

Association that night, and, "I would like you to come as my guest," said Joe. The next weekend saw me out at the Turf Paradise strip and up in the TG-3A for my first ride. You know the rest. The bug bit, and I reacted immediately.

My soaring record is fairly brief—about 250 hours. Took in the Nationals in '59, '60 and '61. Crewed for Dick Schreder at the Internationals in Germany in '60. Received US Diamond C in '60. Served as President of the Arizona group last year and am presently a director of that organization. My term was most noted for being the one during which the dues were raised! . . . Elected Regional Director of SSA region 9 (Rocky Mountain states) for the three-year term ending in '63, and was elected SSA Vice-President for the years 1962 and 1963.

Soaring has many appeals for me, but first on the list must come the friendships I've made within the group, locally, nationally, and among the pilots and crews attending the competitions at Cologne. So many of these relatively new-found friends have helped so much with the ship, taught me to fly a sailplane, and have given advice and encouragement. Then, too, there's the spirited competition and renewed friendships at the contests. And, of course, the feeling of accomplishment that comes with every flight; and the feeling that the "bird" has gotten you away from earthly trials and trivia and perhaps a bit closer to the great power of the universe. It all adds up to being unbeatable in my log!

SSA DIRECTORS' MEETING

The SSA Board of Directors held one of their semi-annual meetings on August 3rd in Victorville, Calif. Eighteen Directors were present. A summary of actions taken which may be of general interest to the members follows:

Election of officers for calendar year 1963 was held with these results: William S. Ivans, Jr., President; John D. Ryan and Nelson J. MacLeod, Vice-Presidents; Joseph M. Robertson, Secretary; and Lt. Cdr. T. E. Sharp, USN (Ret.), Treasurer. Ivans, Robertson and Sharp, along with Dr. Harner Selvidge, Lt. Col. Floyd J. Sweet, USAF (Ret.) and Maj. Gen. Albert Boyd, USAF (Ret.), were elected as Directors-at-Large for calendar year 1963. Maj. Linford B. Bachtell, USAF, had moved out of region 5 and so submitted his resigna-

tion as a Regional Director. This was accepted and Charles F. Abel of Coral Gables, Fla., was elected to fill the vacancy.

It was voted to alter the definitions of SSA regional boundaries by putting Indiana in region 6 (was in 7) and Nebraska in region 10 (was in 9). Because of these changes and other shifts in membership population it was voted to alter the allocation of Regional Directors by adding one each to regions 11 and 12 and subtracting one each from regions 5 and 7. The gain/loss between regions 11 and 5 will be effected during the next election while that between regions 12 and 7 will not be able to take place until the fall, 1963, election.

The Contest Board was instructed to prepare articles for *Soaring* magazine on how SSA will interpret controversial sections of the FAI Sporting Code that pertain to badge awards and records. A resolution was passed directing the Contest Board to adopt liberal interpretations of the Code.

The Directors adopted a set of criteria for Regional Competitions. Details may be obtained from the Contest Board and may warrant publication in a later issue of *Soaring*.

Before adjourning, the Directors voted to commend the 1962 Nationals sponsors, officials and all people who worked so diligently for the success of the contest.

Location and dates of the next Directors' meeting were selected: Chicago on January 12th and 13th.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM REPORT

At their recent Board meeting, the SSA Directors selected Paul A. Schweizer as the 1963 Team Captain (nonflying). They also voted to send

American sailplanes if practical and feasible, as many as the final rules will permit.

Team pilots will be the top ones from the list on this page who are able to go. Most of the crew members will be selected by the pilots; (Concluded on page 22)

INTERNATIONAL TEAM SEEDING COMPLETED

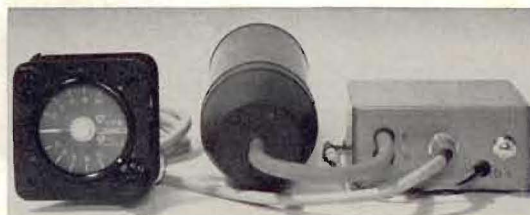
In accordance with the procedure set up by the SSA Board of Directors, the pilots placing in the Directors, the pilots placing in the first ten during the last two U.S. Nationals, and the pilots of the last U.S. International Team have rated each other in a secret ballot. Their ballots have been tabulated by the International Team Seeding Committee of Harner Selvidge, E. J. Reeves and Les Arnold. The resulting composite numerical rankings are given in the list below:

1. Johnson, R.
2. Schreder, R.
3. Ryan, J.
4. Bikle, P.
5. Smith, A. J.
6. Thomson, G.
7. Ivans, W.
8. Mears, C.
9. Allemann, R.
10. Drew, C.
11. Lambie, J. (tie)
11. Parker, R. (tie)
13. Abels, L.G.
14. Klemmedson, R.

The Seeding Committee believes that the results of the balloting fairly represent the equities of the situation, and recommends that the above ratings be accepted without modification as a basis for the selection of the U.S. International Team for 1963.

HARNER SELVIDGE, *Chairman*

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