

KNOW YOUR DIRECTORS

There continues here a series of biographical and autobiographical sketches of the 28 SSA Directors.

Dale S. May

Dale May is one of two Regional Directors for region 7, the north-central states. His three-year term runs through 1964. He is currently the very active chairman of the SSA Membership Committee. There follows his soaring autobiography.

Married, except on days containing any updrafts. Future Diamond drivers and present crew members are Scotty, 6, and Debbie, 9, who have helped me through a Silver Badge last year. Got original C in '48 but since then have traveled U.S. and Europe extensively with our management services firm. Presently own a Cessna 180 tow plane, a Fauvette 905 and one third of a Schweizer 1-23H. Missed Diamond goal by



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12 miles and Gold altitude by 325 feet last year and haven't stopped crying since, although finally made Gold distance and Diamond goal on April 15th.

FAA ratings are CFI, Airplanes and Instrument; Commercial Rotor, Glider, S & ME (land and sea), Ground Instructor (Meteorology) and Free Balloons (hot air, which is easy for me).

Former member University of Illinois Glider Club (while scraping through school there) and Chicago's Windy City Hawks. At 34, I'm already old; gave up all hobbies except eating, to help promote soaring and the SSA and to beat my kids to three diamonds.

E. J. Reeves

E. J. Reeves is one of two SSA Regional Directors for region 10, the south-central states, and resides at 3330 Bryn Mawr, Dallas 25, Texas. His soaring biography is as follows:



E. J. Reeves.

Born in 1905, he first soloed a Hisso Standard in 1922 and a Schweizer TG-2 in 1945—both without prior dual instruction. He holds an FAA commercial pilot certificate for gliders, single and multi-engine land with instrument and instructor ratings. He has earned the Silver Badge, U.S. #81, and the Gold Badge, U.S. #26, with the Diamond goal leg.

He has been a member of SSA since 1945, holding the office of President from 1947 to 1950 and that of Treasurer from 1954 to 1957. He is a Charter Member and founder of the Texas Soaring Association and is a past President and Treasurer, as well as a lifetime Honorary Director, of that group.

He participated as contestant in a number of Southwestern and National soaring contests from 1947 to 1951 and in 1949 established a National Goal Record. E. J. was Competition Director for the 19th, 23rd and 28th National Soaring Championships and a member of the Contest Committee for the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 27th Nationals. He was an organizer of the first Odessa Records Camp in 1951 where several records, including Johnson's World Soaring Distance Record, were set. He also organized the 1952, 1958 and 1959 Odessa Records Camps.

In 1960, E. J. was awarded the Warren E. Eaton Memorial Trophy,

which is presented each year to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the art, sport or science of soaring flight in the U.S.

E. J. and his wife, Carla, have one married daughter who also lives in Dallas. E. J. is an official of a local life insurance company and has other business interests in oil, real estate and investments. Additional aviation interests include acting as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Texas Aeronautics Commission. He is a former president of the Dallas Aviation Association and Aviation Committee of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He is also a former Commander of the Texas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

He has been a frequent contributor to *Soaring* magazine through the years, with both articles and photographs. Currently he owns an interest in a Schweizer 1-26 sailplane. He has owned and flown numerous sailplanes and powered airplanes beyond numbers and kinds recallable.

His interest in aviation has been purely that of sportsman pilot. He has had and continues to have great interest in the air education of the American youth. The calendar and other things indicate to him that he is well past the active pilot stage. But E. J.'s active interest in aviation, and more especially in motorless flying, continues. He is ambitious to accumulate an outstanding library on gliding and soaring.

Bertha M. Ryan

Bertha Ryan is an SSA Director-at-Large for 1962 serving as SSA Treasurer and also as Chairman of the SSA Records Homologation Sub-

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