

CLUB NEWS

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The Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, Ltd.

The AGCSC plans for the 15th Annual Torrey Pines meet are progressing. Meet Chairman Bud Robb is going all out this year, as this meet may be our swan song at Torrey Pines. If the law of averages is with us, we shouldn't have rain again (!), so we hope for a large turnout of planes and pilots.

The annual Christmas potluck dinner was a great success with most of the credit going to the new Program Chairman, Kon Hanitzsch and his duet "from the old country" (he never did tell us which old country). He plans future programs of an entertaining nature in an attempt to make the meetings more interesting to the families of our pilots.

The new AGCSC Board is putting into effect a plan of reorganization that began with several amendments to the by-laws, and it is hoped that these will make the administration of such a large club a little easier.

Plans are being laid for a big weekend at Elsinore over the New

Year weekend. Intentions are not to hold a contest as such, but to attempt to gather together as many private owners as possible for a few days of pure pleasure soaring. Those who were at Elsinore last year at this time had a fine weekend of flying although it was mighty frosty (well, we *did* thaw out on New Year's eve). A get-together is planned in a local restaurant to see the new year in.

Columbia Basin Soaring Assn. A Chapter of SSA

November has brought a thermal revival around Richland, Washington. Paul Pallmer (1-23H) and Rudy Allemann (Ka-6CR) were up for 1½ hours on the 27th, but the maximum altitude obtained was only 3500'. Early in the month Paul flew for an hour but on the 19th he made history. He flew wave lift over Kennewick, Washington, to an altitude of 9,500'. He was aloft for 2½ hours and we believe that it is the best November flight on record in Washington. Also, it is the first time the wave lift in this area has really been used. With this development it will be possible to soar here the year round, unless the snow can't be plowed off the runway at Vista Field. We sure plan to be ready to explore the wave the next time the wind blows hard on a weekend. Unfortunately, the lift is such that Jim Hard and Gene Rudock will have to keep the 1-19 hangared until spring. Season's

greetings from the members of the CBSA.
RUDY ALLEMANN

Kansas Soaring Association A Chapter of SSA

The KSA Board of Directors has voted to adopt the proposal to send a club member to the Nationals each year. Now all that remains is to find the money, but the group considers this a worthwhile project and looks forward to sending its first pilot to the 1961 Nationals.

New England Soaring Assn.

The N.E.S.A. has been suffering the usual winter "no soaring" days. However, the members are putting the time to good use by working on the equipment. It was decided to defer relicensing of the 2-22C until spring, so that in the future there will be an opportunity to do the necessary work during the slack winter months.

Outstanding loans on the Club 2-22C have now been paid, and a committee has been set up to study, among other things, the financing of a second sailplane.

The group plans to close the year with a Christmas party featuring SSA soaring movies and a Smorgasbord dinner.

Northern California Soaring Association, Inc.

Two of the most active NCSA members were unable to attend the annual awards and election meeting in December. Derrill (Gabby) Hansen was in the Hawaiian Islands for a rest and Les Arnold was in Elmira for a Schweizer sales conference. This is the first membership or director's meeting that either has missed in years.

Annual awards were made as follows: The Dr. John Sawyer Memorial Participation award — first, George Asdel, second, Stanley Hall; third, Charles Snyder. Longest flight from Hummingbird Haven Trophy was won by Charles Snyder with a 137 mile flight to Coalinga. The trophy for the longest cross-country made by an NCSA member was won by Earl Menefee with a 140 mile flight from Wenatchee to Spokane, Wash. Charles Snyder won the trophy for the best flight in a 1-26 with his flight to Coalinga.

The 1961 season will find competition for two additional awards. One, donated by Stanley Hall, will be for the greatest number of Sawyer Participation Award points earned at Hummingbird Haven. The other, do-



Antelope Valley Soaring Club's TG-3A rear deck and empennage frames the club's Schweizer 1-26 preparing for take-off. Sailplane is well equipped for cross-country and high altitude operations and has logged close to 500 hours in a twelve month period.

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