

# CANADIAN NEWS

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## Cu Nim Gliding Club of Calgary, An SAC Member Club

The Cu Nims' three gliders, a 1-19, 1-20 and TG-3A, logged over 242 flights in 1960 for a total of 63 hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Gord. Fryer have made up a three-foot enlargement of the SAC crest for decorating trailers, hangars, and any other blank spaces that need to be filled with an SAC ad. Other SAC clubs should contact the Cu Nims, c/o George Ryning, 2116 — 6th St. NE, Calgary.

Work is progressing well on the 1-19, which didn't make it back to the field one day.

We should put in a good word for the Cooks, who own Cook Field at Pincher Creek. They took the Cu Nims under their wing in 1955 when the High River field was sold, and excellent relationships have continued ever since. The field has the special advantage of being right under a nice big wave fairly consistently in the spring and fall, and a 2000 foot tow can sometimes get you into it. The club built a 40 x 60 ft. hangar for their own ships and a locally-owned Cub. The door is 40 ft. wide and is set to one side of a 60 ft. wall; this way the TG-3A can be swung into the building. The structure was built for \$850, plus some sheeting put on later.

The membership list shows 32 names this year, most with C's at least. Ralph White is in the unusual position of holding a Diamond gain of altitude but no 5-hour flight. This shows up on the club's summary of members' qualifications, i.e., license, C, Silver C, power license, etc. Four members hold Silver C's.

The Schweizer 2-22 of the Buckingham Gliding Club takes off on aero tow behind a Tiger Moth tug at the Buckingham, Que., airport.



Photo: Brother Hormisdas

## Edmonton Soaring Club An SAC Member Club

They're a hardy lot up Edmonton way, still gliding in January! With their new field at Spruce Grove, only 15 miles out, students have been dragging their instructors out in ten-below weather. Four have soloed there as a result, making a total of ten for the year. With this late-season activity, over 1000 flights and 500 hours were expected for the year.

Among those approaching the C and license stage is Chris Peterson, who is in Grade 12 in a local high school. We need more young blood in the game. Chris caught the bug from John Pomietlarz, chief flying instructor, who lives next door. Three other students have soloed at the new field.

1960 was a notable year for the ESC. Ross Grady earned the first Diamond ever won in western Canada, making his distance goal and Gold C gain only two weeks apart. Ross also logged two unofficial records, 25,454 ft. solo and 15,600 ft. with a co-pilot, Bill Harry, both in their L-K. The gains of altitude were less than the 5 km. prerequisite for an official record. These fine flights were made from Cook Field, Pincher Creek, Alberta, on April 17th.

With Ross's help, 1535 X-C miles were logged, including Silver C distances by Ken Lewandowski and Roy Olson. Ross's goal flight for his Diamond was 214 miles, from Wetaskiwin, Alta., to North Battleford, Saskatchewan. (He arrived with 10,000 ft. altitude!)

Silver C altitudes were recorded by Ken Lewandowski, Anne-Marie Kleschies, Roy Olson, Frank Schabien and Jim Reid.

Paul Tingskou, the Old Pro, holds the 1960 duration mark with 5 hr. 57 min. Paul and his wife Inger announce the arrival of a future glider

pilot, Paul Richard, December 10th, weighing in at 8 lb. 10 oz.

Eleven students earned their licenses, including Ed Kimpe and Bob Bickle of the Grande Prairie Aero Club.

For 1961 the President is Bob Hamly and the CFI is Ross Grady.

In only four years the ESC has established an active soaring operation with six sailplanes and an Auster tug, recently purchased from "Chem" LeCheminant. Their Tiger Moth, CF-CLH, is up for sale. Two sailplanes were completed and successfully flown during 1960. Few gliding clubs have progressed so far in such a short time.

## Lakewood Gliding Club, Ft. William & Port Arthur, Ont.

Don Wood reports a giant step towards getting this new club operational. \$1000 has been plunked down on a 2-22C uncovered kit, for delivery by April 15th. With a bit of help from the bank, training should begin not too late in the spring. No winch has been located, so a tow car has been bought.

The 2600-foot strip acquired and graded by the club is a mile east of Kakabeka Falls and 16 miles west of Fort William. Turn off Ontario #17 onto the Postline Road.

## Southern Ontario Soaring Association, Brantford An SAC Member Club

A glider conversion course for power pilots is offered at Brantford. Other clubs will be interested to hear how this experiment turns out.

The club L-K was written off lately, in a glide-stretching attempt. People still try this. As the club newsletter puts it, "Too low, too slow." Better to suffer the ignominy of landing a few fields away than to risk the ship and two lives.

Dick Ballinger, editor of the SOSA Newsletter, believes in hitching his wagon to a star. He says: "There is no reason why every Canadian record, except possibly altitude, should not be held by an SOSA pilot flying from Brantford." Has any club in the world ever managed such a feat?

Dick ribs the Elmira bunch with a reference to Harris Hill as "The Soaring Capital of Chemung County." After all, he says, "Many a flight's been made from Brantford to Elmira, which is 190 miles, but the compliment has never been returned." But a good time was had by all seven SOSA delegates to the recent