

SSA NEWS

ELECTION OF SEVEN SSA DIRECTORS IN PROCESS

All voting members in SSA regions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 12 are reminded to cast their votes in the current election for seven Regional Directors, one from each region. The official ballots have been mailed and all those returned so as to be received by SSA on or before December 28th will be counted. If you are a voter, get your ballot in now! Results of the election will be announced in early January and published in the February issue of *Soaring*.

XMAS GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

To simplify your Christmas shopping for friends who are prospective soaring enthusiasts why not give Associate memberships in SSA? The \$5 dues will bring them a full year of enjoyment through *Soaring* magazine and provide a proper introduction to the sport. SSA will send a letter to each recipient informing him of your gift. Current SSA members renewing their own memberships this December can send in gift memberships at the same time.

SEASONS GREETINGS

On behalf of the SSA officers, directors, staff and himself, the editor would like to take this opportunity to extend seasons greetings to all SSA members and readers of *Soaring*. We hope that soaring will contribute toward making yours a Happy New Year.

RENEWAL TIME

Another reminder to the half of SSA's members whose dues are paid only through December 31st to mail renewal dues before that date in or-

der to receive their January *Soaring* in the initial mailing and save the Society time and expense. Individual notices have been sent to those affected, except members of Chapters, whose dues will be renewed by the Chapter to which they belong.

As an extra measure of appreciation to soaring "missionaries," a gold SSA lapel pin will be given to each member who sends in a new membership with his renewal, as long as the supply of 80 pins lasts.

SPORTING LICENSES FOR SOARING TO BE ISSUED

SSA has been notified by the National Aeronautic Assn. that the F.A.I. Sporting Code requires the possession of formal Sporting Licenses for participation in soaring activities covered by the Code. This is of concern to NAA because it is their responsibility to F.A.I. to see that the Code is followed in the U. S. In the past, SSA has considered Sporting Licenses to be current SSA membership cards with the members' C numbers added.

SSA President Paul F. Bikle has directed the Executive Secretary to issue Sporting Licenses in the prescribed form as an additional free service to all voting members and Student Members of SSA. This will be done when current memberships are renewed and for all new members as they join in the future.

The new Sporting Licenses must be held by all applicants for record flights after December 31, 1961, and by all participants in other soaring activities covered by the F.A.I. Sporting Code (badge flights and sanctioned contests) after June 30, 1962. Those who wish to try for a record before they have received a new Sporting License may write to Miss

Bertha M. Ryan, Chairman of the SSA Record Homologation Committee, 1115 W. Ave. J-14, Lancaster, Calif.

TWO NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The Soaring Society of America has added two new Life Members to its roster in recent months. They are Gleb Derujinsky, Jr., of New York City and Dale S. May of Mount Prospect, Ill. Gleb is a fashion photographer who has been a regular competitor in recent Nationals and has a Sisu 1A on order. Dale is with the George S. May Co., engineering consultants. He has a Schweizer 1-23H and a Breguet 904 Fauvette sailplane and has been enthusiastically promoting the sport since renewing his interest last year.

ONE LESS CHAPTER

SSA Chapter status for the Albacross Soaring Club, located near Chicago, Illinois, was recently rescinded because the number of members fell below the minimum of seven needed to maintain such status. This reduced the total number of Chapters to 48.



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