

# Club News

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## Cleveland Soaring Society 1715 The East Ohio Bldg. Cleveland 14, Ohio A Chapter of SSA

The Cleveland Club has begun its second year of operation with high hopes and happy anticipation. During the past year, we have legally incorporated and have purchased a 1-26. Our soaring site is approximately 60 miles east of Cleveland at Lenox Airport, just south of Jefferson, Ohio. Al and Harriet Wladyka, the owners of Lenox Airport, have been most helpful in making their field available to us. They have organized their own school for instruction in sailplanes, using a new 2-22C and a J-3 Cub tow ship. Thus, an excellent training program is available for the members of our club and for anyone else desiring instruction.

Elections were held recently and Bruce Kelly has been unanimously re-elected as President of our club. Bruce, as you will recall, is the "Spark Plug" of our organization and the founder. Other officers are Richard Johnson, Vice-President; Homer Johnson, Secretary; and Edward Reichel, Treasurer. As the weather becomes better, more and more of our members are getting checked out at Lenox and are flying regularly in the club 1-26. Members who have their own ships have moved them to the Lenox Airport or are in the process of doing

Home for the Chicago Glider Club is Boyd Clow's farm, 5 miles south of Naperville, Ill. The clubhouse is appended to the hangar. Three member-owned LO-150's are lined up in front of the hangar and behind them are the club's 1-23H, TG-2 (since sold) and Ka-7. Dale May's Breguet 905 is in the foreground and his Cessna 180 tug is at left.



Photo by S. A. Aldott

so. We expect that by the middle of summer, there should be no less than 5 sailplanes operating from Lenox Airport. This is the first time that any large scale soaring has been done in the Cleveland Area on a permanent basis. Dick Korda, of international fame in model flying, joined our organization this year.

We would like to hear from those of our friends who would like to join our club and use our soaring site. Please contact the writer at above address.

EDWARD R. REICHEK

## Metropolitan Airhoppers Soaring Association, Wurtsboro, N.Y., Airport A Chapter of SSA

The big news here at Wurtsboro concerns the successful completion of the first half of the Northeast States Soaring Contest. In first place after the conclusion of one weekend of the two-weekend meet, is George Moffat flying the HP-8. The team of Connie Moeller and Ev Keeler flew their 1-23G to second place, while Giles Gianelloni came in third flying his Ka-8. Trophies were awarded for the top three positions in the standings, while a special award for the best performance by a visiting club was accepted by Connie Moeller for the Nutmeg Soaring Association of Bethany, Connecticut. The contest will be concluded at Ballston Spa Airport, New York, site of the Mohawk Soaring Club, where the winner of the entire meet will be awarded the Wurtsboro Cup.

As of May 31, 1963, the number of aero tows for the year thus far stands at 520. Wurtsboro's sailplane population consists of 17 ships, the newest addition being the Wurtsboro School of Aviation's 2-22E, fresh from the Schweizer factory. The usual flurry of F.A.I. badge activity is in evidence, and has resulted in the snaring of the Gold badge altitude leg by Sigi Groh and the Silver badge altitude leg by Walt Burd.

MASA has instituted a program of monthly meetings designed to enable the membership to participate in club management decisions and enjoy an evening

of fellowship and fun. Films and refreshments are usually on each evening's agenda, and a series of interesting programs is planned for the coming months.

An invitation is extended to any pilots en route to or from the Nationals to drop in and sample some of our fine Wurtsboro soaring country. We're located just 135 miles southeast of Harris Hill as the hawk flies.

DON HOPKINS

## Central Indiana Soaring Society, Terry Airport Zionsville, Indiana A Chapter of SSA

Terry Airport, Zionsville, Indiana, has been a beehive of activity this summer as members of the Central Indiana Soaring Society have taken advantage of the gorgeous summer weekends.

We boast a small but mighty bunch of glider sliders at Terry Field, and sport several new officers. Clarence Walker is the new president; Dale Cunningham (who we swear can smell a thermal a mile away) is vice-president. Bill Swallow, a Purdue University student, is secretary and Bob Atkinson handles the money. Lowell Sanquist, the new operations chief, really keeps things moving.

Phil Geiger is working hard for his private rating and Bill Hines, at ATR airplane pilot, needs a couple more flights for his. Mrs. Bill Hines has a little longer time to go, but she's working hard, too.

Bad winter weather, colds and flu kept attendance down at monthly meetings during the snow season, but now that nice weather's here, we expect record turnouts and a multitude of new recruits. EVERYONE'S welcome at CISS . . . the more the merrier!

TERRY HINES, Publicity

## Midwestern Soaring Assn. Kansas City, Missouri A Chapter of SSA

The Midwestern Soaring Association is doing fine at E.K.C. Airport. We have a big end hangar with the 1-26 hung overhead, a TG-3 on the floor, two trailers inside, a Ka-6CR on its trailer and still room to spare.

We have been winch flying for two weekends because the towplane has two cylinders out. Launches are to 800-900 feet. Jack Bates made an hour flight in the 1-26 from one. Vic Burcham had 45 minutes.

Three of us took delivery from Major Little of his Ka-6CR on June 8th. Bob Simmons from Tulsa was by and talked about bringing his Dragonfly into the group. Charles Jackson, who is moving from Wichita to the Boston area, stopped by when he saw us winching. He plans to go to Wichita June 15-16 and to Buena Vista on July 4-7.

Major Little's new HP-9 is a beautiful ship and will put him in a position to compete with top contenders at future contests. I pried a good soaring tip from him: circle tight and practice. His presence in our area has been a real stimulant for us and the Ka-6CR he left behind is going to make its presence known.

I have not done any good soaring yet. (Still shooting landings.)

FRANK LILLY