

Canadian News

Edited by DAVE KING

Items for this page should reach Dave King, 220 Iona St., Ottawa 3, by the 5th for the next month's *Soaring*. Photographs are welcome, but can't be returned. Copy should be about as you want it to read. Newsletters are welcome but we don't always have time to re-vamp them into items suitable for *Soaring*. "Letters to the editor" are invited.

The Nationals

The 1963 Nationals are being organized by the Montreal Soaring Council. The meet will run from July 16th to 25th. The site is Hawkesbury, Ontario, airport, a good grass field just west of Hawkesbury, halfway between Montreal and Ottawa. Take Ontario highway 17 or 34.

Entries are invited from the United States and other countries. Hawkesbury is only about 50 miles from the Roosevelt international bridge at Cornwall, the nearest border-crossing point.

If any reader would like further information, please write to the Contest Director, Montreal Soaring Council, Box 1082, St. Laurent, Montreal 9, Quebec.

TERRY R. BEASLEY

Edmonton Soaring Club Box 293, Edmonton, Alberta An SAC Member Club

Well, spring is here, the ground is clear, the thermals are 20 up and are calling the enthusiasts of the Edmonton Soaring Club!

SAC president Terry Beasley, left, at the 1963 Annual Meeting, with Canada's standard class pilots for the Internationals, Charles Yeates and Wolf Mix, right. Terry is holding the Canadair Trophy awarded to Julien Audette, Regina, for the best five flights of 1962. At left is the Shell Bowl for the Canadian championship, won by Wolf. The spike at centre is the tip of the British Aviation Insurance Trophy won by Dave Webb for the best flight of 1962, 325 miles to a goal.

Photo by Dominion Wide



Our new Executive is as follows: President, Don McLaughlin; Vice-President, John Pomietlarz; Treasurer, Don MacDonald; Secretary, Dan Key; C.F.I., Ross Grady; and other Directors, Chris Falconar and Roy Olson.

This is an able group to handle the affairs of a fast-growing club.

Many in the Edmonton area have shown an interest in soaring and a number of new members this year is certain.

On March 13th our club had a most successful evening to mark the return of three of our club members who were at the World Soaring Championships at Junjn, Argentina, Jim Reid, Roy Olson, and Ross Grady who was Captain of the Canadian Team. Also with our fellows was Cliff Sunderland of the Montreal Soaring Council whose occupation has brought him to Edmonton temporarily. With their suntans, they looked more like Argentine natives than Canadians! Ross showed a very interesting film on soaring by Schweizer Aircraft Corp., and the slides they had taken themselves. Also on display were numerous postcards, money samples and souvenirs of South America, which were most interesting to us all.

A most informative ground school is at present in progress on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, for four weeks, in the lounge of Falconar Aircraft here in Edmonton. The subjects and instructors are: Theory of Flight, Chris Falconar; Air Regulations, George McNutt; Instrument, Don McLaughlin; Meteorology, Navigation and Maps, and Review & Examinations, Ross Grady, C.F.I.

The E.S.C. is looking forward to a successful season of soaring, training and progress in '63.

WALLY OWEN

Moose Jaw (601 Wing) Soaring Club, Box 665, Moose Jaw, Sask. An SAC Member Club

Now that spring is just around the corner members are thinking in terms of getting up in the sky again. The Executive has been busy since election with administration work, getting the 2-22C cleaned up and ready for the C of A and putting money into the treasury so that the monthly financial commitments can be kept with the bank.

During the first year of operation it was thought that the monthly meetings would be general meetings as it was felt that all members would have a real interest in the formation work of the Club but it was found that this was not true, so at the Annual meeting it was decided that only the Executive would meet regularly. This has worked out very well with at least one meeting per month and a good attendance each time. The Charter has now been approved by the Government. Operating Rules are ready for printing. Completed are the Study Guide to qualify for the written examination and the operating procedure for the 2-22C as outlined by Schweizer. These will be given to each member.

To date, fifteen have renewed their memberships in full and one new member has paid up in full. Weather permitting, we plan to start our training April 6th. It is planned to try some car tows this year but the club may experience some inconvenience due to construction of new runways. However when this is completed we'll have use of a 7,000-ft. strip. Student training will take place on weekends and any evening students are available, providing of course, the airport isn't being used by the Air Force.

Besides the activities of the Executive, I have been busy giving talks, showing movies and slides to local groups. I attended two regular monthly meetings of service clubs, one teen-age group and one Father and Son Banquet. Two more meetings are planned for April. On Saturday, March 23rd, three members, Rigby Staimson, Ralph Heard and Dennis Smale did an air tow over Moose Jaw and a crowd gatherer at West-Air Airport to watch much-publicized para-jumps by two of the local radio announcers and a jump show of a fall from 10,000 ft. by an experienced jumper. Boy, the rate of fall is greater than with a glider, even after the chute has opened.

BOB SHIRLEY

Red Deer Soaring Assn. 4730 Ross, Red Deer, Alta. An SAC Member Club

The Red Deer Soaring Association is pleased to have the opportunity of again acting as host to gliding and soaring enthusiasts of Western Canada during the 24th of May weekend. (May 18, 19, 20). The 2nd Annual Red Deer Soaring Meet will be held at our base of operations, Big Bend Airport, 5 miles west of Innisfail, and all are welcome to attend. Once again the R.C.A.F. has granted permission for use of the field