

used since then. A permanent field is the club's ambition.

WFA has only been going for about a year, but has become one of the largest clubs in Canada.

CFI Al Scott cruelly leaves us hanging after the first installment of an account of his first cross-country — here he is, circling at 600 feet with a line squall bearing down and no sheltered spot in which to land the ship. Continued next month.

Allan Whitfield claimed the first gliding flight of 1961 in Canada. But we're sorry, Allan, your flight at 0940 on January 2nd was a day later than some flights at Brantford. The SOSA always flies on New Year's Day, to make sure no one gets ahead of them.

Karl Anderson has led in the design and building of a new winch which will use stainless wire. A simple and effective design was arrived at, based on a 3-ton Dodge truck chassis. This has proved much better than the one used most of the summer, and Karl anticipates lower maintenance and simpler operation.

The WFA carries on an active publicity program. For example, static displays of aircraft are set up at shopping centres and other suitable spots. Members stand by to answer questions.

WFA has a motto from which we can all profit: "A little bit plus often equals much."

Stirrings Down East

Efforts are being made to get a gliding club going in New Brunswick. Brian Newbold, formerly with the Quebec Soaring Club, is now in Moncton, and there are other interested parties in Sussex. This might be a good site, as it is halfway between Moncton and St. John (45 miles to each) and 75 miles from Fredericton. A meeting is to be held in Moncton the first part of February, when SAC President A. N. LeCheminant will be down that way.

Expatriates Buy Ka-6

Frank Brame and Frank Woodward, Canadians now living in Seattle, have bought Bill Coverdale's Ka-6BR. Bill, by the way, once lived in Kingston, Ontario. The new owners are groping through a tangle of red tape, since there is some difficulty about non-citizens owning an aircraft in the U. S. Both were once leading members of the Southern Ontario Soaring Association.



The SSA sew-on emblem, 2-7/8 in. in dia., gold-yellow and white on blue, available for 65 cents each, tax included. Order from SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, California.

BOOK REVIEW

"Understanding Weather," by O. G. Sutton; Penguin Books, Inc.; Baltimore, Md.; \$0.95; 212 pgs.

Sir Graham Sutton, Director General of the Meteorological Office in Great Britain, has spent most of his life in various scientific establishments of the British Government. UNDERSTANDING WEATHER is a series of essays on the main aspects of meteorology, the science of the atmosphere.

The author has produced what this reviewer considers the most comprehensive and readable text on general meteorology he has seen, and has accomplished this with a minimum of mathematical formulae. The style is conversive and the use of many familiar examples to explain complicated weather phenomenon makes the book particularly interesting.

After discussing the composition of the atmosphere of the Earth, the author develops the operation of the Atmospheric Engine, and follows with a discussion of the actions of the winds, clouds and rains. The problems and techniques of forecasting, including those involved in long-range forecasting, are treated in four chapters. Even the little known field of micrometeorology is covered in a late chapter.

This small "pocket-size" book is an excellent addition to the library of the soaring enthusiast, and those who wish a lucid explanation of weather elements.

T. E. SHARP

In Memoriam



Soaring indeed lost a real friend when the life of Zada A. Price was claimed on September 4, 1960. For many years he had been the spark plug of the Northwest Michigan Soaring Club in the Frankfort/Elberta area, encouraging anyone and everyone to take up soaring, giving freely of his time, effort and money to promote the sport. He was one of the most sincere and enthusiastic workers in all of soaring, contributing heavily to the organization and conduct of the annual Labor Day meets at the famous Frankfort site. Zada will be remembered by all who knew him and whenever sailplanes soar above the bluffs at Frankfort.



Photo by Ray Shamblen

Chuck Kohls of Lincoln Park, Michigan, with his Schleicher Ka-7 at the Wright Memorial Meet in Richmond, Indiana. A number of these German two-place sailplanes have been imported to the U.S. Construction features a steel tube fuselage and a swept-forward wooden wing with a span of 52.5 feet. Maximum L/D is 26 to 1.

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