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Election Results

Seven Regional Directors, whose terms run through 1968, were elected in the fall, 1965, SSA elections. They are as follows:

- Region 1—Stephen duPont
- Region 2—Miles Coverdale
- Region 6—Wm. H. Coverdale, Jr.
- Region 11—Robert L. Klemmedson and Bernald S. Smith
- Region 12—William Ivans C. M. Mears, Jr.

The official election report, including all tallies, is available to any SSA member on request. Address your request to the executive office, Box 66071, Los Angeles, Calif. 90066.

The World's Sailplanes Available

The SSA, as the U.S. representative of O.S.T.I.V., has taken delivery on a limited quantity of the book *The World's Sailplanes*, Vol. II. This book, which was compiled by O.S.T.I.V., contains 256 pages of specifications, three-views and photos of modern sailplanes of many nations. It is a hard-cover book, bound in blue linen and is 8.5-11 inches in size. The price is \$4.00, postpaid, from the SSA.

New Libelle Trailer

We are pleased to announce that Len Niemi has designed, and will manufacture custom trailers for the H-301 Libelle.

The new trailer is based on the well-known Sisu trailers and on the considerable experience gained during several seasons of hard competition. They are all metal and come fully equipped with loading saddles, tracks and guides specially fitted for the Libelle.

The complete trailer is priced at \$1,200 FOB Greenville, South Carolina. Shipping costs to the West Coast are approximately \$175.

We certainly feel fortunate in having these specially-designed, covered trailers available to Libelle customers.

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COVER PHOTO: The Prue 215, Harold Hutchinson at the controls, photographed against the rugged Southern California desert near El Mirage. The ship was built by Prue in 1950, flown to second place in the 1958 Nationals by Hutchinson, and is presently owned by Max Dreher (see *Soaring* for January, 1966). Photo by George Uveges.

\$10 will be paid for any picture submitted if used for the cover.

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