

Club News

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Ames Soaring Club, Inc. 8638 Patterson Pass Rd. Livermore, Calif. A Chapter of SSA

Soaring has been splendid in the local Livermore area for about four or five week ends consecutively. Flights of one to four hours and some short cross-country flights have been made. (The one hour flights are in the club ship in which one hour is the limit at one time.)

DOROTHY ASDEL, Secretary

Arizona Soaring Assn., Inc. Box 4126, Phoenix, Ariz. A Chapter of SSA

Proud? You bet! "He flies through the air with the greatest of ease," does our National Champion. We're all extremely happy about John Ryan's achievement at El Mirage, and hope he will go on to even bigger and better things in the Internationals.

The summer soaring at Prescott has been great this year. Great fun, that is—not so great for badges. Two particularly agonizing "almosts" were Gold altitude attempts by Chuck Doty and George Breeland. Both came within a cat's whisker of making it, but neither wanted to send in barograph tracings that might have been over or under by a matter of a few feet. George got a consolation prize, however; Silver Badge altitude.

We are also happy about the accomplishment of Dwayne Spain, a relatively newcomer to soaring who went all the way from his first soar-

ing flight to a Silver Badge in the space of one month. He made his altitude at Phoenix in the 2-22C and duration at Prescott in the same ship. Joe Lincoln loaned his 1-23D for the distance leg, a fine Silver triangle.

Active ships at Prescott this season were Fred Daams' Falcon, Jim Turnbow's L-K, John Ryan's Sisu 1, and the Bowlus Baby owned by Don Harrell, Stan Day and Paul Simon. Among our visitors who were given introductory rides were Dave Beckley, Langston Weinberg, Bill Reed and Al Hune. Two visitors from other clubs also flew with us at Prescott: Roland Puls, a German student pilot at Luke AFB, and Hans Anrig from Toledo.

The end of September saw the club's move back to home base at Deer Valley, just north of Phoenix. Judging from encouraging reports coming in from various members, we expect to see three or four new ships on the line very soon.

JEAN DOTY

The Associated Glider Clubs of Southern Calif., Ltd. Box 3301, San Diego 3

Election time has come again for the AGCSC. At its October meeting, the club elected the following new officers: President, Walt Mooney; Vice-President, Gene Cain; Treasurer, Vern Rasmus; Secretary, Ed Salkeld; Operations Manager, Evan Stover; Maintenance Manager, Lee Brody; and Directors, Glenn Whitely, Bill Petre, Jim McCarrier and Don McCormick. The meeting was followed by a talk, accompanied by movies, by Capt. John Tucker, acrobatic pilot.

A lot of interest was engendered at Elsinore recently by the appearance of an ornithopter (no, we're not kidding) at the airport. It is still incomplete, but the builder plans to begin flight tests soon (any volunteers?). Flapping of the wings is achieved by use of stirrups on the feet, which will have to be pumped rapidly up and down (!). The general configuration is that of a bird, with the tail being the only concession to standard aircraft design in that it has a vertical fin (fixed). There is also a warp arrangement to the horizontal portion

of the tail, whereby the corners can be deflected somewhat. Construction is of bamboo, fabric and waxed thread.

Long Island Soaring Assn. Sayville, L.I., N.Y. A Chapter of SSA

August 18th was a record day for LISA, 35 aero tows for our 2-22C and two 1-26's and the Republic Soaring Club's L-K. One new solo for our club from the ranks of the power pilots and one C pin issued. The others who needed C pins seemed to get off at the wrong time and were not able to catch anything. It was there, but conditions can be tough here! One X-C attempt for Silver distance covered 12 miles, thwarted by the strong cross wind. It was most gratifying to see that much activity, though.

ROBERT B. SMITH

Sooner Soaring Soc., Inc. 4329 N.W. 43rd St. Oklahoma City 12, Okla. A Chapter of SSA

We have been blessed with a number of splendid soaring days recently. The late summer has lingered far beyond usual and real thermal activity has been noticed practically every weekend. No spectacular flights have been recorded as the training program has progressed full speed in order to get as many pilots rated as possible before the winter weather arrives. One of our busiest members has been Vernon Thorpe who has qualified for his B Badge as well as the Commercial Glider rating. Bob Hammond has earned the B Badge and his Commercial Glider pilot rating, also. Both Bob and Vernon have qualified for Instructor ratings. Gene Nalion successfully passed his requirements for the A Badge and within two weeks qualified for the B Badge. Don Turner recently passed the Glider Instructor written examination and will become the fourth Instructor in the club as soon as his flight check is completed.

Soaring got a big boost in this area when our Chief Instructor, Don Burnworth, invited two FAA Inspectors for a guest ride. The Oklahoma City-based inspectors, "Dub" Harms and George Seeburg, were given a glider check ride in the TG-3A and were both soloed the same day. Other area enthusiasts may be glad to learn that the FAA District Office now has interested parties at their service.

We have now equipped a Cessna 182 with a hook and along with the 170 we are able to have airplane tow available most any time. Our auto tow has proved to be very satisfactory, however, except on "bad" days when altitude is difficult to find.

The club operations were recently the subject of a film story broadcast on local television channel 9, KWTV. The publicity promises to really create a huge interest among Oklahoma Citians and we hope to increase our membership considerably.

LARRY LYON

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