



Photo by George Uveges

Bruce Beebe, an architect from San Francisco, taking off on a winch tow in his Schleicher Ka-6CR sailplane which he flew to first place in the Torrey Pines Meet.

1963 Torrey Pines Meet

The SSA-sanctioned 17th Annual Pacific Coast Midwinter Soaring Championships took place as scheduled on the weekend of March 9-10th with ideal weather prevailing at the famed ocean-cliff Torrey Pines site north of San Diego. Brisk winds and unstable air allowed all-day ridge soaring and permitted numerous pilots to break away in thermals for cross-country flights.

Winner of the meet with 661 points and new champion is Bruce W. Beebe, an architect from San Francisco, who placed first in the altitude and distance events with an 83-mile flight from winch tow inland to the Salton Sea, during which he gained 10,000 feet of altitude. His distance was exceeded by Ray Proenneke, who flew his Cherokee II 116 miles to Desert Center but from an aero tow which earned fewer points.

Second in overall standings was Fred Hefty of Santa Monica, Calif., with 402.5 points, flying an L-Spatz-55, and third was Sterling V. Starr of San Diego with 383 points, flying a Schweizer 1-23D.

Winners of other events were as follows:

Duration: 1st, Larry Bell, 6:40; 2nd, Ray Praenneke, 6:10; and 3rd, Calvin Long, 5:50.

Spot Landing: 1st, Keith Allen, 4 in; and 2nd, Bill Hoverman, 5.5 in.

Bomb Drop: 1st, Dave McNay, 6 ft.; 2nd, Keith Allen, 14.5 ft.; and 3rd, Calvin Long, 16 ft.

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Item 3. FAI soaring awards application forms.

Item 4. SSA membership application forms (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.

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 Soaring Schools and Commercial Glider Operators in the U.S., giving location, equipment and prices, where known.

Item 10. List of Books on Soaring, where they may be obtained, prices and 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 add to this list. Latest revision date is Dec. 26, 1962.

Item 30. Film Library List, with rules governing use of the films. Request from Walter B. Hausler, 67 Fisher Rd., Rochester 11, N.Y.

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

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