



Photo by G. Barrows

A Schweizer 1-23H sailplane is one of the examples of good design in sports equipment chosen for display through the month of July at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. This show is jointly sponsored by SPORTS ILLUSTRATED and the National Sporting Goods Association, with personnel from the Museum of Modern Art acting as consultant on design. This is the first such event ever held, and the original idea was developed by SPORTS ILLUSTRATED and presented in a feature article in the May 14th issue. This listed 115 objects that were chosen and the general reasons for these choices, which were made under the direction of the Museum's Director of Architecture and Design, Arthur Drexler. The 1-23H sailplane, a regular production item of Schweizer Aircraft Corp., is the largest item in the show and is mounted in flying position on a specially designed tubular pedestal.

Committee. She resides at 1115 W. Ave. J-14, Lancaster, Calif.

As far back as she can remember, learning to fly was the big ambition in Bertha's life. In 1945 while a Junior in a Boston High School, Bertha enrolled in an accredited flight school at the local airport, flying Cubs and T-Crafts, and late in 1947 earned her private pilot certificate.

Bertha graduated from Emmanuel Girls College in Boston in 1950 with a BS in Mathematics. The following year she entered graduate school at MIT, first in the math department but later she transferred to the aerodynamics department. Working part time in the aeroelastic research lab, she received her Master's Degree in aerodynamics from MIT in 1955.

While at MIT Bertha was very active in the MIT Flying Club and then in the MIT Glider Club (AES) following her first glider flight in the Club 2-22 with Lloyd Licher. While in the AES she earned her C pin, obtained her Commercial Glider and Glider Flight Instructor's ratings and was one of the club's chief tow pilots. Active also in the SSA, Bertha served as SSA State Governor for Massachusetts from 1953 to 1955.

Moving west in 1956, she started work for the Douglas Aircraft Company as an aerodynamicist. She also began work on her own Schweizer 1-26 (an uncovered kit) which she

still owns and flies at El Mirage and in which she earned her Silver Badge. While in Los Angeles she was quite active in SCSA and also in SSA, writing the "West Words" column for *Soaring*. In 1960 she moved to the desert to work for the NASA Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base.

\$200 PHOTO CONTEST

As for 1961, \$200 has been contributed to SSA for the purpose of conducting another contest for photos of sailplanes in flight. The new contest will run until October 1, 1962. Prize money will be awarded as follows: \$100, \$50, \$25 and five awards of \$5 each. Any person may enter in the contest any photo of a sailplane in flight not previously submitted or used in *Soaring* magazine or a soaring calendar. If the entrant did not take the photograph, he must submit a release from the photographer. All entries must be 8" x 10" black and white glossy prints marked "contest" and become the property of SSA. None will be returned.

Entries will be judged by four members of the SSA Publications Committee. Weight in judging will be given to sailplanes currently flying in order to promote modern, up-to-date soaring. Send photos to SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE

The SSA has a variety of items available on a free distribution basis, unless otherwise specified. Request by item number or name from SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

Item 3. FAI soaring awards application blanks.

Item 4. SSA membership application blanks; in the form of postage paid business reply envelopes.

Item 6. SOARING . . . The S.S.A. . . . and YOU pamphlets, telling about the sport of soaring, glider pilot certificates, how soaring is organized, what the SSA is and what it does, and how to get started in soaring. Ideal for answering the questions of prospective soaring enthusiasts.

Item 7. Region lists of soaring clubs, SSA Directors and Governors, by SSA region number, as excerpted from the SSA Directory. Gives club addresses, meeting times and places, flying sites and contact persons. Specify states desired when ordering.

Item 8. List of Manufacturers and Suppliers of Plans, Kits, Partially Completed and Ready-to-fly Gliders and Sailplanes — U.S. Manufacture. Includes brief description, price, manufacturer's name and address. New equipment only.

Item 9. List of Glider Schools and Commercial Glider Operators in the U.S., giving location, equipment, services and prices, where known.

Item 10. List of Books on Soaring, where they may be obtained, prices and a brief description of each.

Item 24. Incorporation Procedures — California. Intended to show non-profit soaring clubs the way to incorporate, with specific details for the state of California.

Item 25. Suggested Bylaws for Soaring Clubs. Distribution limited to those seriously attempting to form new clubs.

Item 28. Used Sailplanes For Sale List. All known used sailplanes for sale for which the owner has given permission to include on this list. Latest revision date is June 18, 1962.

Item 38. How to Start a Soaring Club. Six pages of suggestions.

Item 39. State Soaring Records Rules and Application Form. Available from State Governors or SSA.

Item 41. SSA Chapters, an information sheet listing benefits of SSA Chapter status for clubs, how to apply and how accounts are handled.