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## EXIT AN EDITOR

by LLOYD M. LICHER, Editor

After almost seven years as editor of *Soaring* the time has come to hang up my red pencil and become one of the 13 previous editors. This, my 71st and final issue, recalls many years of enjoyable and creative effort while trying to meet the inexorable recurrent deadline. During this time it has been my pleasure to have helped bring along the magazine from a bimonthly of 1800 circulation to a monthly with a printing order of 7000. As the Society has grown, so has the level of soaring activity, news and unsolicited contributions to the magazine. This has made the production aspect of getting out each issue easier but other Society business prevented dealing with all material received in a businesslike manner so there was some frustration involved, too. Editing *Soaring* was just one of my responsibilities as the Society's Executive Secretary, the other aspects of which I will now be able to devote full time to. I would like to have developed a better balance in the magazine by soliciting specific items but time seldom permitted this so it is left for my successor to do. I can only wish him the same good co-operation from the membership that I have enjoyed. One thing in mind to do for many years was this directory issue of sailplanes. I am pleased to have been able to manage it before bowing out as editor.

Now I, like you, can look forward to reading *Soaring* each month when it arrives in the mail.

## Long Soaring Flights

Information received by SSA indicates that the following soaring flights of over 150 miles have been made in the recent past:

April 14; Neal Ridneour; 360 mi.; from Naperville, Ill., to Stow, Ohio; Prue Super Std.; 6:05 hr.; to claim Dia. dist. and completion of Dia. badge.

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Cover photo: The sailplane model most likely to be seen in the United States, a Schweizer 1-26. Over 240 1-26's have been manufactured by the Schweizer Aircraft Corp. of Elmira, New York, and some 175 are active in the United States, about 23% of the total of all active sailplanes in this country and over twice as many as the next most numerous model, its stablemate, the Schweizer 2-22. The 1-26 Association has been formed to promote one-design activities with the 1-26, including competitive regattas. The 1-26 pictured is owned by Tom Page of Urbana, Illinois, who earned his Gold badge and one diamond with it. It was built from a kit, as were the majority of other 1-26's. Photo by David Mobley.

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