

Canadian News

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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.

FAI Badges for Soaring

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C Badges

- 533. Jim Bader, Willowdale, Ont.
- 534. Paul Hurst, Ahuntsic, Que.
- 535. William Yankewicz, Winnipeg
- 536. Tannis Yankewicz, Winnipeg
- 537. Gordon Bogora, Hyattsville, Md.
- 538. A. E. P. Watson, Sarnia, Ont.
- 539. Reinhard Geertz, Toronto, Ont.
- 540. Walter McKinnon, Red Deer, Alta.
- 541. Kerry Bissell, Red Deer, Alta.
- 542. V. H. Speer, Red Deer, Alta.

Silver Badges

- 114. Gordon Bogora, Hyattsville, Md.
- 115. Duncan Marshall, Regina, Sask.
- 116. Robert Kurzwernhart, Whitby, Ont.

Gold Badges

- 21. Wilbur Eley, Colonsay, Sask.
- 22. Richard Cook, Palo Alto, Calif.

Diamond Badge Completed

- 2. Ross Grady, Edmonton, Alta.
(Tentative, International Number applied for)

Goal Diamonds

- Dick Ballinger, St. Catherine, Ont.
- Wilbur Eley, Colonsay, Sask.
- Richard Cook, Palo Alto, Calif.

Legs for Gold Badges

- Dick Ballinger (Dist), St. Cathreine, Ontario

Legs for Silver Badges

- (A—Altitude, D—Dist., E—Endurance)
- Robert Audette, D, Regina, Sask.
- John Whelan, A, Hull, Que.
- Willy Berg, A/E, Toronto, Ont.
- Paul Hurst, A, Ahuntsic, Que.
- D. F. MacDonald, A/E, Edmonton, Alta.
- Joseph Dennis, D, Shawanigan, Que.
- Arland Benn, D, Ottawa, Ont.
- Kerry Bissell, A, Red Deer, Alta.
- V. H. Speer, A, Red Deer, Alta.

Edmonton Soaring Club Box 293, Edmonton, Alta. An SAC Member Club

The 1963 soaring season is proving to be an active one for our club. Our move from Stony Plain to Cooking Lake Air Base was, of course, the big event and is proving to be excellent. With one 2700-foot strip and one 4000-foot strip, take-off and landing conditions are much improved. The close proximity to the lake hasn't been too hard on the thermals and in general flying conditions are favorable.

Excellent facilities are available in the lodge, including double rooms for those who wish to stay on a weekend, and meals, snacks, soft drinks, etc., are also available. This airport is managed by Mr. Art Spooner who has wide experience in

the technical field of aviation and is willing and able to give us advice when necessary.

Our next concern is to build hangar facilities to protect club and private ships from those cold winter winds.

Several nice flights have been made by some of our fellows, including Frank Scheibein, with 3:42 hr. on July 14th, in the Club's 1-26; and Gero Von Dehn with 2:01 hr. on July 13th, in his Cherokee. Dave MacClement and Horst Starch decided to go thermal-hopping one day in the Club's TG-2, and were aloft for over two hours. Since one of our instructors, Roy Olson, is absent during the summer months with his Curling Supply business, and another, Jim Reid, has moved away, a very heavy demand was placed on the remaining instructors, John Pomietlarz, Ivan Horvath, and Ross Grady. To relieve some of the pressure from them, Don MacDonald, qualified for his instructor's rating, and at the time of this writing, Horst Strach, has taken the necessary steps to qualify. Horst is one of the senior members of our club, and will prove to be a real asset in the field of instruction. In July, three students soloed in two days; namely, Doug Murray, Bruce Taylor and your writer. All our training was in the club's TG-2. However, we had the privilege of soloing the Club Schweizer 1-26. We all look forward to our C Badges and licenses in this fascinating sport.

WALLY OWEN

Southern Ontario Soaring Assn., Box 172, Brantford, Ont. An SAC Member Club

As the recent Canadian National Soaring Contest will have been covered elsewhere I will not comment on this event, except to give a vote of thanks to the Montreal Soaring Council for the excellent way they organized everything except the weather!!!

Those of us who attended the meet at Hawkesbury were pleasantly surprised on our return to Brantford to find that three more units of the club fleet are now sporting brand new colour schemes, white with red and black trim. This means that all club ships except the 1-19 are now bearing the club's unofficial colours. Barry Gelder has done an excellent job with the spray gun. He seems to have a flair for artistic paint work.

Despite the absence of several instructors and one Super Cub for the duration of the Nationals, flying continued at a reasonably good rate during July, and we are now two-thirds of the way toward our goal of 3000 flights for the season. A fair amount of midweek flying, which included a five-hour flight by newcomer W. McLaughlin, has helped in this respect.

By the time this article appears the S.O.S.A. will have lost its President and long time member, Charlie Yeates. "Chuck" will be sorely missed at Brantford; we are all sorry to see him go, but wish him lots of luck in his new position with Avon Cosmetics in Montreal. We expect to hear of all kinds of record flights from Hawkesbury in the near future. Soaring conditions can't always be as bad as the last two weeks in July, and if you want to know what it was

like then, ask Dick Schreder about Hawkesbury's "half-metre thermals."

JOHN A. KELLEY

The York Soaring Assn. Box 153, Don Mills, Ontario An SAC Member Club

Our flying week was attended by seven regulars and several occasional participants. The regulars camped out on the airfield so that an early start was made each day. No spectacular flights were made, but the week was considered a success and we look forward to it becoming an annual event. As a result of the more intensified flying, Fred Simpkins was able to solo.

We have another instructor now, as Gil Purcell has received his endorsement. Gil is quite happy to allow someone else to pay for his flying time.

Our membership is still expanding. In recent weeks we have acquired four new members.

On Saturday, July 27th, we had a Ka-8 in from the Aero Club Harmonie on a Silver badge cross-country leg. We provided an aero-tow back to Bellwood Lake.

It seems we have our cable problem solved now. We have purchased some of the target tow cable like that used at the Thermal-G-Gliderport. Our thanks to Larry Gehrlein for his advice and also to the others who have written to us advising us to try this cable. Howard Larkin dropped in to Waterford to visit Larry and study their operation and Howard came away convinced that this cable was the answer.

Walter Chmela took the L-K down to the Oshawa air show on June 15th and gave a brief demonstration. On June 30th Walter again flew the L-K at an air show here at Goodwood, our home base, in aid of the Crippled Children. The show was organized by the Al Borak Skydivers, also of Goodwood. In September we are invited to participate in a show at Buttonville. Although these shows disrupt our normal operations considerably, we feel that they are worth the effort as it is bringing soaring into the public eye.

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James B. Castle

We regret to report the death of SSA member James B. Castle, 49, of Piedmont, Calif., as the result of a 1-23H sailplane accident on July 21st. He was ridge soaring along Mission Peak near Fremont and came in contact with the ridge. A detailed report will be published in a future issue of *Soaring* after the reasons for the accident have been determined.

Castle was a veteran pilot with 30 years of experience and had earned the Silver badge, U.S. #686, earlier this year. He was the owner of Pacific Industrial Manufacturing Co. of Oakland. He is survived by his wife, Charnley, and a daughter.