

CLUB NEWS

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Editor's Note:

If you feel that your club has not been getting enough attention in these pages, check to see that you have assigned someone as a "Club News" correspondent. We are interested in any club activities, especially personal items and "tall tales" to give us a little laugh at ourselves.

Arizona Soaring Association A Chapter of SSA

New officers for 1961 are: John Ryan, President; Jim Turnbow, Vice President; Chuck Doty, Secretary; Clay Hartman, Treasurer.

A new membership class, Flying Member, has been added to the organization. Use of the flying equipment necessitates membership in this group. A new tow plane is available for club use. The 150 HP Champion was purchased by three members, with an agreement with the Association for its use.

There are now three new ships in the group. Sisu I, purchased by John Ryan is being refinished and will be active in the spring. An L-K owned by Jim Turnbow is active, and a 1-19, tentatively purchased by the Junior group still needs a lot of work. Operations are conducted out of Deer Valley Airport, and club members are quite pleased with the nice facilities available.

"Don't put the lid on the pressure-cooker until those gas-powered nuts in the pattern decide what to do." Tom Peterson and Bill Bullock prepare Willi Geiselmann of St. Louis for take-off at the Illini Labor Day Meet in Urbana.

Photo by Tom Page



A lot of interest has been created in the last month, as we are flying every Sunday now. We have some posters up at Deer Valley and Sky Harbor airports, and people are getting out to see us and take some introductory rides.

Two new members have recently signed up and several more will do so soon. Current membership is 20. All in all, it looks as if we will have a really active year. It is possible that by March we will have ten active sailplanes in the Association.

CHUCK DOTY

The Associated Glider Clubs of Southern Calif., Ltd.

The AGCSC is resting on its laurels after one of the most successful Torrey Pines meets (both financially and as a sporting event) in its history. A record number of pilots and sailplanes enjoyed the flying weather during the two days of the meet.

The 1-26 group is proving successful beyond expectation, with the ship booked solid from the starting date of the plan, and many eyes fixed on the noble goal of acquiring a silver C this summer. At a recent meeting of the group, plans were made for some minor work on the ship and the trailer with the aim of making its use more convenient.

After some consideration, the Board of Directors has decided in favor of self-insurance rather than commercial insurance. It was felt that the insurance money could better benefit the club if it were allowed to draw interest in a savings account. The money from the 1-26 group is to be put in the bank as a starter for the insurance fund, and added to on a monthly basis.

Columbia Basin Soaring Assn., A Chapter of SSA

During the last meeting of the Columbia Basin Soaring Association, the following officers were elected; President, Gene Rudock; Secretary, Richland's own MM, Molly McClanahan, and Treasurer, Don Hoba.

The group is, with anticipation, looking forward to the arrival of a new 2-22 which will be leased from the local Schweizer dealer for the months of March, April, and May.

Bob Fisher, a charter member of the CBSA, is currently planning to soar from coast to coast in his new 1-23H-15. We all wish Bob lots of luck and hope he gets the help he needs to perform the feat this summer.

An item for the Soaring Calendar is the tentative CBSA Soaring Meet to be held May 27 and 28 at a still undecided location.

Soaring was generally poor in January whereas November and December produced some excellent two to three hour ridge flights for Alleman, McClanahan and Pallmer. We've had some thermal days in February, so far, but not on weekends, of course.

Tom Clark, last year's president, is leaving for Detroit because of a change in job location. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were feted at a going away dinner hosted by the McClanahans. Pizza was enjoyed by all.

JIM HARD

Kansas Soaring Association A Chapter of SSA

The KSA is already at work publicizing the 1961 Nationals. A display was installed in the 1961 Sport, Boat and Travel Show, and manned for the six days of the show. A 1-26 was put on static display, at eye level, with a booth containing information on KSA, the Wichita Soaring Association, and the coming Nationals.

Marshall Claybourn has been appointed Contest Manager, with a large and capable staff working under him. Remaining members are being contacted to work on the committees.

Long Island Soaring Association, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

The Long Island Soaring Association officers for 1961 are; President, Frank Noland; Chief Pilot, Al Werner; Operations Officer, Willet Roed; Maintenance Officer, Bob Worzel; Treasurer, Ed Kennelly; Secretary, Harold F. Smith.

The club now consists of some 40 members, and we proudly boast ownership of two 1-26 sailplanes and one 2-22. Since our acquisition of the 2-22 in the fall of 1960, almost every member in the club has checked out in sailplanes; some are ready for their tickets.

Our member and regional director of SSA, Bob Smith, teamed up at the Snow Bird Meet at Harris Hill and came away with the team trophy with Kenny Woodward. Bob Smith has been put in charge of Soaring Operations in our club. Our other aircraft include an L-5 for towing, a Piper Tri-Pacer, also hooked up for towing, and a beautiful, brand spanking new PA 12, that has new everything from the ground up, also equipped for towing.

HAROLD F. SMITH

Midwest Soaring Council

This organization of soaring clubs in the Michigan, Ohio and Illinois area held its annual meeting on February 11th. Primary purpose of the meeting was to agree on the schedule of local and regional soaring meets for 1961 in their area. The meets decided upon are all included in *Soaring* magazine's Calendar of Events. In general, the rules for each will be based on those for the Nationals and efforts will be made to provide for class competitions.

The promotion and progress of soaring was discussed with many good ideas put forth. State Soaring Records in SSA regions 6 and 7 will be publicized to stimulate more interest in the sport.

Officers were elected for 1961 as follows: Chairman, John Bierens; Vice-Chairman, Harry G. McIntyre; and Sec.-Treas., Paul B. Wolfe.

Mohawk Soaring Club, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

The February meeting of the Mohawk Soaring Club was designated a public information meeting, and was open to all interested people in the area. Several color movies were shown, in addition to colored slides and talks by club members on various aspects of soaring. Nearly 25 people expressed an interest in learning more about the club operation, and a welcome invitation to all meetings was extended.

Anticipations are that the flying season in New York will begin in April. Last year