

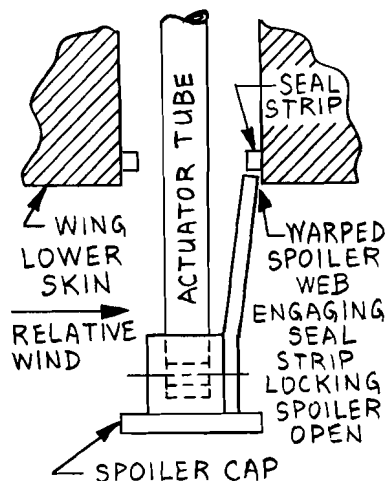
SAFETY CORNER

by MILES COVERDALE, Chairman
SSA Safety Committee

Ka-7 Spoilers

There has been an accident involving a Schleicher Ka-7 which resulted in serious injuries to the two occupants and extensive damage to the sailplane. The direct cause was the jamming of the spoilers in full open position and owners of Ka-7s (and sailplanes with similar spoilers) should be made aware of this condition. The FAA and Schleicher have been advised and an Airworthiness Directive can soon be expected. Meanwhile, the condition described below should be guarded against.

If the thin vertical web of the spoiler warps in such a manner



that it engages the internal sealing strip when the spoilers are fully opened (see sketch) then nothing can be done to close them prior to landing. This interference can occur at any one of the four spoiler plates and it locks the entire system in full-open position.

As a precautionary measure, the edges of the web, as well as the sealing strip, can be chamfered to reduce the possible contact area, but until a permanent fix is accomplished owners of Ka-7s should exercise particular care during pre-flight checks of the spoiler webs.

Club News

Edited by PETE HARVEY

Club reporters should submit items for this column to Pete at 17 Cawfield Lane, Huntington Sta., L.I., N.Y. Please try to limit items to one page of double-spaced typing on a separate sheet as it might appear in print (as regards capitals, indentations, etc.). Subject matter ought to cover that which is thought to be of general interest. Clubs with newsletters are requested to put Pete on the mailing list for same, in addition to *Soaring*.

Arizona Soaring Assn., Inc. Box 4126, Phoenix, Ariz. A Chapter of SSA

The Prescott Club has started planning for a Regional Soaring Meet for next July at Prescott and wants us to join them in sponsoring it. Tentative Dates: July 3, 4, and 5th, 1964.

This would be a sanctioned meet and the results would count towards national standings. A committee will be appointed to work with the Prescott group. It's high time we made this effort again, so let's all get behind it and contribute. The Meet will be in conjunction with Frontier Days and the Centennial at Prescott and should provide entertainment for nonsoaring members of families.

A well organized meet with good weather could start an annual event which would establish prestige for Arizona soaring.

Nyle Leatham of the *Republic and Gazette* visited our operation at Deer Valley to take pictures for a story he is doing on soaring. There were five ships in the air and he managed some airborne pictures flying in the L-K with Jim Turnbow.

Arizona Air Currents

Cleveland Soaring Society 1715 The East Ohio Bldg. Cleveland 14, Ohio A Chapter of SSA

Election time has come again for the CSS. At its February meeting the club elected the following new officers: President, Dick Johnson; Vice President, Bill Williams; Treasurer, Geza Drexler; Secretary, Roger Pinta; and Directors, Bruce Kelley (outgoing president), Edward R. Reichel, John Williams, Bryce King, and Bob Kucera. A unanimous vote of thanks and a round of applause was given to the retiring officers.

Our club has grown in the past year, and we are now in the process of buying a new Ka-7. Last summer, club activities got well under way at Lenox Airport, Jefferson, Ohio, and some of our members have been flying out of Larry Gehrlein's Thermal-G-Glideport. As of now, our endurance record is held by Geza Drexler with his four hour flight. We are also hoping of holding a regional meet sometime in the future at Lenox. Publicity in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and the *Cleveland Press* has brought many curiosity seekers into the club as

new members. With our new ship, improvements at Lenox, and favorable weather, the coming summer looks like it should be the best for the Cleveland Soaring Society.

Robert J. Pinta, Secretary

Hereford Soaring Club 131 Ave. 1, Hereford, Texas

This has been one of the driest springs on record for the Texas Panhandle. It has wiped out many of our dry-land wheat growers, but has spawned conditions for dry thermals. We have taken advantage of this to put in many enjoyable flights. Several of our 10 members have been inactive over the winter months, but will soon be back flying the 1-26 and 2-22C owned by our club.

Don Steele managed to gain the necessary altitude for his Gold leg, and still stay a 1,000 feet below cloud base. He estimated them at 16,000 feet. MSL I made two attempts of the 3,000 meter gain, but needed 50 Meters more the first time and 100 meters the second time. I also achieved my silver distance with a flight to Muleshoe, Tex. where there is a Schweizer flight school.

We have also received a visit from George Arents, Jr. of Miami, Fla. George came here with the idea of riding the leading edge of a cold front for a two-place distance record. Things just didn't work out though, not enough temperature differential. We did do some local soaring and enjoyed flying the magnificent 2-25 Schweizer that George owns.

We also took the 1-26 to Odessa a few months ago with the idea of making a diamond goal flight back to Hereford but weather conditions were against us. We did though get a promise of a ride in Wally Scott's new KA-6, so the trip was well worth while.

Gerald Martin

Kansas Soaring Assn. 8034 Levitt, Wichita 7 A Chapter of SSA

The April Meeting was held at the Wichita Air Museum. The aircraft there were all flow into Wichita so they are the real McCoy. While these old beauties are part of our heritage of powered flight, it is unfortunate that motorless flight is not represented by an example of early efforts in the sport.

Harold Kennedy has acquired an old Stinson L-5. This is an excellent tow-plane and Harold has it all fixed up for the task. He is looking for a metal prop or an old Beech Roby prop for its 185 hp engine. Anyone knowing where such a prop can be located write to Harold Kennedy Rt. 3, Wilroads Gardens, Dodge City, Kans.

From the KSA Newsletter

Minnesota Soaring Club c/o Triangle Aviation Stanton, Minnesota A Chapter of SSA

Following are the officers elected for the new season: President, James Struthers; Vice President, Rustan Bringentoff;