

SSA DIRECTORS' MEETING

The SSA Directors held their annual midwinter meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., on the weekend of January 27-28th. A total of 18 of the 26 Directors were able to attend and act on the numerous agenda items that consumed most of the two-day session. Actions taken which are of interest to the members, not mentioned elsewhere in this issue, included the following:

John J. Randall of Coral Gables, Fla., was elected as a Director-at-Large for 1962, to fill a vacancy on the Board.

The Society's bylaws were amended to cover the possibility of officers-elect not being re-elected as Directors for their term of office. The exact wording of the revised bylaws will be mailed to any member who requests a copy and will appear in the letters that accompany nomination and election ballots in each fall election.

Minimum standards were established for the recommendation of qualified members by SSA Directors to FAA for designated glider examiner ratings. Interested members may inquire of their local Director what these standards are.

After discussing to what uses the annual SSA Soaring Directory should be put, it was voted that the Directory is not to be used for any charitable solicitations of the membership.

A number of items regarding the Nationals were discussed. It was decided that future voting on bids for



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The SSA Directors in attendance at the January 27-28th Board meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz.; seated, from L. to R.: Bertha M. Ryan, Treasurer; Lloyd M. Licher, Executive Secretary; Paul F. Bickle, President; John D. Ryan, Vice-President; Tam Page, Vice-President; and Robert B. Smith. Standing, L. to R.: E. J. Reeves, William S. Ivans, Jr.; Joseph M. Robertson, Secretary; Dale S. May; Harner Selvidge; William F. Placek; William H. Coverdale, Jr.; Robert E. Brown; Paul A. Schweizer; Sterling V. Starr; Richard E. Schreder; Leslie R. Arnold; and Nelson J. MacLeod.

the Nationals would be by preferential ballot, such that a majority vote could be obtained without resorting to subsequent balloting. Entry requirements for the 1962 Nationals are to remain the same, namely, Silver C with Gold C distance leg. The rule prohibiting gyro instruments will be deleted in the 1962 rules such that those pilots who are legally qualified may take advantage of any legal cloud soaring they may encounter. As in past years, the FAI Standard Class will be recognized to the extent that a trophy will be provided for the pilot making the highest total score flying a Standard Class sailplane, provided there are five or more entrants in that class. As a step toward a possible change in entrance requirements for the Nationals, the Contest Board was directed to study what might be desirable criteria for regional contests and present them for the Directors' consideration at their next meeting.

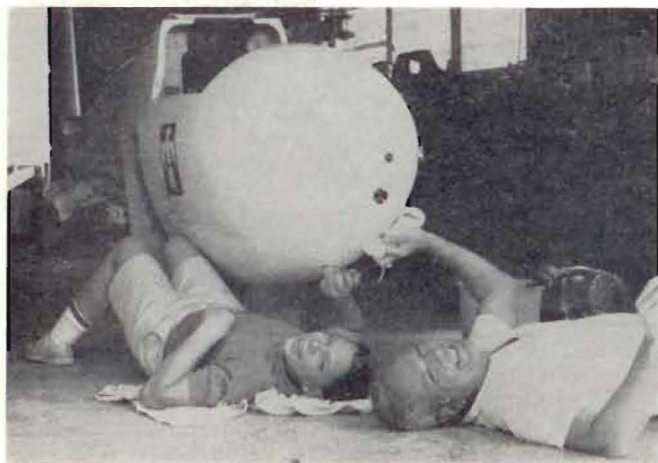
Regarding the 1963 World Championships, as a formality it was voted to send a U.S. team to the

Championships. Pilots for the team will be selected shortly after the 1962 Nationals by the top competition pilots seeding each other. It was decided that the current National Champion would *not* have an automatic position on the team.

Since it is common practice to charge entry fees (for sailplanes) at SSA-sanctioned contests, it was voted to amend the bylaws to remove the statement that members are entitled to free entrance to SSA-sanctioned contests as contestants, since the fees charged for sailplanes must be borne by the pilots. Also concerning sanctioned contests, it was decided to rescind the policy that permitted only stories of sanctioned contests to be published in *Soaring*. Henceforth, the Publications Committee will decide which contest stories submitted merit publication.

In view of the increased amount of advertising in *Soaring*, it was voted to authorize an increase in the number of pages from 24 to 28 per issue. This will be done on issues where the amount of advertising would otherwise cut into the amount of reading material too much.

The Safety and Flight Operations Committee's proposed training program, that will feature the A, B and C badges as achievement awards, was adopted and voted to be put into effect by June 1, 1962, if not sooner. Badges and card certificates for this program will be issued free to voting and Student Members only by approved instructors who request the privilege. After the program is inaugurated, C badges will no longer be numbered, nor will the A's and B's. An article covering most details of the program will be published in an early issue of *Soaring*.



Newly elected SSA Director-at-Large John J. Randall of Miami, Fla., and son Will polish their Ka-6CR sailplane during the winter soaring season in Florida. Will has accumulated over 50 hours of soaring since last summer and is now working on his Silver C.

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