

# Letters

## Silver Safety Pin Award

Dear Mr. Licher:

With the approach of our first "Blessed Event," we recalled the unique form of the W. E. Smull's announcement printed in your "Letters" last August. We wanted to avoid directly copying their very original ideas and finally developed the enclosed card. (Text reproduced below.)

My partner, Mr. Vic Peres of Erie, Pa., and myself recently finished construction of a Schweizer 1-26 which we will be sailing this season. This will be the second season of soaring for both of us, and we are 100% enthusiasts. Our enthusiasm is probably a reflection of that of the Flying Gehrleins at the Thermal-G-Ranch Gliderport where we checked out last summer.

LEN AND DOT SAMUELSON  
2686 Amman Ave., Pittsburgh 26, Pa.

The Soaring Samuelsons  
are Proud to Announce  
(photo of sailplane)

### QUALIFICATION FOR A SILVER SAFETY PIN AWARD

for LEONARD EMIL SAMUELSON, III  
Launching Site: Thermal-G-Gliderport??  
Release Time and Date: 11:53 P.M.,  
April 17, 1962

Flight Plan Approved and Directed

By: Dot and Len Samuelson

Landing Site: Magee Hospital, Pittsburgh,  
Pa.

Official Observer: Dr. Elizabeth Hoover  
(photo of lower part of baby sitting up  
wearing a diaper. Real safety pin stuck  
through photo.)

Altitude Gain: 22 inches  
Payload: 10 pounds 0 oz.

## Offers to Crew at Nationals

Dear Sir:

I will be attending the meet at El Mirage this summer and would like to crew for someone at the Nationals. No compensation required.

ROLAND EARL WEATHERHEAD  
P. O. Box 4789, Pensacola, Florida.

Dear Lloyd:

Would you please let anyone who might be interested know that I am available as a crew man during the Nationals at El Mirage Field this summer. This offer includes the use of my car (a Volvo) which is fitted with a trailer hitch.

BILL DANIELS  
12852 Lakewood Blvd., Apt. 4,  
Downey, California

## Muddlesome Mixed Units

I have just read "Changes in Rules for the 1962 Nationals" in the May *Soaring* and I think our Rules Committee is again to be congratulated on providing us with a good, workable, and generally rational, set of rules. However, I am intrigued by the continuing use of a mixture of English and metric units to establish "Contest Days" and "Rest Days."

Surely, if we feel constrained to use the metric system, the requirement for 10 ships to fly 75 km. for a Contest Day might reasonably have led to a 400-km. distance for the Rest Day specification. Or, conversely, if the 250-mile figure is sacred, perhaps 10 ships to fly 50 miles might

have been more appropriate. Possibly I am missing the point, but I rather doubt that these small differences will really warrant all the cursor cursing that the use of the two systems together may generate.

GRAHAM THOMPSON

11409 Waterford St., Los Angeles 49, Cal.

## Apathy Toward Instruction

Dear Lloyd:

I would like to point out to readers of *Soaring* magazine that we did not get one pilot to attend the Instructor's Course offered by West Texas Soaring. I feel they have missed something. We need these courses very much to get better training in the art of gliding and soaring and teaching in these subjects to bring about a better instructing standard.

BRIAN MASTERS

2202 East County Road, Odessa, Texas

## 1962 SSA DIRECTORY

The 1962 edition of the SSA Soaring Directory went to press late in May. All voting members of the Society should be receiving their free copies shortly after this issue of *Soaring*. As per past policy, other distribution will be limited to members of SSA and the Soaring Assn. of Canada. Price to SAC members and non-voting SSA members is \$2 per copy.

The content of the Directory is similar to that of the 1961 edition and includes SSA Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen, all SSA and SAC members, U.S. Schools and Operators, U.S. Clubs, U.S. and World Soaring Records, Rules for F.A.I. Badges, U.S. Holders of F.A.I. Badges, 1961 Sanctioned Contest Winners and Recipients of Special Soaring Awards.

# CALENDAR

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

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.

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

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

July 4-7. Midwest Soaring Meet, Adrian, Mich., Airport.

July 4-8. Annual Buena Vista, Colo., Mountain Soaring Expedition. Contact R. B. Sundquist, 1469 So. Milwaukee, Denver 10, Colo.

July 23-29, 1962 U.S. National Model Airplane Championships, Glenview Naval Air Station, Ill.

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. 10th Annual EAA Fly-In, Rockford, Ill., Municipal Airport.

Aug. 1-5. Soaring Contest, in conjunction with EAA Fly-In, Municipal Airport, Rockford, Ill.

**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. Southwestern States & Texas State Soaring Championships, TSA Gliderport, 7 mi. S. of Grand Prairie Texas.**

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

Sept. 1-3. Western Gateway Soaring Contest, Civic Memorial Airport, Alton, Ill.

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

Sept. 29-30. Fall Soaring Roundup, Skypark Airport, Chillicothe, O.

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

Feb. 11-25. 1963 World Soaring Championships, Junin, Argentina.

Feb. 13-23. IXth OSTIV Congress, Junin, Argentina.