

SSA News

Seasons Greetings

On behalf of the SSA officers, directors, staff and himself, the editor would like to take this opportunity to extend seasons greetings to all SSA members and readers of *Soaring*. We hope that soaring will contribute toward making yours a Happy New Year.

SSA Directors to Meet

The next semiannual meeting of the SSA Board of Directors is scheduled for the week end of January 12th and 13th in Chicago, Illinois. This is the meeting where most of the policy decisions are made so members should make their views on subjects of concern known to their local Regional Directors to enable them to provide better representation. Agendas will be mailed to all Directors in mid-December. One of the major items to be discussed will be the Society's dues structure.

Barringer Certificates

SSA would like to give public thanks to the three whose financial contributions have permitted the printing of special certificates for all past and future recipients of the Lewin B. Barringer Memorial Trophy. The three contributors were Mrs. Helen Shober (the former Mrs. Lewin Barringer), and two of the late Lewin's brothers, D. Moreau Barringer and Brandon Barringer.

This trophy is a perpetual one awarded by SSA to the pilot making the greatest straight line distance soaring flight each year other than at the Nationals. The certificates will remain in the possession of the recipients.

New SSA State Governor

Iowa now has an SSA Governor in the person of Don N. Kersten, 411 Snell Bldg., Fort Dodge, Iowa. He volunteered for the position to Dale S. May, his SSA Regional Director, and upon Dale's recommendation was subsequently appointed by SSA President Paul F. Bikle. Don is a 37-year-old practicing trial lawyer with private glider and ASEL ratings, the C Badge and Silver altitude and duration legs. He thinks that, with a little more promotion, soaring could be reactivated in his state. With good potential and soaring conditions, it is bound to come to pass.

George S. "Scotty" May, now age 6½ and SSA's newest Life Member, gets a ride to the flight line in Dad's Fauvette.



More Life Members

A number of SSA members have become Life Members of the Society since the last ones mentioned in the March issue and an existing one has died (Jon Carsey), bringing the current total to 65. One requested that his name not be published but the others are: George Arents, Jr., from Miami, well-known in the sports car field and recent Gold Badge pilot; Roger J. Sherron, Jr., an airline pilot from Sebastopol, Calif.; Sam B. Gibson from Lancaster, Calif.; Walter B. Cannon from Lincoln, Mass., a 22-year-old Silver Badge pilot who instructs for the Schweizer Soaring School; Francis B. Smith, a Silver Badge pilot from Seattle; and George S. May, 6½-year-old son of SSA Director Dale May, a product of the current SSA membership contest.

Life Member dues are \$200, which may be paid in four consecutive quarterly installments of \$50 each. All such monies received are put in a special fund that is invested to provide income to cover costs of servicing the memberships. Since Life Memberships require a minimum of effort on the part of the SSA staff but offer continuous full Member value, the Society encour-

ages all who are so inclined and able to upgrade to this permanent member status.

Two New SSA Chapters

The Gliding Division of the Icarus Flying Club became an SSA Chapter recently. Their 22 members operate a Schweizer 2-22, a 1-23 and an L-Spatz-55 from the airport at Hanover, N. J.

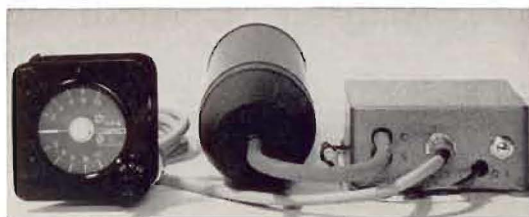
The latest soaring club to join the ranks of SSA Chapters is the Sooner Soaring Society of Oklahoma City, Okla. It brings the total number of Chapters to 56. The club was founded in July of this year and operates a Schweizer TG-3A sailplane for its 16 members. Donald O. Burnworth, club president, is an SSA Instructor who has been activating SSA's ABC Program in his area. The "Club News" section of this and the past three issues of *Soaring* have contained further details about the activities of this new Chapter.

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