

# KNOW YOUR DIRECTORS

There continues here a series of biographical and autobiographical sketches of the 28 SSA Directors.

## David E. McNay

Dave McNay is one of four SSA Regional Directors serving SSA region 12 (Southern California). His three-year term runs through 1966. There follows his soaring biography.

Dave McNay has been a member of SSA since 1950 when he joined the Purdue Glider Club and obtained a glider pilot certificate in 1952. In 1953 he obtained his wings as a U.S.A.F. jet pilot, joined the Texas Soaring Association, and upon transfer to Ohio purchased his first sailplane, one of the first flat-top L-K's. The L-K flew well and captured, in 1954, a championship at the Wright Memorial Glider Meet, a Silver badge, the Midwest Soaring Championship at Toledo and the Snowbird Meet at Elmira. In 1955 the L-K again won for Dave the Wright Memorial Championship, a Gold badge distance leg, and the Midwest Soaring Championship. This same year Dave entered his first National Soaring Contest and later, while in Elmira taking delivery of a 1-26 kit, he won the first 1-26 Regatta, in a borrowed ship. In 1956 McNay attended the OSTIV meetings at St. Yan, France, during the Sixth World Soaring Championships and flew in the two-place competition at Grand Prairie, Texas, during the U.S. Nationals that same year.

During two years at Mississippi State working with the late Dr. August Raspet he wrote a paper on the performance flight test of the first flat-top 1-26 which he had built and later flew in the 1957 Nationals at Elmira. Dave moved to Pomona, California, just in time to participate in the 1958 Nationals at Bishop. In California Dave has been active as a director of SCSA, a contest conductor at the Taft 4th of July Soaring Contest and the Elsinore Fall Soaring Contest, winner of the 1960 Torrey Pines Meet, and a crew member for Dick Johnson at the 1960 Internationals in Cologne, Germany. McNay also presented Jack Lambie's paper on "Shear Line Soaring" at the 1960



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OSTIV Congress in Cologne. Future plans include the procurement of a Prue Super Standard sailplane and concentration on a program leading to the successful bid for the World Soaring Championships to be held in the United States.

## South African Nationals

Winner of the 1964 South African National Soaring Championships was E. "Boet" Dommissie, flying the BJ-2 sailplane pictured on page 4. A close second and third were Maurice "Bomber" Jackson and Anne Burns (of England), respectively, both flying Standard Austrias. The contest was held at Kimberley from Dec. 28th through January 10th, with 11 contest days out of the 14.

Three days before the contest, on Dec. 25th, Boet and Anne completed a 500-km. speed triangle at speeds of 66.73 and 64.21 mph, respectively, to claim new world records in the open and feminine categories. The day was perfect with little wind and 7-mps thermals to cloud bases 13,000 ft. above ground.

Subsequent days were quite windy and many produced large thunderstorms, dictating short tasks. Nine tasks were triangles of 107, 305, 212, 109, 203, 309, 309, 529 and 107-km. length, six of which Boet won with speeds of from 47 to

61 mph. Robert Clifford won another in a Ka-6 with 52 mph, Anne another at 54 mph and Hans Botcher of Germany the other at 63 mph in a Standard Austria for a national 500-km. record. The 500-km. course was also completed by Helmut Sorg and his brother Heinz in their Ka-7 at 52.03 mph to claim a world multiplace record for Germany. The second time the 309-km. course was flown Anne achieved 53.85 mph to claim another new world feminine record.

The other two tasks were both won by Maurice "Bomber" Jackson, a 308-km. G&R, and a distance task to a turn point 350-km. away and back, which he was the only one to complete to claim a new world G&R record of 434.36 mi.

Boet Domissie gives much credit for his performance to the BJ-2 sailplane, the creation of Pat Beatty and Fritz Johl, who are already well along on the BJ-3. Boet would love to get his hands on the "3" so he could step away from those Standard Austrias who were always up his tail in this contest. He hopes to be able to bring the BJ-2 to the 1964 U.S. Nationals.

## Four New SSA Chapters

Four more soaring clubs have joined the ranks of SSA Chapters since the last announcement in the November *Soaring*, and one Chapter was disbanded, bringing the total number of Chapters to 65. The Northampton (Mass.) Flying Club was the one disbanded. The four new Chapters are as follows:

Sky Sailors Assn., Inc., is a new club in the Tampa, Fla., area. They have 12 members and a Schweizer 2-22C. Their last entry in the "Club News" section was in the October issue.

North Dallas (Texas) Gliders Inc., was formed last summer and described in the July "Club News" section. They too have a Schweizer 2-22C and 11 members.

Freedom's Soaring Tunderbirds, Inc., is another fairly new club at Medina, Ohio, that has 20 members and a Schweizer 1-26. They were mentioned in last month's "Club News."

The 1-26 Club of AGCSC (San Diego, Calif.) is the latest Chapter with 13 members and a Schweizer 1-26. Their soaring site is Skylark Field at Elsinore, Calif.