

## Tri-Cities Soaring Society Endicott, New York

The Tri-Cities club has had a very active season. Our membership has increased from 19 to 25, with the prospect of several more in the near future. Our instructors, Joe Perrucci and Stan Tombs, have put in a great deal of time and have soloed seven students this summer. To date, a total of 459 flights have been made in the 2-22C and 145 flights in the 1-26.

The most exciting event for everyone was the club's decision to enter the 1-26 Regatta at Harris Hill, in Elmira, N.Y., over Labor Day weekend. We all expected to have a great deal of fun, but since it was our first competition flying no one really expected to win, and to our pleasant surprise we won the Club Championship trophy. The four pilots who flew were John Fabac, Jerry Morris, Stan Tombs, and Bob Walters.

Another exciting feature of the week-end was the Le Mans Assembly Race. The crew, consisting of John Fabac, Jerry and Joan Morris, and Bob Butler, managed to not fumble or drop pins and bolts and won first place in the First Timer's Division. The champagne was most enjoyable.

A bit of repair work was required later on the 1-26 because Bob Walters, on the task to Dansville, landed in back of a motel. Joe Perrucci had warned us against children eagerly approaching the plane, but had neglected to give instruction on what to do when three dogs decided to fight on the wing. Fortunately, not much damage was done, either to Bob or the 1-26.

Although not much flying time is left, the winter will be an active time for the club, also. Joe Perrucci and Stan Tombs are busy building two HP-11's, and as a result of flying the 1-26 in the Regatta and seeing how well it performed, John Fabac and Joan and Jerry Morris have become partners in purchasing a 1-26 kit and hope to have it flying next spring. The club also plans to put new fabric on the wings of the 1-26. (The dog fight didn't help any.)

This brings us pretty well up to date on our activities. We hope to see some of you at Harris Hill for the Snowbird Meet in November.

JOAN MORRIS

## New Clubs

Not included in the 1962  
SSA Soaring Directory

**Mid-Michigan Soaring  
Society**  
1638 Wealthy St., S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

We are in the process of organizing the Mid-Michigan Soaring Society which will be set up at Hastings Municipal Airport, Hastings, Michigan. This is a small community located almost equal distance from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, and Lansing, Michigan.

We have progressed to the point of filing our Articles of Incorporation, have set up our bylaws, and purchased a



Photo by EAA

An aerial view of the tiedown area of the Rockford Airport during the EAA Fly-In. Tents were used for various exhibits and facilities.

Stinson L-5E towplane, and are placing an order for a Ka-7 two-place sailplane.

In our bylaws, it states that this organization will be affiliated with the Soaring Society of America, as will all individual members in the organization. Application for SSA Chapter status is expected to be made in the near future.

ERNEST L. BATES

**Cumulus Soaring Assn.**  
20 W. 84th St., N.Y. 24

This new club of 13 members is based at Sky Manor, Pittstown, N.J. It has just incorporated and purchased a new Schweizer 2-22E. An effort will be made to achieve SSA Chapter status and submit periodic news for this column.

CHRISTOPHER GEROULD

**Hereford Soaring Club**  
503 Plains Ave.  
Hereford, Texas

Our new club of 12 members has purchased Wally Scott's 1-26 and we have a 2-22, also.

DON STEELE

**Lamesa Soaring Assn.**  
406 South Austin  
Lamesa, Texas

We have just formed a new soaring club as named above. Officers are as follows: President, Bill Dunn; V-P, Melvin Fiedler; and Sec.-Treas., Gene Lee. We will send in a more detailed report for "Club News" in the near future.

BILL DUNN

**Piedmont Soaring Club**  
35 Altacrest Dr.  
Greenville, S.C.

This new club just got started in October and should be incorporated by November. We are buying a TG-3A, N1536M, from the Soarheads in Florida. A full report will follow as soon as we get under way.

RAY IRION

## EAA Fly-In

At the invitation of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the SSA again participated in the EAA's Annual Fly-In held at the Greater Rockford Municipal Airport, Illinois, July 30 thru August 3. Karl Schaarschmidt and Gil Fuller provided tows for Dick Schreder, Fred Flood, Hannes Hagspiel, Doc Mosher, Herb Combs and Gene Grieshaber. Hannes kept his Ka-7 flying all day by giving rides to interested spectators.

Tony Doherty, of the Schweizer Aircraft Company, displayed a partially-completed 1-26 in one of the exhibit tents. Walter Haufe of Neenah, Wisconsin, flew his auxiliary-powered original design sailplane. A Schweizer 1-19 powered by three small engines was flown, also.

Over 200 amateur-built aircraft and 119 antique aircraft came to the meet. At one time the total count of aircraft on the field exceeded 2800. Total aircraft operations taking off, landing, or flying by during the Fly-In were almost 15,000. On one day, Saturday, there were 4766, exceeding last year's world record by 50%.

The statistics indicate aircraft operations were as thick as flies. Amongst all this activity six sailplanes were towed aloft many times without incident. The meet provided an excellent opportunity to expose the public to soaring with over 250,000 spectators, including over 2500 EAA members.

GENE GRIESHABER