

# CANADIAN NEWS

## Edmonton (Alberta) Soaring Club

On the Labour Day weekend, eight members went 320 miles south to visit the Cu Nims of Calgary at Pincher Creek. Good soaring was found, with many flights of two to four hours and heights up to 14,000 feet. Ross Grady and Bill Harry took their L-K, Anne Marie Kleschies the Cherokee II CF-RAR, and Ivan Horvath, Les Czarik and Luis Lutyte their new Cherokee II. John Pomietlarz flew the Tiger Moth down to help with the towing.

The Auster tug has arrived to replace the old faithful Tiger. The Namao 1-19 has been taken away by some Namao Gliding Club members who were transferred to Red Deer; it is hoped to buy a solo intermediate ship, such as a 1-26, to replace it. A group of members are planning to build a winch this winter, as a private venture.

Victor Berg has earned his license and Bob Dunsworht has soloed. New member Larry Huber has acquired the Fauvel, which is being refinished at Fibrelite Products. Fibrelite, by the way, are taking orders for Viking sailplanes. Best of luck to Paul Ting-skou and Oscar (Pete) Peterson in this venture. The prototype is sure a beauty.

Anne Marie has left and gone back to Germany after a very active season with the club. The members' best wishes go with her.

Chris Falconar, Edmonton's perennial bachelor, has finally taken the plunge, and was presented with an electric iron at a wiener roast at John Pomietlarz's (Ed. note: Congratulations, Chris! — DK.)

The club tried a new field on October 23rd, with pleasing results. This is a mile west of Spruce Grove, and about 18 miles west of Edmonton — half as far as our present base at Wetaskiwin. Chris Peterson soloed at the new field. He's our youngest member, in Grade 12 at Stony Plain School.

## Gatineau Gliding Club, Ottawa

The weather was astoundingly good this fall, with soaring almost every weekend in October and November. The 1370 launches made this season exceed last year's record total

by more than 100, and the average flight time and total revenue have also increased.

A marked increase in X-C flying was due partly to Chris Thompson's introduction of the "Intra-Club Competition," giving points for all X-C's during the year. The incentive is the use of a club sailplane in the following year's Nationals. Winner for 1960 was Norm Tucker, who had a banner year with his and Elvie Smith's Skylark 3b. ZDH. Norm completed 100 and 200-Km triangles from Pendleton, our home base, and was in third place in the Nationals after the fifth of the eight contest days; he then had to withdraw, but wound up 10th out of 20 in the totals.

In future years there will be an added incentive — John Chesbrough and Chris have donated two trophies, a cup for the over-all winner and a tankard for the best showing in club sailplanes. These trophies were presented by SAC President LeCheminant, to this year's winners at the Annual General Meeting December 2nd. The tankard, known as the Gatineau Gliding Club Trophy, was presented to your reporter, on the strength of a 100-Km triangle completed in the Olympia. What's more, I had to try to drain it of a well-known beverage at one go, but somebody got me laughing too hard and I got suds all over my face. Norm wasn't put through this test. The Intra-Club Trophy would have held too much!

Other business included election of the five directors. Dave King replaced Bruce Smith, who had declined to run this year. The four re-elected were John Chesbrough, A. O. "Shorty" Boudreault, Eric Wimberley, and Pete Nicholls.

Eric, our perennial treasurer, presented the annual financial report, which showed us in a healthy position. However, heavy expenditures loom on the horizon. We may have to buy Pendleton or some other field, and at least one sailplane is required next season to partially replace the two or three now being sold. All in all, 1961 will be a critical year for the club.

The membership reached a new high of 65 this year, and seven students were brought to solo stage. Two C badges were earned, Two Silver C's, two duration legs, and a Gold C distance leg to goal — by Shorty Boureault, from Brantford to Elmira, in Skylark ZDJ. The three triangles flown from Pendleton were the only ones ever done from there.

A heavy program of shop work is now beginning. Norm Tucker is organizing teams to refurbish the two Pratt-Reads and the Tiger Moth tug. Shop time is credited towards flying and hangarage bills, after the 30-hour minimum required. Those unable to do shop work ante up \$30 instead. (This plan has worked out very well.)

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## CALENDAR

Items listed in bold face type are to be sanctioned by SSA.

**Jan. 28-29. SSA Directors' Meeting, Ramada Inn, Love Field, Dallas, Texas.**

**Feb. 25-26. 15th Annual Pacific Coast Midwinter Soaring Championships, Torrey Pines Gliderport, San Diego, Calif.**

April. Month-long Wave Soaring Expedition sponsored by SCSA at Bishop, Calif. Contact Jim Meckoll, 5120-A Livingston Dr., Long Beach 3, Calif.

April 15. F.A.I. Gliding Committee (CVSM) Meeting to select sponsor for 1962 Internationals, Paris, France.

**Sept. 2-4. 1st Annual Great Plains Soaring Contest, location to be announced. Sponsored by the Kansas Soaring Assn.**

**September. SSA Technical Symposium on Soaring, Los Angeles, Calif.**

## CLUBS !!

Please send SSA information for the above calendar as soon as the dates of your meet are known.

## BALLOT RESUME OVERSIGHT

It is with regret that we admit to an oversight on the list of personal resumes which accompanied the election ballots in SSA region 2 mailed out on December 6th. In the material presented for one of the nominees, Kenneth Woodward, it was indicated that he had not submitted a resume and the information given for him was all that was on hand. He had in fact submitted a detailed resume which became misplaced and did not show up until after the ballots had been mailed. Our sincere apologies to Mr. Woodward and assurances to all voting members in region 2 that he was indeed a well-qualified candidate for the position of Regional Director.