

# CANADIAN NEWS

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Items for this page should reach Dave King, 220 Iona St., Ottawa 3, by the 5th for the next month's *Soaring*. Photographs are welcome, but can't be returned. Copy should be about as you want it to read. Newsletters are welcome but we don't always have time to revamp them into items suitable for *Soaring*. "Letters to the editor" are invited.

## Gatineau Gliding Club (An SAC Member Club)

The GGC has bought the Perrucci-Wilkins 1-26, N-3866-A. This is the second 1-26 in the club. The first was built from a kit by the members. The registration of the new addition to our fleet will be CF-ZDP.

## Glider Council of British Columbia, Vancouver (An SAC Member Club)

The GCBC have acquired a 2800-ft. field in Maple Ridge, northeast of Haney. A hangar is now being built and a clubhouse will be built this fall.

Lenticulars have been observed over the 6700-foot mountains only nine miles north. A 3000-foot ridge is only 7 miles away. Thermal activity is expected to be good. The mountainous area is off airways. Both aero-tow and winch launching will be available by the summer. Chairman, Ken Minshall. Secretary, Bernard Tully, 2235 East 52nd Ave., Vancouver.

GORD. CROFTON

## Montreal Soaring Council (An SAC Member Club)

Preparations continue for the contest weekend, May 20-22. All are welcome to attend. A 1-26 class will probably be provided for, as three 1-26's have already entered. MSC expect to obtain SAC sanction for this meet. Tasks will be along the lines used at National Contests.

The area is shown on the U. S. Burling-

Members of the Victoria (B.C.) Soaring Club with their Schweizer 2-22. L to R: Bob Knapp, Pres.; Frank Gibbons; Hal Ford, CFI; Bill Taylor; Dave Boon, Sec.; Mary Holman; and Mack Holman.



ton chart, 1/500,000, or the Canadian Ottawa-Montreal sheet, #31 s.e.

A couple of years ago, at the same time of year, five pilots left a nearby field one morning; all soared more than 125 miles. One, on his second XC, made his Gold C distance. Two others reached their goal, 205 miles to the east. Let's hope for similar weather this time!

TERRY BEASLEY

## Queen's Gliding Club, Kingston, Ont. (An SAC Member Club)

The QGC, one of Canada's older gliding clubs, reminds us that Norman Rogers Airport is near such tourist attractions as the historic city of Kingston, Old Fort Henry, the Thousand Islands and the St. Lawrence Seaway. The airport is southwest of the city, on the extension of King St.

## Regina Gliding & Soaring Club (An SAC Member Club)

During 1960 the Club sold both their Grunau Baby and the Cinema and they were replaced by a TG-2 and 1-26. With these two gliders it is expected to have the best year yet during 1961 with many of the qualified pilots obtaining their Silver "C" at least.

Harold Townsend was elected to head the Club during 1961, he will also hold the post of CFI. Other Directors are: K. Turner, J. Audette, F. Nagel, S. Day, H. Eley, R. Cheston and R. Shirley.

The Club will also have four private owned gliders flying this year. Bob Cheston with AV36, Harold Eley a 1-26, Julien Audette has a new 1-23H and the L-K by Bob Shirley. It is also expected that H. Townsend will have his new BG-12 built and flying.

There were few flights of note during 1960. J. Audette obtained his Gold C height at Pincher Creek Wave flying and earned his Gold C with one Diamond. We expect to see Julien with two more diamonds this year. The following obtained their altitude gain (gold): H. Eley, W. Eley, H. Townsend. With Silver C altitude gain for N. Eley. R. Shirley made a multiple distance flight of 188 miles, after declaring a 194 mile goal, however the

barograph wasn't turned on for take-off. The flight took just over three hours thanks to a good tail wind. The flight was good enough to win the Sask. Soaring Trophy for the second year. (And was over the Canadian record. —Ed.) Both Club and private owner members are busy making plans to get an early start. At least three gliders will be going to Pincher Creek for Wave flying during the Easter Holidays. Arrangements have been completed to fly out of RCAF Station Moose Jaw for one month, while the grass at Regina is drying out. Normally operations can not start before the first week in May.

The members of the Regina Club, and I'm sure many others in Western Canada, take exception to a report appearing in the February issue of *Soaring* under the SOSA report in the Canadian News section. The Editor of SOSA says that he can see no reason why all records, except possibly altitude, (thanks), should not be held by an SOSA pilot flying from Brantford. All we can say is "Never." We know that Brantford has very good pilots but so has Western Canada, with very good weather conditions as well, I would like to go on record as saying that by 1965 four out of five records held will have been set in Western Canada.

R. D. SHIRLEY

## Victoria Soaring Club (An SAC Member Club)

The Victoria Soaring Club now operates at Arden Airstrip, two miles west of Sooke, which is on the west coast of Vancouver Island and 24 miles from Victoria. With the prevailing westerlies, take-off is right over the shore-line cliffs. Sounds like a second Torrey Pines! The club uses a 2-22 and a winch.

There are 16 members. President, Bob Knapp. Secretary, Dave Boon, 4231 Wilkinson Rd.

DAVE BOONE

## Winnipeg Gliding Club (An SAC Member Club)

Lou McPhillips reports that the Winniepeggers have sold their Robin and are building a Cherokee II. The Robin, a utility type of Canadian design, was sold to Nick Telenko of Starbuck, near Winnipeg. It required some repairs. The WGC did not operate last season but they hope to fly in 1961 in cooperation with the Virden Soaring Club, who have a Cinema II.

Lou, by the way, is president of the Manitoba Volunteer Air Patrol.

## SAC Meeting in Toronto

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the SAC will be held at the German Harmonie Club, 410 Sherbourne St., Toronto. This is the parent organization of the Aero Club Harmonie. Their CFI, Willi Deleurant, won the Canadian Nationals last summer in the club's Ka-8. Details of the agenda of the meeting are to be found in the Free Flight Bulletin sent to all members.

Erratum: The Canadair Trophy is misspelled "Canadian" Trophy. Canadair Ltd. is the country's largest aircraft manufacturer. They produce the CL-44 transport and Caribou STOL transport, among other types. The trophy is the emblem of the Canadian Championship, and is awarded to the pilot making the best five soaring flights of the year. The present holder is Charles Yeates of Brantford.