

CLUB NEWS

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Ames Soaring Club, Inc. Livermore, Calif. A Chapter of SSA

The first week in July, a number of Ames Club pilots, with their families and three 1-26's, joined the Sacramento Club and the Nevada Soaring Association in camping out on the dry lake north of Reno (*Soaring*, December, 1960). This year we were more or less prepared to go cross-country, but a Pacific low brought unexpected south winds which seemed to delay thermal activity until late in the afternoons. Best flight of the week was made by Sherb Klein, who flew 129 miles north to Alturas, Calif. to finish his Silver C, compile a pot full of points for the Sawyer award, and, we believe, establish distance and goal records for the State of Nevada. Don Fisher made a number of flights northward, the best to Madeline, 99 miles. Lyle Hoag couldn't penetrate the barrier that keeps bringing him down after 25 miles, and one day landed up in the mountains, six miles from a lake (the nearest civilization), and had to hike back while Dick Cook drove the trailer 70 miles up the highway looking for him. Gene Martz recorded his Silver C altitude leg with a climb of 3600 ft., and Dick Cook finished the week with a Gold C climb of 11,400 ft. on a tremendous soaring day after everyone else had gone home.

As in the past, the site furnished some beautiful evening ridge soaring, and two evenings brought brief wave conditions which provided lift to 11,000 ft. for a couple of hours. We are making plans to establish our camps on a permanent basis at the lake, and look forward to many more delightful trips to the site.

Dick Cook

Antelope Valley Soaring Club El Mirage Field, Calif. A Chapter of SSA

While the men have been away at the Nationals, the boys have really been having a wonderful time at the home field of El Mirage, Calif. Soaring has been remarkable this summer.

Our club's 1-26 now has 804 hours logged and has many awards to show for her time in the air. Gordon Wheeler has added an altitude diamond to her crown.

We are happy that so many members of our club have been working on their silver and gold badges and others will be encouraged to do the same. Jack Beadle made his duration flight and was having such a good time he stayed up 6 hrs. and 25 min. Tom Jenkins arrived at the field at 5 o'clock in the morning after being at the Nationals where he watched the birds fly. He had enough watching so at 10:55 A.M. he got into the blue and finished his Silver C with a duration flight of 5 hours.

Jack Arkovitch has now had 13 flights in the 1-26 with only one flight of under 10,000 ft. Bob Gravano, after getting to 16,500 ft., flew to Palmdale (about 35 miles) to see what his home looked like from the air. Bob's vacation made a good excuse for Carl and Bill Brinkmann to take off Monday so that Bob could fly the 1-23G he towed from New York to California for me. Bill flew the club 1-26 and I flew the TG-3A with my brother-in-law, Clem Herring, in the back seat. We really had a ball with thermal and shear line soaring. All flights were over 3 hours and everyone had a nice time.

Gus and Kenny Breigleb flew to the Nationals in a 707 jet and had a nice time. Kenny said, "The 707 was great, but the stewardesses were greater." As my sister-in-law said, "The only way to fly is in a plane"—sailplane, that is! So let's fly!

CARL BRINKMANN

The Associated Glider Clubs of Southern Calif., Ltd. San Diego/Elsinore, Calif.

Several notable flights were made by AGCSC members recently, in addition to Steling Starr's goal and return record attempt. In most cases these flights orig-

inated from the Inyokern airport, which area seems to hold great potential for distance and altitude flying. Bill Ivans, our only contribution to the Nationals this year, narrowly missed setting a new international goal and return record with a flight from Inyokern to Hawthorn and almost back to Inyokern, flying Evan Stover's 1-23H. Evan made several flights in excess of 100 miles, also. Ron Delp flew his 1-26 111 miles from El Mirage to about 1 mile short of Grant's Airpark, after which his crew chief, Keith Allen, made his Gold C altitude in Ron's ship. He and Evan Stover both climbed to over 14,000 feet at El Mirage. To cap the activities for this period, Helen Dick and John Williams both flew their jointly owned 1-23 from Inyokern to Bishop in the same weekend. It's getting to be a regular milk run!

Labor day weekend should bring more noteworthy flights from the AGCSC, with a large group of members planning a few days of flying and rag-chewing at Inyokern.

Members of the 1-26 group bade a regretful farewell to Ray Johnson this month. Ray was only with us a short time, but proved himself to be an enthusiastic worker and a great devotee of the sport. We will miss him, and hope that he will soon be able to convince the people in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, that they need a soaring club!

El Paso Soaring Assn. El Paso, Texas

On the last week end of July, due to the closing of our field, we went to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where there is adequate runway length for auto towing. We accomplished 71 tows, soloed 5 members, and added 9 hours to our TG-3A. This brings up to date in the last four months, 9 members soloed and 4 receiving their commercial glider ratings.

Conditions have been favorable so that we have been able to set a new club time and altitude record of 2 hours and 14,800 ft.

In early August, four members enjoyed visiting the Nationals at Wichita, Kansas. All the Club members have enjoyed talking with the first National Champion, Al Hastings, who now lives in El Paso. We took the old master up in our TG-3A and he showed us the true touch is still there.

TED DANIEL

Kansas Soaring Assn., Inc. Wichita, Kansas A Chapter of SSA

With all eyes turned toward Wichita in August, the KSA had its moment of glory and travail and brought forth a very well-run contest, marred only by the lack of cooperation of Mother Nature. In spite of the less than perfect weather, some impressive flights were made as reported elsewhere in this issue.

Now that the Nationals are over, the members can relax with that well-done feeling, and begin to enjoy their own flying again.

Prescott Soaring Club Prescott, Arizona

Our L-5 is now available for towing at any time (on appointment) at Prescott, Arizona. Many thanks to Julian Allen of



The L-K sailplane leased by the Orange County Soaring Assn., from Carl Ziler. Color scheme is white with an appropriate orange trim. Location is Skylark Field, Elsinore, Calif., OCSA's operation site.

Photo by Lloyd Licher