

Coming Events

SSA has received the following information concerning forthcoming soaring events:

1963 Sebring Sailplane Gaggle, April 20-21, Sebring, Florida, Air Terminal. Bivouac at Clayton's Motel, Saturday dinner at Tomae's. Two towplanes are confirmed, a third is probable. Complete informality is to prevail as at previous "Gaggles," however a Silver Cup will be presented to the last pilot down on Saturday after being airborne one hour or more. Most of the 12 available sailplanes in South Florida are expected, including one rental 1-26, and it is hoped to draw some from other areas. Sebring is still off airways! Main organizer is Lou Rehr, Box 3336, Lantana, Fla.

Northwest Regional Soaring Contest, July 22-26, Friedman Memorial Airport, Hailey (near Sun Valley), Idaho. Co-sponsors are the Columbia Basin Soaring Assn., the Sun Valley Soaring Assn., and the Idaho Wing, Civil Air Patrol. Towplanes will be available on the preceding and following weekends. Three categories are planned, as follows: Class A, Open, record-type tasks; Class B, for medium-performance sailplanes, separate, moderate tasks if enough

attend; Class C, for pilots making FAI badge flights, no launching priority. Nationals-type rules will be used and the event is to be sanctioned by SSA. Main organizers are Louis Stur, SSA State Governor for Idaho, Box 148, Sun Valley, and Maj. Edward H. Butts, Jr., USAF, CAP Liaison Officer, Rte. 2, Municipal Airport, Twin Falls, Idaho. Ed has laid out some courses which will involve some very spectacular alpine soaring but, Ed assures, a choice of many more landing places than the Mojave Desert!

New Contest Board Chairman

William S. Ivans, SSA President, has announced that Sterling V. Starr is now Chairman of the SSA Contest Board, a position held by Ivans for a number of years prior to his election as president. Sterling had been Chairman of the SSA Rules Committee, a part of the Contest Board, and will continue that responsibility until a successor is selected. He will retain the other committee chairmen of the Contest Board, Helen R. Dick for FAI Awards, Paul A. Schweizer for International Team, and Bertha M. Ryan for Records Homologation.

30TH ANNUAL U.S. NATIONAL SOARING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Harris Hill — Elmira, New York — July 2-12, 1963

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PILOTS

ENTRY DEADLINE — MAY 2, 1962

In view of the great interest shown in this event, it is possible that entries may have to be limited. In order to provide for this possibility, the SSA Directors passed the following resolution at the recent Mid-winter Directors' Meeting:

Deadline for application to enter the National Championships will be sixty days prior to start of the contest. If it is necessary to restrict the number of entrants because of available facilities, applicants with Diamond goal or Diamond distance awards who apply before the deadline will be assured of acceptance. Gold Badge distance award holders will then be accepted in sequence of application postmark. All entries will be made on official blanks requested from the sponsor and accompanied by one-half of the entry fee, which will not be returned if the entry is accepted. After the deadline, applications from all those having at least the Gold Badge distance award will be accepted in order of their application postmark until the maximum number of permissible entrants is obtained.

Be sure of competing. Send in your request for an application to the Elmira Area Soaring Corporation, 224 William St., Elmira, N.Y.

Calendar

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

March 16. 18th Annual General Meeting of the Soaring Association of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.

April 6-14. Wave Soaring Meet, Cook's Field, Pincher Creek, Alberta.

April 20-21. 1963 Sebring Sailplane Gaggle, Sebring, Fla., Air Terminal.

April 27-28. 3rd Annual Sky Sailing Regatta, Sky Sailing Airport, Fremont, Calif.

April 27-28. 4th Tarheel Soaring Roundup, Burlington, N.C., Municipal Airport.

May 25, 26, 30, June 1, 2. CBSA Memorial Day Soaring Contest, Vista Field, Kennewick, Wash.

May 30-June 2. Mid-Atlantic Regional Soaring Meet, Westminster, Md., Airport.

May 30-June 2. 15th Annual Wright Memorial Glider Meet, Richmond, Ind., Municipal Airport.

May 30-June 2. Soaring Meet, Elsinore, Calif. Sponsor: SCSA.

May 30-June 2. 2nd Annual Wisconsin Soaring Meet, Watertown, Wis., Airport.

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

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

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

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

Dates to be announced. Northeast States Championship Meet, Wurtsboro, N.Y., co-sponsors Metropolitan-Airhoppers Soaring Assn., Inc., and Mohawk Soaring Club, Inc. Expected to be sanctioned.

Clubs are requested to notify Soaring Magazine as soon as they set dates for any soaring event.

To obtain SSA sanction for a soaring competition or meet, obtain application forms and instructions from Sterling V. Starr, Chairman, SSA Contest Board, 820 Gage Dr., San Diego 6, Calif. Submit application form to the same address with \$25 fee (\$10 for SSA Chapters).