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In 1960, Dr. Selvidge resigned from Bendix to become a partner with Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr., in Meteorology Research, Inc., in Pasadena, California. He is the Vice President and General Manager of this organization.

### Final Call for Statistical Study Questionnaires

Last fall some 600 SSA members and all U.S. soaring clubs were mailed questionnaires on their soaring activities as part of a special research project. So far only 64% of the clubs and 58% of the individuals have responded. At least 66% should be returned for the statistical sampling to have significant meaning. To all those who still have their questionnaires, please fill them in and return as requested, even though it is past the original deadline. Results of the study will aid SSA in making plans and recommendations about the future development of American soaring.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Robert R. Moan

Silver Badge Number 452

After a brief, heroic battle with cancer, Bob Moan left us on Saturday, March 30, 1963.

He left behind him a host of friends, pleasant memories and kindnesses. He truly knew the art of being a friend. His own skill and delight in soaring made sharing his company a real pleasure. His ever willing spirit of "helping out" lightened many a task for all of us.

We in the Orange County Soaring Association and his many "flying friends" will truly miss him.

CARL WALTERS

## SSA Membership Suggestion Contest Winners and Prizes

The Soaring Society of America, Inc., conducted a two-section membership contest for the last seven months of 1962. Winners of one section, for number-of-members-obtained, were announced in the February issue of *Soaring*. Entries in the other section, for suggestions on how to promote soaring and/or SSA, have recently been judged by the members of SSA's Membership Committee. A total of 55 suggestions were submitted and the following three were judged to be the best:

1st—"We must make the general public aware of soaring. Let's participate more at aeronautical, scientific and sports shows and conventions."—submitted by Fred E. Clark.

2nd—"Local newspapers (should) be constantly informed of area soaring activities by a designated member."—submitted by Neal Ridenour.

3rd—(Have) "Volunteer members to act as teams that would concentrate on promoting soaring to various civic and aviation groups via movies and informative meetings."—submitted by Verne Jobst.

Fred Clark received as first prize a Cook electric variometer donated by Schweizer Aircraft Corp. Neal Ridenour received a back-pack parachute donated by Midwest Parachute and Verne Jobst a sensitive airspeed indicator donated by Geta-bury Glider Gauges.

It should be noted here that an error was made in the list of prize winners in the number-of-members-obtained contest as published in the February issue. A few new members had credited Les Arnold for their joining so he was inadvertently carried as an entrant. However, he did not make an effort to compete because he was an SSA Director and therefore not eligible to win a prize.

SSA appreciates the parts played by the contestants, prize donors and membership committee in the conduct of this contest. Soaring enthusiasts are urged to take action on the above suggestions when appropriate to help promote soaring. Other suggestion contest entries will be published in future issues of *Soaring* to give other ideas on how to expand this great sport.

### 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. List of Soaring Clubs. 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. For 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 May 1, 1963.

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 39. State Soaring Records Rules and Application Form. Available from State Governors or SSA.

Item 42. List of Foreign Aero Clubs and Soaring Centers. Addresses to use when writing for information about soaring abroad.