

Letters

Check-Pilot Reports

Dear Lloyd:

I just received the May *Soaring* and want to take my hat off to Robert Forker for his outstanding report, "T-Bird Test Flight." From a qualitative flight test standpoint, it was very well done. His flowing enthusiasm and natural style of writing put me right there in the cockpit with him—and perhaps made me just a bit green with envy.

In any case, I feel we need more of this type of "check-pilot report" in future issues of *Soaring*. By being factual, straightforward and honest and letting the chips fall where they may, such reports can furnish the soaring fraternity invaluable information on the various sailplanes flying today. They will, at the very least, give us poor peasants a feel for some of the finer things in life.

I nominate Bob Forker as official SSA Check Pilot.

CAPT. ALFRED H. UHALT, JR., USAF
Box 2281, Edwards AFB, Calif.

Proud Parent

Dear Editor:

My son Jimmy Johnson started soaring in February, 1963, and soloed a 2-22C on his 14th birthday, April 11th.

MRS. J. S. JOHNSON
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Soaring in Greece

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find 25 cents for which please forward me a copy of your pamphlet "Soaring in America." I am a member at present of the Royal Aero Club of Greece and upon my return to the United States in a few months am interested in continuing my soaring.

For the information of anyone who might be interested, the Royal Aero Club is operating two Polish-made Bocian, twin-place training sailplanes. There are two other single-place planes owned by the club but at present they are not used due to the financial condition of the club, i.e., insurance. Launching is done by the use of a high-speed winch or through the use of one PT-13 biplane about 30 years old, which nevertheless manages to do the job. At present there are approximately 10 Americans in the club of which possibly five are actively engaged in soaring. There are about 25 Greek members in the club. Unfortunately it is the only aeroclub in Greece.

GLENN G. BARNES, DAC
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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.

R. V. Hawker
Long Island Soaring Assn.

Dr. Arthur R. Greenwood

It is with regret that we must report the death of Dr. Arthur R. Greenwood of Colorado Springs, Colo., on May 5, 1963. His life was lost when the right wing of the 1-26 sailplane he was flying failed and he did not bail out. There were no witnesses but another sailplane pilot in the vicinity at the same time reported 1500-fpm lift under 15,000-ft. cloud bases. The wing panel landed 1200 ft. away from the fuselage. A detailed report of the accident will be published in a future issue of *Soaring* after a thorough investigation has been made.

Dr. Greenwood had been a member of SSA since May, 1962, and was active with the Pikes Peak Soaring Assn. He had acquired 50 flights in sailplanes, totalling 12 hours of sailplane time.

FAI Awards Article Error

An error in the article on "FAI Soaring Awards Rules and Procedures" which appeared in the March issue of *Soaring* has been located by an applicant for the Silver badge altitude leg. His application was inadvertently returned on the basis of the incorrect conversion of the 1000-meters minimum requirement to 3821 ft. The figure should read 3281. It is suggested that readers correct their copies of that issue on page 13, 2nd column, 10th line; also, those who have purchased reprints of the article should make the correction.

15th Canadian National Soaring Championships

Hawkesbury Airfield, Ontario
July 16-25, 1963

If, for any reason, you are unable to enter the U.S. Nationals, or you have plenty of vacation left over, why not enter the Canadian Championships?

If you are interested, send for full details.

Contest Director
Montreal Soaring Council
P.O. Box 1082, St. Laurent
Montreal 9, P.Q., Canada

Calendar

Items listed in bold face type are to be sanctioned by SSA.

June 15-16. Sailplane Rally, Strother Field, Winfield/Arkansas City, Kansas.

June 15-16. 1-26 Regatta, Tehachapi, Calif., Airport. Sponsored by Holiday Soaring School.

June 16. Bill Sweet's National Air Show with soaring demonstrations and sailplane aerobatics added. 1:00 P.M. TSA Gliderport, 6 mi. S. of Grand Prairie, Tex.

June 21-23. 15th Midwest Soaring Meet, Dick Schreder Airport, Bryan, Ohio (10 mi. S. of Ohio Turnpike Interchange #2.

July 2-12. 30th Annual U.S. National Soaring Championships, Harris Hill, Elmira, N. Y.

July 4-7. Annual Buena Vista, Colo., Soaring Expedition. Contact Dave Johnson, 625 Berglund Rd., Rte. 1, Colorado Springs, Colo.

July 4-7. Soaring Contest, sponsored by SCSA. Site not firm, most likely Taft, Calif.

July 10. Annual Meeting of SSA, 8 p.m., Administration Bldg., Harris Hill, Elmira, N.Y.

July 12. SSA Directors' Meeting, Elmira, N.Y.

July 16-25. Canadian National Soaring Championships, Hawkesbury, Ontario, Airport.

July 20—Aug. 4. Soaring Record Camp, El Mirage Field, Calif.

July 22-26. Northwest Regional Soaring Contest, Sun Valley, Idaho.

July 30-Aug. 4. 11th Annual EAA Fly-In, Rockford, Ill., Municipal Airport.

August 3-11. Philadelphia Glider Council's Annual Open House, PGC Gliderport, 5 mi. N. of Chalfant, Pa., on Hwy. 152.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1. 4th Illini Soaring Meet (Regional Championships), U of I—Willard Airport, Savoy, Ill.

August 31-Sept. 2. 9th Annual Schweizer 1-26 One-Design Soaring Regatta, Harris Hill, Elmira, N.Y.

Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Soaring Contest, El Mirage Field, Calif. Sponsored by SCSA.