

CANADIAN NEWS

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F.A.I. Awards

F.A.I. awards and certificates are now being handled by Ralph van Humbeck, Apt. 311, 183 Berry Road, Toronto 18. Applications for awards and certificates should go to him on the new forms now available from the SAC, Rm. 902, 77 Metcalfe St., Ottawa 4. Please see that the form is properly completed, and signed in the right place (or places) by an Official Observer.

Accrediting of Official Observers is under way, after some delay due to shortage of staff at the Ottawa office. The recent appointment of a part-time assistant to Secretary Dorothy Drew should ease this difficulty.

TERRY R. BEASLEY

Edmonton (Alta.) Soaring Club An SAC Member Club

The ESC is still looking for a field from which to fly this season. There must be one somewhere in the great expanse of the prairie.

Those attending the High Altitude Meet at Pincher Creek from here were John Pomietlarz, Ross Grady, Roy Olson, Jack Johnson, and wife, Bob Dunsforth and family, Don Hieken and wife, Larry Huber, Bill Wanechko and Jim Reid. Larry brought his Fauvel AV-36 and Ross his L-K, and the club Auster tow-plane and TG-2 were brought as well. As reported in the May issue, Julien Audette set new altitude and gain records, and Kurt Weiss and Art Penz set a new two-place altitude record. The two private sailplanes we brought were damaged, the L-K being written off owing to very high winds. This beautifully finished silver-and-blue sailplane will never again delight the eye by flashing from cloud to cloud or gracefully circling under a puffy cumulus.

John Pomietlarz made his Diamond gain with a climb of 16,800 feet in the

Canada's latest home grown high-performance sailplane, the F.R.P. Viking from Edmonton. Prototype has a span of 47.5 ft., A.R. of 16, min. sink of 2.2 f.p.s., max. L/D of over 30 to 1 and a wing loading of 6.3 lb./sq. ft. Production model will be lighter, only 4.6 lb./sq. ft. Fiberglass/plastic construction is featured.



TG-2. It was reported as a Gold C climb, but the barograph calibration gave him some extra height. All the work done on the TG-2 over the winter is really paying dividends.

The BG-7 is coming along very well now and will be ready to fly soon.

Ross Grady had a tete-a-tete in Toronto with Paul Schweizer and Tony Doherty from Schweizer Aircraft, the upshot being that Ross is now Schweizer Dealer for Alberta.

JIM REID

Montreal Soaring Council An SAC Member Club

We were delighted to hear that Dave Webb, our new CFI, won the Canadian National Championship Trophy for 1960. This trophy is awarded for the pilot making the best five flights during the year.

Flying started at Hawkesbury on April 15th, the earliest for several years. The first flight lasted for an hour.

We have sold our Pratt-Read, which had been under repair. This leaves us an all-Schweizer club — 2-22, 1-19, and 1-26 — except for the two Tiger Moth tugs made by De Havilland of Canada. Private owners and groups own two 1-26's, two Skylark 2's, a 1-23D, a Fauvel AV-36, a BG-6, and a Breguet 905s "Fauvette." We also hear of plans to carry out some flight testing of the BKB-1 tailless sailplane at Hawkesbury.

On the non-flying side, work has already started on a crushed stone apron in front of the hangar, and on the construction of a washroom. Also, a winch investigation committee has been appointed.

TERRY BEASLEY

Regina Gliding & Soaring Club An SAC Member Club

As Kimberly, South Africa, is famous for its diamonds that make girls happy, so is Pincher Creek, Alberta, now famous for its diamonds that make glider pilots happy. Indeed, three club pilots ended the Easter-weekend staking diamond claims.

For three days Julien Audette, Harold Eley and Bob Shirley were busy looking for diamonds, ably assisted by Doug Currie with the Club tow plane and Mrs. Currie as Chief Time Keeper and Controller of the Purse Strings. They were later joined by Hal Townsend who found the diamonds all picked over for this trip.

Julien trailed his new 1-23G from Regina with his sons as crew. H. Eley, Regina, shared a 1-26 with brothers from Colousay. I took my L-K and one crew member from Moose Jaw. Doug and wife flew over with the Club Super Cub 135

tow plane. Later, H. Townsend and son flew their Cessna 175 in.

Friday was spent in glider assembly, meeting old and making new friends. The weather was not very suitable for wave flying. Saturday morning the wave was there but Pincher Creek was closed in until noon. Julien Audette was first off, but he soon returned when he couldn't find the hole and the tow plane got too close to clouds. Audette took right off again. This time he found that his barograph failed to work over 22,000 feet so he returned after a climb to over 31,000 to have his instruments sealed. He then re climbed to 31,250 for new single-place gain in height and absolute altitude records for Canada. Julien now adds a second diamond to his Gold C.

Due to a 6,000-meter barograph, I requested a low tow with the hope of a diamond gain climb. After the release I climbed the first 17,000 feet in 17 minutes with a final climb to an absolute altitude of over 26,000 feet.

Harold Eley was the third club member off and promptly climbed to over 24,000 feet — plenty to spare for his diamond climb. Now both Harold and myself will have to earn our Silver and Gold C's so that we can proudly wear our diamonds.

Sunday, April 2nd, proved to be unsuitable for wave flying although Harold Townsend did work a weak one up to 14,000 feet. Shortly after five P.M. when nearly all pilots had headed for home a wave developed both to the north and south. By 6 P.M. the lenticulars had completely formed from horizon to horizon but no tow plane pilot was available to tow our two sailplanes to what appeared to be the best wave seen during the weekend.

A visit to the weather office revealed that this was the first time a continuous line of lenticular clouds had been witnessed. The primary wave was right over Pincher Creek with four secondaries being viewed down wind.

Pincher Creek will produce many more diamonds in years to come along with record flights and we are sure that the Regina Club will earn its share.

The Club report wouldn't be complete without a special word of thanks to all the wonderful people that made this Easter weekend so successful: to our hosts, the Calgary Cu Nim Club and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cook who once again held Open House which included their house facilities and private flying field.

BOB SHIRLEY

Southern Ontario Soaring Assn. An SAC Member Club AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held as planned in spite of inclement weather. John Kelley reported on the state of the exchequer, and it seems we have struggled up out of the red for once. Piet van Dyken was once again chosen as auditor. John Shantz gave his report as secretary, and Dick Ballinger, last year's CFI, reported in that capacity as well as giving the statistics. President Charlie Yeates indicated the direction we should progress, and warned that our current solvency is no reason to suppose that we can now relax our efforts in any way.

An enjoyable dinner followed.

Season Opener

Frank Wright kicked off the season

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