Building is not expected to begin in that location for five to ten years. Efforts are now being made to improve the condition of the runways in as economical a method as possible.

At the regular club meeting in July, the members were entertained

with an account by Kon Hanitzsch, who had just returned from the SSA European Excursion.

The Huntsville Soaring Club A Chapter of SSA

At the regular meeting held June 22nd, the Huntsville Soaring Club entered the tow plane business by mutual consent. Too much excellent soaring weather is being wasted with only auto tow, winch talk, and sub-contracted airplane tow available. Many members have shouldered the extra expense cheerfully and agreed to giving the following committee practically unlimited authority to proceed with the investigation and final purchase of a suitable tow plane; Bob Brown, the Alabama SSA Governor; Hans Wuencher, one of several German glider pilots who have been active in our group; Ray Leonard, the A & E mechanic who helped get our TG-3A licensed; and Al Jackson, our able Treasurer. To finance the purchase, members have been asked to loan paid-in-advance soaring time to the Club.

So far, five reels of color movies have been shown to the Club to remind us of the excellent Soaring Get Together that we attended in Fort Rucker. Bob Brown has mentioned the possibility of a similar soaring spree in Huntsville, but no real plans could be made until towing facilities are available.

ALLISON B. EVANS

Kansas Soaring Association A Chapter of SSA

A trip to Topeka is planned in the near future to give demonstration flights to interested persons, and to give advice and help in the formation of a club in that area.

The KSA plans to obtain a complete set of photographs of member pilots and their sailplanes. These will be used with any news releases that might be written about outstanding flights made by members.

Sacramento Soaring Club

The annual soaring contest in Livermore was attended by several members of the SSC, with second place in the contest won by Vic Swierkowski in the Club L-K. Lynn Orgill took fourth place in the "Dottie B" TG-3A. The meet was highlighted by a giant steak barbecue in

the eucalyptus grove and around the pool at Hummingbird Haven.

On Sunday, June 2nd, several members participated in a "Pancake Fly-In" and Air Show at Lincoln, Calif. The flights included a 30 minute soaring flight by Lynn Orgill, ending with a low, high speed pass over the crowd. Soaring activity was somewhat curtailed by gusty winds and crowded airspace, but a number of people seemed interested in soaring and in learning more about it.

The Soaring Society of Boulder, Inc.

A Chapter of SSA

The Memorial Day three-day weekend gathering at Boulder County Airport brought two L-K's, a 1-26, a Skylark 3D and the Boulder Club 2-22.

Jim Klein made record attempts on all three days with his Skylark 3D. Each was a goal and return try to Trinidad, Colorado, where a thunderstorm forced the turnabout. Returning to Boulder, he covered in excess of 200 miles on this flight.

Glider pilots and wives gathered atop Boulder's Flagstaff Mountain for a picnic on Sunday evening and feasted until the frost was on the coffee.

All three days allowed excellent soaring flights, but at times there were lulls in thermal activity. It must be concluded that we have a great deal to learn before we can predict confidently the mysterious ways of the air flow along this eastern slope of the Rockies.

Regrettably Colorado has given up two of its favorite soaring pilots to Canada. Bill and Alice Fuchs have moved to a new Air Force assignment and their 1-26 has been taken over by Ed Smull and partners of the Denver Glider Club.

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St. Louis Soaring Ass'n. Inc. A Chapter of SSA

The St. Louis Soaring Assn., purchased a 1-26 earlier this year. It is limited to local flights of one hour on Sundays, but is available to qualified members on Saturdays and week days for duration and cross-country flights.

Howard Blossom donated a barograph to the club, and we expect many FAI awards to be recorded on it this season. Everett Williston has his newly acquired BG-6 about ready for its test flight. Alex Smith surprised the rest of the members when he showed up the other day with a