

Canadian News

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F.A.I. Badges for Soaring

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During the month of October, 1964

C BADGES

- 620. Charles F. Pattenson; L-Spatz 55; Montreal, Que.
- 621. Sarah May Murchison; 2-22; Montreal, Que.
- 622. Ted Jessenberger; 1-20; Calgary, Alta.
- 623. Alex Grenville; Doppel-Raab; Richmond Hill, Ont.
- 624. Derek A. White; 1-26; Ottawa, Ont.
- 625. Robert O. Pearson; 1-20; Beaurepaire, Que.
- 626. Gordon M. MacDonald; 1-19; Willowdale, Ont.
- 627. M. A. Ball; 1-26; Beauregarde, Que.

SILVER C BADGES

- 140. Jack Sevensma M.D.; 1-26; Sarnia, Ont.
- 141. Keith Park; Air 100; Quebec, Que.

GOLD BADGE

- 28. Garth Scheib; L-Spatz 55; Montreal, Que.

DIAMOND DISTANCE

- Willi Deleurant; Std. Austria; Toronto, Ont.

DIAMOND DISTANCE TO GOAL

- Ed Laenen; Skylark 4; Ottawa, Ont.
- Willi Deleurant; Std. Austria; Toronto, Ont.
- Michael Stoten; Skylark 2; St. Lambert, Que.

SILVER C LEGS

- Walter J. Piercy; Alt; Mu. 13D; Kingston, Ont.
- Gilliaras Urbanas; Dur.; 1-26; Toronto, Ont.
- Claude Rousseau; Alt.; Cherokee; Quebec, Que.
- James A. Long; Alt.-Dist.; 1-26; Winnipeg, Man.
- B. Wohlleben; Alt.; 1-26; Montreal, Que.
- Arthur J. DeWhalley; Alt.; BG-12A; Ste. Anne De Bellevue, Que.

New Canadian Goal and Return Record

- Roy Gray, Brantford, Ont. Sept. 12, 1964; Ka-6CR;
- Brantford Airport to Chatham, Ont. and return, distance 214 miles, exceeding previous record held by Julien Audette by 14 miles.

Gatineau Gliding Club Box 883, Ottawa An SAC Member Club

October was by way of being a gala month with a Thanksgiving and Halloween mixture of weather to plague us.

A safari to St. Jovite in search of wave activity hardly got off the ground, rain—low cloud took the edge off flying. Other groups fared much better on other weekends, they went to Sugarbush and Gold "C" climbs swelled the growing ranks of GCC. GC's, Congratulations are in order for Ed Laenen, "Shorty" Boudreault, John Chesbrough, and all who ventured south of the border. Our scribe, poor fellow, succumbed to joining the great majority of ex bachelors and a well attended party at the Red Door presented Dave and Nancy with an attractive and useful tea and coffee service to wish them well.

Another group managed a successful bid and a Chipmunk now resides among our growing family of aircraft.

The last weekend of the month saw Stan Bieniada's Scouts take to the air in solo fashion. All three are keen to try soaring the 1-26's which should have a busy time from now on.

Ed and Tina Laenen are leaving us for 'greener' fields and intend to try living in sunny California. A great farewell party was held at the Chesbrough home until well into the night. Ed and Tina will be very much missed by us all. We wish them luck, we have no doubt of their success but we'd like to see them back.

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

It is hard to realize that another soaring season is coming to an end, but alas it is true. This would seem to be a good time to look back on some of the events that made 1964 a memorable year for S.O.S.A.

First of course was the eagerly awaited arrival of the Blanik. This ship lived up to all expectations and by the beginning of November had done about 400 flights. As we have sold our TG-3, the old reliable 'Bomber', serious consideration is being given to the purchase of a second Blanik to replace it.

Then there was the National Soaring Contest, held at Brantford for the fifth time in the last nine years. This turned out to be the best attended Nationals to date, with a total of 26 ships flying at least part of the meet. The weather ranged from Eech! to Excellent, and apart from a couple of unfortunate accidents a good time was had by all. Competition was keen and the lead changed hands from day to day.

Soaring conditions were not spectacular this year, but there were a few really good days, evidenced by Diamond distance flights by Dick Ballinger, Pat Newman, Willy Deleurant of the Toronto Soaring Club, and Roy Gray who also claimed a new Goal record of 347 miles. A few weeks after this flight Roy set a new Goal & Return record of 214 miles with a flight to Chatham, Ont. and back. Wayne Newman did the same trip to claim his Goal Diamond. Of course no

season would be complete without a flight to Elmira. This time it was Ross MacMillan who took the club 1-23 to Chemung County Airport (its birthplace) to claim his Goal Diamond.

Thanksgiving weekend saw a Canadian invasion of Vermont as 23 S.O.S.A. members with six sailplanes tried out the renowned wave soaring and hospitality of Sugarbush. Dick Ballinger came back with his third Diamond, gained by a climb to over 22,000 feet at Mount Mansfield. Unfortunately nobody managed to claim any Gold 'C' climbs, although both Dick and Roy Gray achieved this feat, neither one of them needed their altitude legs. Don MacClement also gained the necessary altitude in his Ka-6, but had the misfortune to be carrying a barograph which obstinately refused to leave a trace on the chart on this occasion. There were several near misses and I think it is a safe bet to say that most of us will be paying further visits to that exciting soaring site. Too bad it isn't about 400 miles closer to Brantford!

Although the early part of the fall was cold and damp, thus reducing flying somewhat, we have still managed to do well over 3,000 flights so far this year. The final total will probably be close to last year's figure of around 3,250. As of November 1st membership stands at 120, also close to last years total.

The final event of the year was the departure of the TG-3 for its new home with the Lakehead Gliding Club at Fort William. On the same day a new arrival appeared. This was the sparkling white with red trim K-8, whose owners Peter Trounce and Hal Werneburg proceeded to show it off with their first flights on November 1st. They had the two best flights of the day, almost an hour apiece.

To close I must congratulate the hard working and popular Edna Overs, who became our first intrepid birdlady in some time. Edna soloed the 2-22 a week ago, and now spends her weekends roaring round the sky in the region of Mach .06 in the 1-19. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good Skiing Season!

JOHN A. KELLEY, Vice President

Queen's Gliding Club 172 College St., Kingston, Ont. An SAC Member Club

Our small gliding club operates an Auster Six towplane and an LK-10A training ship from Norman Rogers airport on the edge of Lake Ontario. The membership is only 13 with two instructors, one towpilot and one solo member with the balance composed of students at various stages of training. Walter Piercy completed rebuilding his Mu 13d last year and has been flying it regularly to build up 40 hours time to date.

Situated on an almost peninsular airfield we have had poor soaring conditions due to prevailing winds off the lake. Many were the days when we towed to 2,000 feet and slid slowly back to the earth, admiring the beautiful view of cumulus clouds rising 20 miles inland while they drew more cold dead lake air across the field to give us the calmest air in the country.

We have just completed a two month