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## NAA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 1961 Annual Meeting of the National Aeronautic Assn. was held from September 10 - 12 at Roosevelt Field, Westbury, L.I., N.Y. The program included an aerospace symposium and general sessions where reports were given by NAA officials and representatives of NAA's Divisions and Associates. SSA's report was ably given by William S. Ivans, Jr. NAA's membership growth was reported to be at the current rate of 2000 per year, the total being 5777 on August 31st. Of this total, 1410 are members of the Parachute Club of America, another Division, and only 49 are SSA members. It was voted to increase NAA dues for members of Divisions, Chapters and Affiliates to \$5 per year.

NAA officers for 1962 were elected at the meeting as follows: President, Martin M. Decker; Chairman of the Board, Jacqueline Cochran; Senior Vice-President, Roger C. Fleming; Secretary, Mrs. Arlene Davis; Treasurer, Edward C. Sweeney; and General Counsel, William P. MacCracken, Jr. Fourteen new Directors were elected, including FAA Administrator Najeeb E. Halaby, James H. Doolittle and Dr. Edward Teller.

## CHAPTER REBATES SENT

Annual partial SSA dues rebates totalling \$1282 were mailed in October to 30 qualifying SSA Chapters. Another 15 Chapters received their rebates, totalling \$505, in April. Rebates are given to those Chapters which maintain 100% SSA voting members and Student Members on their roster. The rebates are one of the main tangible benefits of SSA Chapter status. Qualification for coverage under the SSA Insurance Plan is another prime benefit. There are others. If you belong to a club that is not an SSA Chapter, you might wish to investigate obtaining such status. Write SSA for its Item #41, SSA CHAPTERS, which explains all about this program.

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