

the hour broadcasts of current weather conditions. Major airports are equipped with these facilities. Sequences from Walla Walla, Pendleton, and Yakima are easily received locally in Richland. In addition, the larger airports transcribe current weather reports, aviation forecasts, and upper wind summaries. These transcriptions are broadcast continuously with revised weather reports being added hourly and the forecasts and upper wind summaries being revised approximately every four hours during the daylight hours. The closest station which broadcasts a continuous transcription is Spokane Radio which may be received on 365 kc.

#### 4. High Frequency Communications.

For those aircraft so equipped, direct contact may be established with the Flight Service Stations at major airports. This information can be useful on a cross-country attempt if conditions ahead are not well known or appear to be questionable.

By satisfactorily employing the four sources of information listed above, the movements of major weather systems through the area may be analyzed. With this analysis, predictions of soaring weather can be made. If the skill and effort of the forecaster are adequate, reasonably accurate prognostications should result.

#### How Good Are My Predictions?

On each day in the three-year period with the exception of absences because of vacations and business, a forecast was made of the next day's soaring conditions. The forecasts predicted whether the following days would be poor, fair, good, or super. Actual conditions were recorded and compared with



Photo by S. A. Aldott  
Some of the exceptional photos of sailplanes in flight taken by Alex and Dita Aldott as mounted at a recent auto show in Chicago, where the Chicago Glider Club had their Ka-7 on display.

the predictions. A correct prediction was made of 65% of the days. Considering only the records of the three best soaring months of April, May, and June during the three-year period, correct daily predictions were made 58% of the time.

#### Team Fund Contributors

Names of contributors to the SSA International Team Fund, to help pay the expenses of the U.S. team which was entered in the 1963 World Soaring Championships, since those published previously appear below.

Sture R. Blom  
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#### Photo Display Available

Alex Aldott has donated 32 of his and Dita's 11 x 14 photos mounted

on 15 x 18 hardboards to the SSA to form a traveling display for the promotion of soaring around the country. The SSA Directors accepted this gift with warm thanks and William S. Ivans has given the plan his endorsement as president of the Society. It is hoped that clubs and others will be able to use them to augment efforts on their parts to build up interest in soaring. Such photos will answer many questions by themselves and help viewers to decide whether or not they want more direct exposure to soaring.

The Chicago Glider Club has donated a sturdy mailing box for the photos constructed by Neal Ridenour, their president, and Vern Sutfin has lettered titles on each of the hardboards. Eyelets have been added to each photo to facilitate hanging them from standard pegboards.

The collection will be on display in the Harris Hill lounge throughout the Nationals. Other than this showing, initial bookings will be made for periods not to exceed one week, in order to realize maximum effectiveness from the photos. The booking fee will be \$5, plus shipping costs both ways. Reservations should be made with SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

The SSA lapel emblem with screw-post or woman's pin back. \$1.00 each, tax included, from SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif. All new full Members receive one free.



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