

Club News

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Antelope Valley Soaring Club El Mirage Field, Calif. A Chapter of SSA

A December membership meeting was well attended for the election of new officers. Those elected were John Reid, President, Bob Gravance, V-P, Carl Brinkmann, Sec.-Treas., and Jim Moeller, Jim Robinette and George Uveges, Directors.

The club's annual dinner and installation meeting will be held on January 12, 1963, at 7:30 P.M. in Tip's Restaurant on Highway 6. Pictures and slides will be shown after the dinner. This is the social meeting of the year and all soaring enthusiasts are invited and encouraged to bring their wives and friends. Reservations are not required. Steak will be \$3.60 and ham \$2.60 per plate, tax and tip included. We expect a good turnout and a good time.

George Uveges, our 1962 President, has our thanks, appreciation and congratulations for the fine job he has done for the club and soaring in general. George was very active in the Nationals and everyone enjoys his wonderful photographs.

Our club has had a very successful and busy year with many badges and legs acquired. There have also been many noteworthy flights and cross-country miles flown by members in their own sailplanes. Members earned seven Diamond legs, five Gold Badges, ten Gold legs, two Silver Badges, seven Silver legs, and made two Diamond distance attempts (212 miles by B. Brinkmann and 267 miles by C. Brinkmann).

The three sailplanes of the Antelope Valley Soaring Club of El Mirage Field, Calif. In the foreground is the Schweizer 1-23E, at left is a Schweizer 1-26 and behind is a Schweizer TG-3A.

Photo by George Uveges



We feel we have achieved a high level in again having three sailplanes (TG-3A, 1-26 and 1-23E). We will really be after the FAI awards in earnest with the 1-23E. John Reid has been spending many hours on the 1-23E getting it ready for wave flying. The ship will be based at Tehachapi for the next three months. John deserves public thanks for all his work on the club ships.

Member-owned sailplanes include Bob Gravance's recently finished Prue Standard, Jack Arkovich's BG-12C, Carl and Bill Brinkmann's 1-23G, Jack Beadle's L-K, and we hear Richard Jauch has a Ka-6 on its way. We can just about hold an intracub contest with all this equipment!

Paul La Frenier is back in the groove once more, flying the TG-3A and the 1-26. It's great seeing him airborne again and he has our sincerest congratulations.

We welcome Robert M. Castle and Murray B. Davis as new members and hope they have many enjoyable hours of soaring with the club.

We are looking forward to 1963 and it is our wish for a good soaring year for everyone.

CARL BRINKMANN

New Clubs

Not included in the 1962 SSA Soaring Directory

W.C.T.F. Soaring Club, Inc. 314 S. Darlington Tulsa 12, Oklahoma

Jim Whitacre and I helped organize the W.C.T.F. Soaring Club, Inc., last summer. We now have 22 members and had a very active season, after starting to fly in August. Over 350 flights were made up to the first of November. We have a nearly new 2-22C, a good winch, a Cessna 170 and Stearman towplane (lease basis). During the winter months we are flying at Brown's Airport, here in Tulsa. The winch has proved very satisfactory and economical.

C. R. "SNUFFY" SMITH

Materials Available

The SSA has a variety of items available on a free distribution basis, unless otherwise specified. Request by item number or name from SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, California.

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.