

Club News

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In March, DSC members started recording two-hour flights in their log books instead of five-minute trips around the field.

Harry Sims soared Don Baldwin's Cherokee II 135 miles to Idalia, Colo., in an attempt to make McCook, Nebraska. By the way, Don sold his Cherokee to the glider guiders in McCook.

Fifteen-year-old Bob Hecht-Nielsen flew our club TG-3A 22 miles in an attempt to reach Elizabeth, Colo.

In April, a student and instructor decided that two hours at 13,000' were enough. They descended and entered a right-hand traffic pattern which would put them over trees at the north end of the field on final. They thought they had it made, when they entered a severe wind shear, created by the trees. The sailplane sunk rapidly in a stall and the right wing tip contacted a tree. About six feet of the wing remained in the tree and the rest of the sailplane spiraled in. The student (in front seat) sustained a broken ankle and the instructor came out with skinned arms.

We then decided to buy a used 2-22C located at Altus AFB, Oklahoma. The \$2200 price tag was made with \$1500 of our assets, accumulated through the years, and the rest with loans from members.

We hope to do some concentrated soaring with our new machine this summer.

JIM FRIEDLAND



Bud Mears with his
Prue Standard
sailplane at
Elsinore, Calif.
Bud placed second
in SCSA's Memorial
Day weekend
contest there.

Photo by
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Midwestern Soaring Assn. 7714 Woodson Raytown 38, Mo. A Chapter of SSA

The rainmakers from K.C. washed out the Wichita Meet and tried the same at Buena Vista. It hadn't rained since December in Colorado (Yes! Every Day). We still had good flying and lots of fun. We hope to break drought in Marfa, Texas, next.

We have four sailplanes in our hanger and another is expected soon.

Soloed two students recently, Larry Swinney and Steve Underwood. Steve stayed up for an hour, one of the better flights for the year. The instructors are trying to figure a handicap for such talented 16-year-olds.

The "Kleenex Caper" of Dave Lobmaster is great; we are having a ball with it.

FRANK J. LILLY

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Since the season never stops in our club, the best place to start is January, which saw Students Teton Corp, Don Dahl, Dick Gilliam, Earl Lockhart, Tom Lee and Mal Peattie working toward their first solo. Thanks to the lack of rain, we were able to keep the instructors and two TG-3's very busy. In March we slowed down while recovering the wings of one of the TG-3's and in May, we sponsored a joint contest with the various Bay Area Clubs at our Lincoln Airport. The crazy weather refused to cooperate and the first contest was a flop. May 19th, 25th and 26th produced better conditions but far from the usual action. Bruce ("Let's Go!") Beebe, Phil Miller, Dick Cook with a new Skylark 4 and several others turned in good flights, but Don Brockhurst in his 1-26 topped them all. The Sacto Boys consistently flew to a grass patch near Wheatland, about eight miles away!

Naturally, with the contest over, we have had some excellent soaring with all students staying up their allotted hour. John Baird in his Cherokee has been flitting all over the Northern Valley. The students, long suffering under the whip of Lynn Orgill, Chief Instructor, are all soloed, save for Mel Neeley, a recent addition. Corp and Lee have

their private licences and more are expected soon.

On July 4th, we moved one TG-3 to Rabbit Dry Lake which is east of Carson City, Nevada. Ed Blalock of the Reno Club served as instructor to give us the finer points of auto towing and a few helpful hints on desert flying. Corp, on his first solo at the Lake, went to 10,000' ASL. This was followed by Lee with 12,000' and Lockhart hit 10,000' the next day. Now we know why desert soaring has such a reputation. Such fantastic thermals!!

The remainder of the summer should see both of our TG-3's at Glider Valley, north of Reno, when it dries out, and the Club Nimbus should follow shortly, when repairs are complete. We hope the next report will list a bag full of Gold badges!

TOM LEE

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Ron Hedle and Richard Ball are arranging for all interested people in the Denver Area to take a high altitude physiological training course at Lowry AFB. This would include a session in the decompression chamber. If interested please contact Richard Ball, 2140 Kohler Drive, Boulder. Details will be forwarded.

In the past months we have gained several new members bringing the total to 20. In addition, Jack Bell has donated one membership to be awarded each season to a youngster selected by the club, in order that he or she may learn to soar. This season we awarded it to Leo Orr's son, Monte, who recently soloed in powered craft.

In March, Bob Kinder soloed, and in May, Sid Flook followed suit. Also, John LeCoq received his private rating.

We are arranging for a parachute jump with the Boulder Sky Divers. This will be a group indoctrination course, consisting of one day of ground school and one static line drop. Anyone interested can drop a line to Ron Hedle, Box 224, Eldorado Springs.

Our club spent the last four months building a 1-26 (from a kit) that is now flying. In the first three weeks, the ship logged 43 hours. We made a 2200' tow off our 4400' strip. Our twelve eligible pilots are now studying cross-country techniques and hazards, and how to cope with them.

A trailer for the 1-26 is being constructed from the running gear of a scrapped house trailer by our mechanical genius from Kansas, Duane Burnett, who also master-minded the club's winch.

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Seventeen sailplanes and 18 pilots appeared at Skylark Field, Elsinore, on Memorial Day, May 30th, for the first of several contests to be sponsored by SCSA and AGCSC. Six more pilots and sailplanes joined the group on Saturday and Sunday for the three-day meet. Weather conditions were marginal and the tasks were modest.