



Jim Butler holds partridge brought down by the wing of the Gatineau Gliding Club's Pratt-Read while landing at Pendleton airfield. Instructor Chris Thompson looks happy at the thought of a tasty dinner.

Photo by Dave King

## CANADIAN NEWS

Edited by DAVE KING

Items for this page should reach Dave King, 220 Iona St., Ottawa 3, by the 5th for the next month's *Soaring*. Photographs are welcome, but can't be returned. Copy should be about as you want it to read. Newsletters are welcome but we don't always have time to revamp them into items suitable for *Soaring*. "Letters to the editor" are invited.

### S.A.C. News

**Annual General Meeting.** This important meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17th, at the Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel, in Montreal. All members should make the effort to attend as, apart from the business, there will be a dinner and social evening to follow.

**Official Observers.** Our Director who deals with the appointment of Observers is moving to Philadelphia for a few months, so would applicants please note that any mail should be addressed to: T. R. Beasley, S.A.C. Director, c/o Montreal Soaring Council, P. O. Box 1082, St. Laurent, Montreal 9, P.Q.

Also, please note the new address for F.A.I. awards, which was published in last month's issue of these notes.

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It appears that my last notes were unnecessarily pessimistic, as the snow reported then did not stay. The last flying actually took place in the middle of December, while a few members actually visited the field the day before Christmas and were sorely tempted. However cold Moth oil frustrated any possible ambitions and we had to be content with putting trailers away for the winter.

A local demolition contractor very kindly provided an artificial thermal in early December which allowed Gordy Hicks nearly an hour's soaring in smoke and hot air from a burning saw mill. A good flight to end the season!

Our Annual General Meeting is set for Feb. 17th, at the Holiday Inn, Montreal. It is to be followed by a dinner and social

evening to which any out of town gliding visitors will be welcomed.

T. R. BEASLEY

The MSC entries at the 1-26 Regatta at Elmira made a good showing. Eight members took two 1-26's. Gord Hicks and Ted Henderson came second in Gord's ship, the "Mary E." MSC was awarded a tow-rope for sending members the greatest distance to compete.

To help raise funds for the hanger fund, Mary Hicks is selling tickets on the cowboy hat she brought back from Wichita. She had it signed by all the competitors and ex-champions there, so it should be much in demand.

The advent of modern plumbing at Hawkesbury Airport is regarded as a real turning-point in MSC history. There's nothing like running water! And electricity has reached the hanger.

LORRAINE VINET

### MINUS 1, PLUS 2 CHAPTERS

January saw the addition of two more soaring clubs to the ranks of SSA Chapters and the Chapter status of another rescinded, which brought the total to an even 50.

The Suncoast Soaring Assn. of Vero Beach, Fla., could no longer maintain the minimum number of members needed for Chapter status (seven) so regretfully withdrew.

The Elsinore Valley Soaring Club, Inc., then became the next Chapter. It has seven members who fly the

club's Schweizer 1-26 at Skylark Field, Elsinore, Calif.

The latest Chapter is the Cumberland Soaring Group, composed of 13 enthusiasts in the Cumberland, Maryland, area, most of whom own or are partners in a number of sailplanes now based at Cumberland. Next month's "Club News" will carry a more detailed description of the activities of this group.

## CALENDAR

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

**Feb. 24-25, 16th Annual Pacific Coast Midwinter Soaring Championships, Torrey Pines Gliderport, 12 mi. N. of San Diego, Calif.**

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

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

**May 27-29. 3rd Annual Cumberland Soaring Meet, Cumberland, Md.**

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

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

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

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

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