

ABC PROGRAM CHANGES

by BERNALD S. SMITH, Chairman
SSA Flight Training Subcommittee

(Editor's note: SSA Regional Director Bernald S. Smith of Irvington, California, has been appointed by SSA President William Ivans as Chairman of the SSA Flight Training Subcommittee to supervise the administration of SSA's ABC Training Program.)

The following changes, by direction of the SSA Board of Directors, have been made in the SSA ABC Training Program for C Badge attainment:

1. The ABC Program will continue under direction of SSA Instructor designees as at present except that Paragraph B.3 requiring a private license is eliminated.

2. The old C Badge attainment, without going through the SSA ABC Training Program, is also authorized. This requires only a 5-minute solo soaring flight above point of release or 30 minutes duration after release from a 2000' tow. Only SSA Instructors may supervise these 5-minute C's.

3. Soaring will publish names of those who earn their C Badge as part of the ABC Training Program.

4. The Flight Training Subcommittee will issue numbered Certificates of Completion recognizing those who have attained their C under the ABC Training Program.

5. Individuals who get their C Badge simply by the 5-minute flight and subsequently complete the ABC program will be given recognition thru the above-mentioned (para. 3 & 4) procedures.

DETAILS OF OPERATION (also see June '62 Soaring)

The only persons in the field to have A, B and C pins to award will be SSA Instructors. All clubs, schools and groups that don't have a designated instructor are encouraged to participate by applying for SSA Instructor designation.

Instructor qualifications are (a) SSA membership for one year (not necessarily immediately prior to application); and (b) 50 hours glider flight time including 100 flights, or 35 hours glider flight time including 150 flights. Waiver of requirements (for instance: substituting equivalent power instructor experience for glider time or accept-

ing less than one year SSA membership for remote areas is subject to approval of SSA Flight Training Subcommittee.

SSA Instructors don't necessarily observe each student personally in each phase but should supervise the program and by signing the forms attest to its completion. They may issue either or both kinds of C Badges.

Clubs or schools desiring to participate in this program should mail a \$10 deposit (checks payable to SSA) with a letter giving the name, address and experience of their SSA Instructor candidate to the SSA Flight Training Subcommittee, Box 66071, Los Angeles, Calif. 90066.

New SSA Instructors

To bring the published list of SSA Instructors up to date (there are now 49), the following have been appointed since those listed in the Feb., 1963, issue:

Les Arnold — Sky Sailing Airport, Fremont, Calif.

Lin Bachtell — Capital Area Soaring School, Leesburg, Va.

Pat Beyhan — Agricultural Aviation Academy, Minden Nev.

Fay Edwards — Wichita (Kansas) Soaring Assn.

Pierce Fellows — Icarus Soaring Club, Hanover, N.J.

Robert Gallatin — Michiana Soaring Society, Mishawaka, Ind.

Larry Gehrlein, Sr. — Thermal-G-Ranch Gliderport, Waterford, Pa.

Willi Geiselmann — St. Louis (Mo.) Soaring Assn.

Dale Gustin — Elmira Area Soaring Corp., Elmira, N.Y.

Patricia Hange — Lenox Flight School, Jefferson, Ohio (summer); Bartow, Fla. (winter).

William Holbrook — Cumberland (Md.) Soaring Group.

Frank Lilly — Midwestern Soaring Assn., Kansas City, Mo.

Bob Little — Ft. Benning, Ga., club.

Ray McAlpine — Douglas Soaring Club, El Mirage Field, Calif.

Steve Orban — Sal-Flights, Inc., Wurtsboro, N.Y., Airport.

Louis Rehr — Florida Airmotive, Inc., Lantana, Fla.

Dr. Lewis Richmond — Tri-State Soaring Society, Huntington, W.Va.

Othmar Schwarzenberger — Wallops Soaring Assn., Wallops Island, Va.

Louis Stur — Sun Valley (Idaho) Soaring Assn.

Jim Turnbow — Arizona Soaring Assn., Phoenix, Ariz.

Gunter Voltz — Watertown (Wis.) Towplane Club.

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