

KNOW YOUR DIRECTORS

There continues here a series of biographical and autobiographical sketches of the 28 SSA Directors.

T. E. Sharp

Ted Sharp is an SSA Director-at-Large for 1963. He resides at 4624 Placidia Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. His soaring autobiography follows:

I was born in Boston, Mass., March 30, 1919, and grew up in Brookline, Mass. I graduated from Harvard College in 1941. While at Harvard, I was initiated into the science of soaring in an Aeronautical Meteorology course given by Dr. Karl O. Lange. I entered the Supply Corps of the Navy in the summer of 1941. For 20 years I served as a Supply Officer in the Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Bayonne and Earle, New Jersey, and in USS Sperry, USS Roanoke, and various aircraft carriers.

When I was assigned to the Army Market Center in Los Angeles in 1956, I bought a home next door to Dr. Harner Selvidge, and was soon engrossed in learning to fly a Pratt-Read, crewing for him in his 1-26, and eventually in the organization of the Southern California Soaring Assn. and the SSA.

I earned my C Badge when I soloed the SCSA Pratt-Read in 1957. I earned my Silver Badge in 1961 in the Selvidge 1-26. Dr. Selvidge and I owned a 2-22C for several years, the one most often seen in the Schweizer ads. Right now we

T. E. Sharp, SSA treasurer, in the cockpit of his 2-22C.



are patiently awaiting a Schweizer 2-32.

I retired from the Navy in 1961 and am now employed as Admissions Officer at San Fernando Valley State College. I have been a Director of SCSA for several years and am now Vice-President. I relieved Dr. Selvidge as Treasurer of SSA when he was elected President and was again elected Treasurer for the current year.

My family consists of my wife, Betty, two daughters, Susan and Jackie, and two sons, Stanley and Billy.

Probably my only significant contribution to soaring as a whole has been the publication of the SSA calendar over the past several years.



William H. Coverdale, Jr., Chairman of SSA's Long-Range Planning Committee, working on his HP-11 wings.

William H. Coverdale, Jr.

Bill Coverdale, Route 2, Waynesville, Ohio, is one of two SSA Regional Directors representing region 6 (the Midwest, consisting of Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana). He has been a Life Member of SSA for about twelve years and a member for ten years before that. He has been a Director of SSA for about ten years and is presently Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. At one time he was in charge of issuing FAI badges.

Bill presently owns Ka-7 and Ka-8 sailplanes and has an HP-11 under construction. He holds the Gold badge with two Diamonds and a commercial glider pilot certificate. He held the world goal-and-return record from 1952 to 1955. He is a life member of the Soaring Society of Dayton and flies about 150 hours per year at Richmond, Indiana, and

at local contests in the midwest. He crewed in the World Soaring Championships in Germany for Bikle and in Argentina for Schreder.



Dr. Harner Selvidge, Chairman of SSA's Publications Committee.

Dr. Harner Selvidge

Dr. Selvidge is an SSA Director-at-Large for 1963 and resides at 3177 Maiden Lane, Altadena, Calif., in SSA region 12. There follows his soaring biography.

Dr. Selvidge first flew in 1927 in a Waco 9 in his home town of Columbia, Missouri. His first glider flight, in which he was all of 10 feet off the ground, was in a Waco Primary a few years later.

His gliding was resumed in 1954 when he joined the Vultures Club in Detroit, Michigan. He holds the Gold soaring badge (U.S. #68) with two diamonds and a current FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate with single engine land and sea, glider and glider instructor ratings.

In 1957, Dr. Selvidge was elected Treasurer of the Soaring Society of America, a position he held until 1959 when he was elected President. He was re-elected to a second term in 1960, and in 1961 he took over the chairmanship of the Publications Committee, a position he still holds. Dr. Selvidge also represented the SSA on the General Aviation Council in 1959 and 1960 and since 1960, he has been the U. S. alternate member to the FAI Gliding Commission. His other efforts on behalf of soaring include authoring Chapter 7 of the *American Soaring Handbook* on Instruments and Oxygen and the managing of the soaring exhibitions at the World Congress of Flight in 1958 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. Selvidge holds BS and MS