

a year ago this March I still get letters every week asking about them. With regret, I must forego responding to most of them. Time is very limited to me these days.

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SSA RECOMMENDATION ON COMMERCIALS INSTRUCTING

Another action taken by the SSA Directors at their January 24-25th Board meeting concerned the FAA regulation permitting commercial glider pilots to give flight instruction in gliders.

Because it was felt that commercial airport pilots who have acquired an additional category rating for gliders with only a minimum of two hours of glider flight time including 10 glider flights are not sufficiently experienced in gliders to instruct in them, it was voted to recommend to FAA that the Civil Air Regulation permitting commercial glider pilots to give flight instruction in gliders (43.61) be amended to add "provided he meets the aeronautical experience requirements of section 20.104." Section 20.104 lists the requirements for the commercial glider rating, namely 25 hours of flight time including 20 in gliders, 2 hours of flight instruction in gliders in preparation for the commercial pilot flight test, 100 flights in gliders as pilot in command, and 25 glider flights with 360° right and left approaches. This is meant to be an interim upgrading of glider instructional requirements until the time when the U.S. soaring movement would not suffer greatly from a removal of the regulation permitting commercial glider pilots to instruct in gliders.

NEW YOUTH BOOK

A new book titled "Gliders," by Larry Kettelkamp, has recently been published by the William Morrow & Company as a Morrow Junior Book. The price is \$2.75 and it should be available in most book stores.

The author/illustrator explains the fun of gliding by the profuse use of drawings and large, well-worded text. He starts with paper gliders, tells how to build and fly a balsa glider, explains how gliders fly and soar, gives a brief history of gliding and soaring, tells of the FAI soaring badges and finishes with a description of a ride in a sailplane. If there is a youngster you would like to get interested in soaring, a copy of "Gliders" would make an appropriate gift for him.

CALENDAR

Items listed in bold face type are to be sanctioned by SSA.

April 7-8. Hershey Soaring Gaggles, Hershey, Pa. Rain date: April 14-15.

April 28-29. Sky Sailing Regatta, Sky Sailing Airport, 41000 McInerney St., Fremont, Calif.

May 12-13. Annual "Memorial Day" Soaring Meet, Wurtsboro, N.Y., Airport.

May 19-20. 1st Wisconsin Soaring Contest, Watertown, Wis., Airport.

May 19-21. Victoria Day Soaring Meet, Pendleton Aerodrome, Ontario, Catineau Gliding Club, Box 883, Ottawa 4, Ont.

May 19-21. Informal Soaring Meet, Big Bend Field, 5 mi. W. of Innisfail, Alberta. See "Canadian News" for details.

May 26-27, June 2-3. Memorial Day Soaring Meet, Vista Field, 2 mi. W. of Kennewick, Wash.

May 27-30. 5th Annual Mid-Atlantic States Soaring Meet, Municipal Airport, Cumberland, Md.

May 30-June 2. 14th Wright Memorial Glider Meet, Richmond, Ind., Municipal Airport.

NAA BECKONS

Most SSA members will have received some literature describing the National Aeronautic Association and an invitation to join that organization. This is part of NAA's concerted effort to greatly enlarge its membership so as better to serve all forms of sporting aviation. Since SSA is a Division of NAA, SSA members may join NAA for \$5 annual dues, only half the regular fee. Tangible benefits of such membership include \$2,500 travel accident insurance and \$250 travel injury medical expense, a subscription to the monthly *National Aeronautics* magazine, discounts on other aviation magazines and books, auto credit cards, lapel pin, voting privilege and eligibility to seek office. As NAA President Martin M. Decker has written, "There is no conflict between membership in SSA and NAA, membership in both organizations strengthens both. . . ." This is a reminder for you to consider joining NAA as a Divisional Member for only \$5/yr. Their address: 1025 Connecticut Av., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

June 2-3. Mohawk Valley Soaring Contest, Ballston Airport, Saratoga, N.Y. Sponsored by the Mohawk Soaring Club, Inc.

June 2-11. British National Gliding Championships, RAF Airfield at Aston Down, Gloucestershire, England.

June 16-17. Kutztown Soaring Contest, Kutztown, Pa., Airport. Sponsored by the Soaring Dutchmen, Inc. Phone 215-683-7921.

June 22-23, FAI Gliding Committee (CVSM) Meeting, Paris, France.

June 30-July 1. Holiday 1-26 Regatta, sponsored by the Holiday Soaring School, Tehachapi, Calif., Airport.

June 30-July 8. 2nd Annual Southeastern Soaring Camp, New River Valley Airport, Dublin, Va., sponsored by Blue Ridge Soaring Society.

June 30-July 8. Soaring Camp, Fancher Field, Wenatchee, Wash.

July 1-3. Odessa Handicap Soaring Contest, Ector County Airport, 3 mi. N. of Odessa, Texas.

July 1-7. 2nd Eastern Open Soaring Contest, Harris Hill, Elmira, N.Y.

July 3-12. Canadian National Soaring Contest, Municipal Airport, Regina, Sask.

Late July (dates to be set). Philadelphia Glider Council Open House, PGC Gliderport, 5 mi. N. of Chalfont, Pa., on Rte. 152.

July 24-Aug. 2. 29th Annual U.S. National Soaring Championships, El Mirage Field, 20 mi. WNW of Victorville, Calif.

Aug. 1-5. EAA Fly-In, Rockford, Ill., Municipal Airport.

Aug. 3. SSA Directors' Meeting, location near Victorville, California, to be announced.

Aug. 25 (tentative). Informal Soaring Meet, Marion, Ohio, Municipal Airport. Sponsored by Buckeye Glider Club.

Sept. 1-3. 8th Annual Schweizer 1-26 One-Design Soaring Regatta, Harris Hill, Elmira, N.Y.

Sept. 1-3. Great Plains Soaring Contest, Civic Memorial Airport, Alton, Illinois.

Sept. 1-3. 5th Annual Rocky Mountain Soaring Contest, East Colfax Airpark, 10 mi. E. of Aurora, Colo.

Nov. 23-25. Snowbird Soaring Contest, Harris Hill, Elmira, N.Y.

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Please send SSA information for the above calendar as soon as the dates for your meet are known.