

Club News

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Chicago Glider Club 342 Redbud Drive Naperville, Illinois A Chapter of SSA

Our club has increased further during the last weeks, the latest count being 40 members.

The concrete floor in our hangar has been poured a few weeks and makes the place look real nice. The adjacent clubhouse is nearly completed with running water and toilet working like a charm.

Five of our members went to the Nationals with their ships and Alex with his camera, the largest participation of our club at the Nationals so far.

Diamond prospecting has not been too successful due to adverse weather. Our most active prospector is still Doc "Moon" Mullen who is accumulating quite a record of X-C miles. His wife Doris recently got her private glider rating in addition to numerous power ratings and if she continues at Moon's pace in gliding we are sure that a few records in the feminine category are going to tumble pretty soon.

Dieter Schmitt, member of the German National Gliding Team that took part in the Nationals at Elmira, visited our place in July. He brought with him a new Ka-6 for our member Winfried Rudloff which takes the place of Kit Drew's Ka-6 that was sold to Detroit.

A few weeks ago Dick Schreder hopped over to our field at Rockford and gave quite a demonstration of the per-

formance of his HP-11. As a result of this many of our members have lapsed into a HP-11 psychosis. We don't mind and wish that other soaring pilots would "hop over" too.

DR. HARTMUT SCHMIDT, M.D.

Hawkeye Soaring Club 200 Snell Building Fort Dodge, Iowa A Chapter of SSA

Can a 'hawk soar? Sure it can. Especially in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where "The Hawk," a kit-built Schweizer 2-22C, soars almost daily. And members of Iowa's first soaring club, The Hawkeye Soaring Club, Inc., are mighty proud of the fruits of their labors.

Soaring is finding fast friends in the city billed as Friendly Fort Dodge. For twenty assorted business, professional, farming and laboring people are discovering the silent fascination of the world's greatest flying sport. Since early spring when "The Hawk" took shape the excitement of soaring, brought to Fort Dodge by warm weather winter vacations of brothers Dr. Paul and Don Kersten (psychiatrist and attorney), has fanned a bundle of interest.

This interest, besides culminating in gliding and excellent soaring flights terminated only by hunger or cold, has also been evidenced by: purchase of Mr. Harold Drew's (Detroit) 1-26 . . . near completion of a Drew winch (through the good services of engineer-sailplane enthusiast Bud Mandelko) . . . acquisition of four parachutes, barograph and related soaring paraphernalia . . . near assemblage of a two-way radio system (Dr. Paul Kersten's wireless finesse) . . . addition of a half dozen new members . . . Bill Nessler's accreditation as glider pilot instructor . . . illustrated feature stories in the Des Moines Sunday Register and the Fort Dodge Messenger . . . air show demonstrations on frequent week ends . . . and entering competition in the Annual Midwest Soaring Meet (Champaign, Illinois-Labor Day Weekend) . . . just to name a few.

Plans are currently being formulated for Iowa's first Soaring Meet and Air Show to be held in the early puffs of

summer '64 . . . which is hoped to be the first of many such events.

"Soaring is good in Iowa," says President Don Kersten and a dozen and a half fellow pilots second his invitation to other glider pilots about the country to "Come sample Fort Dodge soaring . . . and hospitality!"

DR. DUANE SCHMIDT

Soaring Society of Dayton Richmond, Ind., Airport A Chapter of SSA

Better than average conditions have prevailed during the earlier part of the summer. Five-hour duration legs have been earned by Alex Stolley, Bob Nelson and Jim Hurst. Several visitors completed Silver badge requirements during the 15th Wright Memorial Meet, May 30-June 2. A. J. Smith, flying his Sisu, was declared winner. Ideal weather existed throughout the contest, which drew more than 20 entries.

Walt Wilson, Bob Nelson and Jim Hurst bought a 1-23 in the spring and have flown it 60 hours already. Joe Bearden and Alex Stolley journeyed to Maine in May to pick up a 1-23B which has since accumulated 40 hours. Two Members who entered the Nationals sustained damage to their planes. Bill Coverdale had one wing of his Ka-8 severely damaged during a windstorm (a replacement wing has been received) and Phil Paul's Weihe is out of action due to fuselage separation incurred during an off-airport landing at Elmira.

Mahoney (1-26), Coverdale (Ka-8) and Bearden (1-23B) enjoyed the near perfect weather during the Midwest Soaring Meet at Bryan on June 21-23. (The writer, along with many others I'm sure, exceeded Silver badge requirements all three days.) Contests such as the Wright Memorial and the Midwest Meet contribute a great deal to the soaring movement by bringing together so many who enjoy competition and fellowship with each other. One of the big rewards of soaring is getting to know the pilots, families and sailplanes around the country.

SSD purchased a second L-5 in June and will have fitted a new engine by September. The original club L-5, which was purchased in 1951, made its 10,000th tow on July 4th. With Julian Allen, Secretary, flying the L-5, the club 2-22C was towed to 7500' with Joe Bearden, President, and Pat Close, Chief of Operations, at the controls (8640' MSL). It is probable that this establishes some kind of record for number of tows on a single club airplane.

Six members received Private Ratings on May 17th; Jim Hurst, Buz Smith, Walt Wilson, Alex Stolley, Max Marshall and Dick Shepherd. New members who have reached the solo stage are Cora Riber, Judy Graham, Alan Wigger, Jerry Crocker, Doug Bode and Buck Arnold. Other members in training are Ken Payne, Al Levinson, Ken Finck and Charles Adams.

Phil Paul's slides from the Internationals, Ed Stokes' movies from England and Paul's slides made in Italy and the Alps have contributed greatly to the programs at monthly meetings. The annual Christmas party is planned for December 7th.

For the first time in several years the

