

CLUB NEWS

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Contributions to "Club News" should be sent to Nikki Delp, 5545 Rab St., La Mesa, Calif., before the 10th of each month for inclusion in the following month's issue. Clubs and associations are requested to send their newsletters and other publications to Nikki Delp, also. Photographs are welcome.

Long Island Soaring Assn. Bayport, L.I., N.Y. A Chapter of SSA

LISA is quite proud of having won a parachute in the recent SSA membership contest. Member Miles Coverdale was present at the Nationals awards banquet in Wichita to accept the prize. He returned home by airliner and, what better way to carry a parachute than strapped on one's back? Needless to say, much to the distress of the other passengers and consternation of the stewardess.

Northern California Soaring Assn., Inc., Livermore, Calif.

A new type of daily soaring contest has been inaugurated by NCSA, called "Flyday." Competing pilots on any day throw a buck in the pot. The winner gets all the bucks, but is expected to buy liquid refreshments for the losers with his winnings. A variety of tasks of the day will be picked by a Contest Board and each pilot will be given a different one in a sealed envelope to be opened after release. This is one way to add spice to weekend soaring.

Soaring at Hummingbird Haven was near excellent during July and August. There was lift every weekend with several days good for altitudes to 8000 feet, marked by the Big Build Up.

Harry and LaVerna Perl have been soaring many evenings after work in waves

going to 4000 feet. Since the lift gets best just at sunset, he is installing lights on his Hummingbird so he doesn't have to come down with the sun.

Sage Brush Soaring Society Box 285, Odessa, Texas

By popular acclaim, a group of soaring enthusiasts have joined together to form this society for the promotion and furtherance of soaring, as a science and as an expression of adventure into a sport which has kindled man's imagination since the ancients cast their eyes into the sky and envied the falcon soaring so effortlessly in the sea of air.

Officers have been selected as follows: Wallace Scott, Chief Vulture; Buzz Hurt, Executive Vice Vulture; Bill Eaves, Senior Vice Vulture; Red Wright, Chief Parrot (Good talker, poor flyer); and Al Parker, Technical Advisor.

The Policy: The Society is a non-dues paying, non-assessment, non-profit organization.

The Idea: To have fun and enjoy soaring.

S.B.S.S. will conduct meetings only when the membership feels inclined to do so, will formulate no rules and regulations.

Conditions of membership are as follows: Members have to solemnly promise:

1. To look vaguely innocent when narrating highly improbable feats of soaring allegedly accomplished.

2. Promise not to let work interfere with soaring activities to any harmful degree.

3. To assume an expression of pained forbearance when power craft are mentioned.

4. Not to attempt any logical explanation when asked by the uninitiated *why* they want to fly a sail plane.

5. Not to fly across Russia without Mr. Krushchev's permission or to land at Havana, Cuba.

The only data required from members is name, address, phone number, rating,

type of craft & number, S.S.A. awards and number.

There will be a monthly newsletter published and posted on the bulletin board approximately the first Saturday of each month. The name of this publication will be "For The Birds".

We welcome members to join our society, both local and from afar. Local facilities available to visitors are West Texas Soaring Company, Al Parker, Owner, and Odessa Soaring Club, Parker Hangers, Ector County Airport.

J. C. "RED" WRIGHT

Tri-Cities Soaring Society Endicott, N. Y.

With considerable assistance from Joe Perrucci a soaring club is being started in the Tri-Cities area, just 40 miles east of Elmira. A number of meetings have been held and a constitution is being discussed. Plans call for using a 165 H.P. Stinson for towing at the Tri-Cities Airport and acquiring a new Schweizer 2-22C early next spring. Anyone nearby who is interested in participating is invited to contact the Sec. Treas. (undersigned) at 5 Griffin Drive, Apalachin, N.Y.

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TRY FOR STATE RECORDS

Many soaring pilots are probably unaware that SSA-recognized state soaring records exist for them to try and exceed. An effort is being made to give these records more publicity so that they may help bring proper recognition to noteworthy local flights and provide more incentive for cross-country and performance soaring. Soaring club publications might publish accounts of all new state records in their areas and periodically list all current records. State records offer another means to make public news, also. Records are news. Tell the newspapers about it whenever a new record is set. *Soaring* magazine will try to publish notices of noteworthy new state records in the "Club News" section and an annual summary of all records in all states.

State records are administered by the SSA State Governors, who have supplies of rules and application forms. Whenever a new state record is set, they will issue to the pilot a certificate suitable for framing.

There are three classes of state records, open, senior (less than Gold C) and junior (less than 21), each of which has single-place and multi-place sub-classes. For each class/sub-class, all eight records recognized by F.A.I. are recognized by SSA. Records are for the state over which release from tow is made and pilots need not be residents of that state. Barographs must be carried on all flights, no exceptions. Contact your SSA State Governor for further details.

Some members of the Southern California Soaring Assn. Flight Group pause after assembling their 2-22 for a day's auto-tow training on Mirage Dry Lake. L to R: Bob McClelland, Paul Sepulveda, Don Gaede (instructor), Wilson Barnes, Frank Slavens, Mary and Bob Archer, and Dick Winnen. Shortly after this picture was taken, Bob Archer successfully negotiated his first solo flight. Barnes and Slavens are other recent solo students.

Photo by Scott Cooper

