

CLUB NEWS

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Associated Glider Clubs of Southern Calif., Ltd.

The AGCSC has finally sold its old faithful TG-2. This leaves the club with the 2-22C for training purposes and the 1-26 for the advanced non-owner pilots. Since the use of the 1-26 is presently pretty well restricted to the 1-26 group, there has been some dissatisfaction among those who are left out. The 2-22C goes from Torrey Pines to Elsinore about once a month to provide instruction in airtow and thermals.

Since the inception of the 1-26 group, we have had a busy little bird. Eight Silver C legs have been gained and at least one Silver C completed. Some extra conveniences have been installed, such as spring loaded aileron pins, cabling in of some pins on both ship and trailer, and uniform trailer connections made available to all members of the group. A new variometer has been ordered from Germany, and its arrival is eagerly awaited.

The AGCSC members are looking forward to next month's program, which is to be delivered by Lt. Col. William H. Rankin, "The Man Who Rode the Thunder." Lt. Col. Rankin is the man who parachuted through a thunder-storm and lived to tell the tale.

Albuquerque Soaring Club A Chapter of SSA

Our club was organized just over a year ago and soon thereafter bought a 1-26 kit. The local Schweizer dealer brought in a 2-22C, a personal 1-26 and a Super Cub for tows. We then bought the 2-22C and began a training program under Robert Maiden, then president and

only Silver C holder in the club. The 1-26 was finally completed this spring and carried visiting German Air Force Lt. Helmut Roemer to his Diamond distance only a week later. A winch should be complete in another month. Our dozen members meet the second Monday of every month at the Coronado Airport just north of Albuquerque where we also store our equipment. This field is only five miles from the Sandia Crest a beautiful 10,670-foot ridge that provides us with perhaps the finest ridge soaring in the country. The waves may not be quite as large as those at Bishop but we do not doubt that they will carry you as high as you care to go. Of course the surrounding desert provides ample thermals.

In fact we feel sorry for everyone else because we are sure their soaring site cannot compare with ours. Our visitor, Helmut Roemer, has shown our inexperienced group some of the possibilities and we extend an invitation to others to come and try it for themselves anytime.

HERMAN S. MOORE

Central Indiana Soaring Society, Inc.

A Chapter of SSA

Upon learning of the Northwest Michigan Soaring Club's intention to disband and to sell their equipment, the CISS held a special meeting to discuss purchasing it. Through the "faith, hope and charity" of some of the old "back home" members the club found it possible to take the leap!

After several weekends of watchful waiting (for the weather to change) we finally got the L-5 tow bird flown from Frankfort, Michigan, to Anderson, Indiana. Another weekend saw Bob Atkinson, Clarence Walker and yours truly driving the 800 mile round trip to "drag" the rest of the equipment home (a Schweizer 1-19, winch and miscellaneous equipment). These gentlemen were appropriately copiled by Dick Walling, Mrs. Clarence Walker, and George Allen.

This transaction was both sad and glad! As many of you may know, the Northwest Michigan Soaring Club has been soaring the ridges near Frankfort since the early 1930's, so it is with deep regret that we see them disband.

So — things are really going great guns here in central Indiana. We are now the proud owners of a Schweizer 2-22C, a Schweizer 1-19, a Stinson L-5 towplane, and a beautifully engineered and constructed winch. So watch out everybody! We're going to be making champions out here now!

DR. JIM ROSS

Columbia Basin Soaring Assn. A Chapter of SSA

On April 8th a new local altitude record was established when Rudy Allemann soared his Ka-6CR to 20,000 ft. after take-off from Vista Field, Kennewick, Wash. A full report on the flight has been prepared and sent to *Soaring*. On the same day other pilots also reached good altitudes with Pallmer to 18,100 ft. and Moore to 17,200 ft., both in the same type of wave lift in which Allemann flew.

The 2-22C fliers have all soloed and most of the six have earned their C badges at the time of writing.

Plans were well established and executed to accommodate the visitors to the Memorial Day Soaring Meet at the CAP Field, Richland, Washington, reported on elsewhere in this issue. The local birdmen enjoyed the spirited competition which accompanied the meet.

JIM HARD

Hershey Soaring Assn.

The Hershey Soaring Association boasts a well-rounded membership with four commercial pilots, six private pilots (with a total of 45 years of flying time) three A & E's and the airport manager of their soaring site. Harry Williamson, glider instructor, owns and operates Hershey Airport near Harrisburg, Pa. The group feels fortunate that the airport manager is sold on soaring and looks forward to a mutually beneficial association.

Lawrence Cook, President of the Club, is building a Cherokee II in his home workshop in Harrisburg, and has the construction well underway. Vice President is the veteran sailplane pilot Del Miller. Using Miller's TG-2 and the group's 2-22C, numerous flights have been made since the club's formation in April of this year.

Northampton Flying Club, Inc.

Two new Club records were set in April and May. Rolf Bahner set a new altitude record of 5800 ft. on April 23rd, and Chief Instructor Frank O'Connell made a flight of 7 hrs. and 45 min. for a new duration record. Frank's flight began at 12:30 P.M., May 3rd, with a release at 3000 feet, and had a top altitude about 4800 feet.

Another young "glider guider" got his wings on May 9th. David Graves, 14 years old, soloed the Club's TG-3A with a 1000 foot tow and three beautiful 360° turns before his landing. David's flight was covered by local newspapers and radio.

On May 20th, the club participated in the Armed Forces Day Air show at Westover. Rolf Bahner in the TG-3A and Dana Darling in his L-K made a double tow behind Bob Gardner in the Stearman, from Atwood's Airport to Westover to open the Airshow. The Club prepared a release explaining its equipment and operations, and was also plugged over the Airshow PA system during their portion of the program.



"Smiling" Bob Smith (left) just after his solo flight in the Columbia Basin Soaring Association's leased 2-22C. Instructor Ed McClanahan is signing Bob's log book while student Molly McClanahan looks on.

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