

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.

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During month of December, 1963

C BADGES

- 565. Dan Kay; 1-26; Edmonton, Alberta
- 566. Willis R. McLaughlin; 1-26; Brampton, Ontario
- 567. Jack W. Gustin; 1-26; Burford, Ont.
- 568. William E. Nassau; 1-26; Ottawa, Ont.
- 569. C. Peter Timm; 1-19; N. Vancouver, B.C.
- 570. Richard D. Robinson; 1-19; Rexdale, Ont.

SILVER BADGES

- 125. W. David MacClement; 1-26; Cold Lake, Alta.

GOLD BADGES

- 23. Ben Price; Skylark 4; Montreal, Quebec
- 24. D. B. (Dick) Ballinger; Skylark 3B; St. Catharines, Ont.

DIAMOND BADGES

- 3. David B. Webb; Skylark; Montreal, Que.

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DIAMONDS FOR GOLD BADGES

- Ben Price; Goal; Skylark 4; Montreal, Que.
- David B. Webb; Alt.; Skylark 4; Montreal, Que.

LEGS FOR SILVER BADGES

- Willis R. McLaughlin; Dur.; 1-26; Brampton, Ont.
- C. Peter Timm; Dist.; 1-19; N. Vancouver, B.C.
- Jack P. G. Rogers; Dur.; Ka-6CR; St. Catharines, Ont.

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

With our flying activities almost at a standstill for the winter months, our club interest turns to new members, maintenance, organization, finance, etc. As a result of our elections on November 11, 1963, our new Executive is as follows: John Pomietlarz, President; Ken Lewandowski, Vice-President; Don McLaughlin, Past-President; Ross Grady, C.F.I.; Malcolm Jones, Secretary; Bill Harry, Treasurer; and myself as Editor. Most of the Executive have had considerable experience, and are well qualified to lead our club.

As is our custom, our club had flying on New Year's Day at our Cooking Lake field. The weather was on our side, and approximately 25 members turned out. Our Club's TG-2 and 1-26 were both

kept moving, and Chris Falconer's TG-1 made a few flights. Most of our members flew, and afterwards were greeted by refreshments as supplied by Gordon Prest. This was a very successful day, and one that I feel will become increasingly popular with our club.

At the height of the day's activity, June Olson took the group photo which accompanies this article.

Our club is looking forward to another successful year of soaring in 1964.

WALLY OWEN

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

Some thirty or more of our hardier members braved the elements on New Year's Day in an attempt to start the 1964 season toward a record number of flights. Unfortunately, the decidedly unfavorable conditions prevented us from getting airborne, and we had to settle for hangar flying and a much enjoyed impromptu fried chicken party.

By the time this appears our A.C.M. will have passed and the new board of directors will be settling down to plans for the coming season. It should be an interesting meeting, with new equipment purchases to discuss, and Dick Schreder as our guest speaker.

Speaking of equipment, an unusual situation has developed. Now that the L-K has been sold, and the 1-23 has become a club ship, we find that the club fleet is now composed entirely of Schweizer sailplanes, while the private owners have a completely non-Schweizer fleet. However, the significance of this fascinating piece of information escapes me at the moment.

Brantford is pretty desolate-looking at this time of year. Mounds of snow are heaped all over the place, and it does not seem possible that in a couple of months things will come to life again and some lucky individual will be reporting the first thermal of spring. In the meantime, not being a skiing enthusiast, I think I

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will go into hibernation. Don't forget to wake me somebody, when that first thermal pops up.

JOHN A. KELLEY

Red Deer Soaring Assn. 4730 Ross, Red Deer, Alta. An SAC Member Club

Although we have not appeared in this column for a considerable length of time, we want everyone to know we are still active, have an increase in membership and are looking forward to big things in 1964. Plans are now underway for a third annual gliding meet at our base of operations, Innisfail Airport, on the Victoria Day week end of May 16-18th, and of course everyone is welcome.

Although the new year is only six days old at this writing, our flying operations have started already (the current mild spell of 20 above was all we needed). Last weekend we carried out an investigation to determine the suitability of a site 30 miles west of Calgary for ridge soaring (for winter use only). The geography was perfect but we were unable to properly assess the situation due to unfavorable winds (26 mph to calm in 20 minutes—same as when the winch appears on the scene). Possibly by the time this appears in print we'll have made a couple of more trips to investigate, not only the ridge soaring potential of the area, but also that of the mountain wave.

FRANK HOLMAN

Members of the Edmonton Soaring Club on the flight line at Cooking Lake Field on New Year's Day, 1964. Standing, L. to R., Victor Berg, Frank Schieblen, George Bergmann, Bruce Taylor, Bent Reinecker, Ross Grady (CFI), Roy Olson, and Bill McCallum. Kneeling, L. to R., Horst Strach, Doug Murray, Chris Pederson, Bill Harry, Gordon Prest (seated in the club's 1-26), Evelyn MacDonald and Wally Owen.

Photo by June Olson

