

CLUB NEWS

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Antelope Valley Soaring Club, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

Club officers for 1961 were elected at our December meeting. Jim Moeller is the new President; Carl Brinkmann, Vice President; and Paul LeFrenier, Secretary-Treasurer. The club extended a hearty welcome back to Paul after his tussle with a Cherokee. Paul was somewhat heavy on the right rudder during his first trip back into the blue after his release from the hospital. However, this may have been due to the fact that his foot was still in a cast.

Some of our members are preparing the 1-26 for wave flying over the Tehachapi Mountains. Tentative plans are to fly from Fox Field near Lancaster.

We are making plans to purchase a new two place ship and have discussed with much interest the new Schweizer 2-32. The three ships we now own are definitely not acquiring any hangar rot.

Our first club banquet was well received and plans are now being formulated to make it an annual affair with prizes to be awarded for the best flights of the year.

JIM MOELLER

The Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, Ltd.

The on-again, off-again situation at Torrey Pines still leaves the issue in doubt. After the club had investigated other possible operational sites in the San Diego area, a check with City Hall informed us that the City has made plans to place the Salk Medical Research Laboratory to the south of the Torrey Pines runway area so that we can continue there until the University needs the land. At this point, the

Trophy recipients at the CSA Fall Soaring Round-Up, L to R: Roy McMasters, A. J. Smith, Joe Emons, Spud Kohler, Tennis Mahoney and Ben Stephenson. In background, Emons' L-K and CSA's Waco UPF-7 towplane.



Photo by Robert Sensenbrenner

AGCSC Board decided to leave the training operation where it is until we receive official notification to leave.

After a study of the flying time of the 1-26, the Board decided to allow the formation of a flying group patterned somewhat after the Antelope Valley Club, in an attempt to get a little more flying time on the equipment. An organizational meeting was held early in February, and the plan went into operation February 11th. The group is limited to 15 members at a cost of \$60 each for one year's unlimited flying. At present, the group is full of enthusiasm, and plans to do some minor re-vamping of the trailer in the near future.

Central Texas Glider Council, Inc.

The weather was cold (for Texas, anyway) on the last three Sundays in January with the maximum temperature being in the low fifties. But soaring flights have been experienced on each of these sunny days. This is no novelty for Texas, because last January Dave Malkemus enjoyed a two-hour flight with a maximum altitude of 8000'. We need no more proof that high temperatures are not needed for soaring; we only need the sun to shine and members to fly our sailplanes.

This January also marked the beginning of flying for our new neighbors in Central Texas — the San Antonio Soaring Society. Their President, Joe Hoffman, asked that we give them instruction in towing, etc., in their Schweizer TG-3A, newly acquired from Salt Lake City. Their training has been the main activity at Georgetown with the result that three of their group have soloed and several others are ready to solo. All of these new glider pilots have soared on their solo flights — in January! One of the flights was especially noteworthy because Jim Sommerset, an instrument pilot, took the TG-3A up through a thin cloud and soared around on top at about 3500'. Jim is thoroughly spoiled now!

DAVE MALKEMUS

Columbus Soaring Ass'n., Inc. A Chapter of SSA

Dawn broke sharp and clear on the opening day of the 1960 Fall Soaring

Round-Up, giving hope that good soaring conditions would prevail for the third successive year. United Nations calibre diplomacy, plus the promise of hot coffee waiting at the Sumburger Restaurant, adjacent to the Skypark Airport, succeeded in getting the sleepy-eyed contest committee headed down the road to Chillicothe, forty miles to the south of Columbus.

At starting time, a nose count revealed the following list of ships: 2 L-5 towships, a Waco UPF-7 towship, 4 L-26's, a LO-150, LK-10A, Prue 215, BG-7, TG-3A, 2-22, Cinema, and L-19. The twelve sailplanes or gliders and three towships were accompanied by twenty-seven pilots.

The Fall Soaring Round-Up had been originally conceived as a non-contest affair to provide an opportunity for the visiting pilots to participate in pure "fun" flying; however this year the CSA decided to do a bit of contest work on the first day, both to provide the CSA group with some experience in directing a contest and for the amusement of the participants.

In addition to the goal-and-return task set by the committee, a special "sealed orders" task was set up by Mark Savage for those contestants who were of a gambling turn of mind. Each contestant selected one of a set of envelopes to be opened after release from the tow; each envelope contained a road map (sectional charts are too expensive) with a slip of paper on which was written the name of a goal. All duplicate cross-country tasks were to be scored on the basis of speed.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Chillicothe Gold Key Club, where a most delicious smorgasbord dinner was served. Harry McIntyre awarded trophies to the winners of the meet: A. J. Smith, Joe Emons, Spud Kohler, Roy McMaster, Ben Stephenson, Tennis Mahoney and Dave Finley; then all hands fell to on a bit of social tipping (or, if you prefer, guzzling).

WALTER C. MARSH

The Soaring Society of Dayton, Inc. A Chapter of SSA

The January issue of *Soaring* was like old home week to quite a few of us old timers here in the SSD. Our illustrious SSA President, Paul Bikle, is a Life Member of our Chapter, as is Past President Floyd Sweet and other SSA Board Members Lin Bachtell and Bill Coverdale, along with our one and only Honorary Member, "Silent John" Nowak.

Bernard Paiewonsky, whose excellent article "The Handling Characteristics of Sailplanes," Part 1, appears in the January issue, is also a Life Member of the Soaring Society of Dayton, his first affiliation with the art, sport and science of soaring.

Having been identified with SSD (and SSA) for many years, I find it most gratifying to see so many of our (SSD's) Members being recognized for what they are, and what they represent — the greatest collection of wonderful people in the whole wide world.

RAY BARRETT

Willamette Valley Soaring Club, Inc.

The year 1960 closed with a good start in the Portland, Oregon, area soaring activities. The L-K we purchased a year ago spent about seventy hours in the air. Dur-