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Letters

Caveat Aviator

Sir:

Some of the most readable—but completely hair-raising exploits that have been printed in *Soaring* recently are enough to scare some of the more conservative pilots away from the sport. . . . I certainly hope that some of your newer, not-so-experienced members don't try these distance hops that conclude with a final thermal at 300 feet and an after-dark landing on an unimproved field

miles from nowhere. Competition and goals are fine, but I'd fear that some of the new-comers might think that such exploits should be duplicated.

It's just a thought.

DON DOWNIE

Glendora, California

Opie Blanchard Passes

Sir:

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of Lloyd (Opie) Blanchard on February 2 in a helicopter test-flight accident.

Opie, president of the Nutmeg Soaring Association, was devoted to the unselfish task of club instructing and was a key figure in the expansion of NSA activities during the past three years.

He was a veteran of World War II, flying transports and later helicopters with the Air-Sea Rescue service in Korea. Retiring with the rank of Captain and a collection of service awards which include the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, he became an engineering test pilot in 1958.

The soaring world has lost a true friend.

C. A. MOELLER

Orange, Conn.

Safety and Training

Sir:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the fine work done by Miles Coverdale in furthering the safety and training aspects of soaring. His articles in the SAFETY CORNER form an excellent basis for a safety handbook and it seems

to me that a Safety Handbook, published as a part of the American Soaring Handbook series, should be given a high priority in the future plans for the series.

Perhaps my position as manager of a training group has made me more conscious of the need for good basic training in, and a thorough understanding of the safety/hazard aspects of sailplane flight. I cannot overemphasize the importance of adequate safety training and preparedness. It has been demonstrated, all too often, that in the moment of truth one does not have the time to rationalize a critical situation and figure out an appropriate course of action. Instead, one must be prepared to react promptly and properly to any foreseeable situation, and it is clear that this can only result from a deep-seated understanding that is based upon good safety training.

Flight safety is a form of mental discipline which has often saved both a pilot and his ship; conversely, the lack of this discipline has often been attributed as the principal cause factor in accidents resulting from errors in judgment.

GEORGE A. KERN

Southern California Soaring Association

State Soaring Records

New Mexico; Open and Senior single-place distance/absolute distance/absolute altitude/altitude gain; 161 mi./17,250'/10,900'; Alfred Uhalt, Jr.; 1-26.

Maryland; Open and Senior Multiplace distance; 64.5 mi.; Joseph Brennan/Clin-ton MacSherry, Jr.; L-K flattop.