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called HAIRY STORIES the kind that scare me as bad as they scared the guy it happened to, because I like to get scared when I'm sitting home with a beer rather than when I'm flying my SH-1.

I'd also like to see a colored cover. If I had a big lot of money to spend on advertising in *Soaring* I'd pay for a colored cover and have it say in the cover-picture part who paid for it, and look in the CLASSIFIEDS for the real dope.

If you want to improve the magazine don't accept any ads that aren't just as interesting and informative as the rest of the text, no matter how much they pay you!

STEPHEN DUPONT
Director, Region One

Field, Conn.

Who Flew First?

Sir:

My congratulations upon your spread of pages 10 and 11 in the March issue, 1936. As a small detail, however, permit me to quibble about your fourth-starred item of famous first flights. Mr. Otto Lilienthal might be the first German to fly 100 meters, but he is certainly not the first man. I believe Professor Montgomery covered 600 feet, or something over 200 meters at the Otay Mesa, south of San Diego in 1883. This could be checked out by Wally Wiberg of San Diego.

JOSEPH C. LINCOLN

Phoenix, Arizona

★ *The early Montgomery flights, or claims of flights, judged from various primary sources including court transcripts (in which the case was decided against Montgomery), do not seem to be authenticated adequately to merit the same credence as do those of Lilienthal.*

Winch Warning

Sir:

I particularly liked the March issue of *Soaring*. I asked for more three-views on your survey form and you guys sure came through in short order.

However, on page 26 you ran a photo of a very good example of what *not* to do during a winch-towing operation: That is, *do not sit or observe close to the winch during the tow*. Occasionally the winch wire breaks, and when it does it can really backlash. I have seen ours at Torrey Pines run by the winch on wire inertia alone for 50 to 100 feet on either

side of the winch truck and on one occasion under the winch truck. Under these conditions anyone within 50 feet of the winch is in danger of being garrotted, if not worse.

If you can't sit inside the winch cage, get a long way away from it!

WALT MOONEY

San Diego, California

Materials Available

The Soaring Society of America has a variety of items available on a free distribution basis, as follows (request by item number or name from SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.):

Item 3. FAI Soaring Awards Appl. Form.

Item 4. SSA Membership Appl. Form. (Postage-paid business-reply envelope.)

Item 6. "SOARING . . . The S.S.A. . . . and YOU" pamphlet. Tells about the activity, glider pilot certificates, how soaring is organized, SSA, and how to get started in soaring.

Item 7. List of Soaring Clubs (for each SSA region). Gives club addresses, meeting information, flying sites and contact persons. Specify states desired.

Item 8. List of Manufacturers and Suppliers of Plans, Kits, Partially-Completed and Ready-to-fly Gliders and Sailplanes—U.S. Manufacturer. Includes brief description of each sailplane, price, and manufacturer's name and address. New equipment only.

Item 9. List of Soaring Schools and Commercial Glider Operators in the U.S. (for 3 Zones, E., Central, W.). Gives location, equipment and prices, where known.

Item 10. List of Books on Soaring. Gives price, brief description and source.

Item 23. SSA Merchandise Order Form.

Item 24. Incorporation Procedures—Calif. Shows nonprofit clubs how to incorporate, with specific details for Calif.

Item 25. Suggested Bylaws for Soaring Clubs. For clubs being formed only.

Item 28. Used Sailplanes For Sale List. Latest revision date is April 19.

Item 38. How to Start a Soaring Club. Six pages of suggestions.

Item 39. State Soaring Records Rules and Application Form.

Item 41. SSA Chapters. Lists benefits and policies and tells how a club may apply for SSA Chapter status.

Item 42. List of Foreign Aero Clubs and Soaring Centers. Sources of information about soaring abroad.

WAVE FLIGHTS

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

Airport, 7200'

Feb. 19; Capt. Jerry Davis; 15,600' to 32,900' (17,300'); 1-26; 1:53 hr.; to earn Dia. alt.

February 20th

Robert E. Campbell; 11,498' to 30,560' (19,062'); K-8B; 1-56 hr.; to earn Dia. alt. James Hard; 11,200' to 28,100' (16,900'); 1-23H; 2:17 hr.; to earn Dia. alt.

Robert Messner; 12,200' to 23,900' (11,700'); 1-26; 3:11 hr.; to earn Gold alt.

Bernard Mohr; 11,600' to 32,400' (20,800'); K-6CR; 2:09 hr.; to earn Dia. and Gold alt. and complete Gold badge.

Peter Riedel; 10,600' to 28,500' (17,900'); 2-32; 2:57 hr.; to earn Dia. alt.

March 1st

George Blunden; 12,800' to 29,500' (16,700'); 2-32; 1:51 hr.; to earn Dia. alt.

Francis Chromezak; 14,700' to 28,600' (13,900'); 1-26; 1:20 hr.; to earn Gold alt.

Richard G. Mayer; 14,000' to 31,700' (17,700'); 1-26; 1:50 hr.; to earn Dia. and Gold alt. and complete Gold badge.

March 19th

Paul P. Brown; 14,200' to 28,200' (14,000'); 1-26; 2:29 hr.; to earn Gold alt.

Dale E. Cavanagh; 15,200' to 27,300' (12,100'); 1-26; 1:30 hr.; to earn Gold and Sil. alt.

Lanier Frantz; 13,600' to 30,100' (16,500'); 2-32; 2:14 hr.; to earn Dia. alt. and complete Diamond badge.

Ivan J. Jaszlics; 14,200' to 35,300' (21,100'); 1-26; 3:22 hr.; to earn Dia. alt. and claim Hungarian national absolute-altitude record.

March 21st

Marvin D. Frost; 12,700' to 30,900' (18,200'); 1-26; 4:10 hr.; to earn Dia. alt.

Walter Heermann; 15,100' to 32,100' (17,000'); 2-32; 2:03 hr.; to earn Dia. alt.

Robert S. Tucker; 14,000' to 28,900' (14,900'); 1-26; 1:40 hr.; to earn Gold alt.

ELSEWHERE

Jan. 16; Jay Buechler; Fremont, Calif.; airport, 15'; 3300' to 14,100' (10,800'); 1-26; 1:00 hr.; to earn Gold alt.

Jan. 20; Robert H. Fisher; Fremont, Calif.; airport, 15'; 2200' to 19,200' (17,000'); 2-32; 1:44 hr.; to earn Dia. alt. and complete Diamond badge.

Feb. 12; Stanley Montagne; Schellville, Calif.; airport, 5'; 5900' to 15,850' (9950'); 1-26; 1:10 hr.; to earn Gold alt.

Feb. 12; Alfred Seidler; El Mirage Field, Calif.; airport, 2860'; 7400' to 18,400' (11,000'); 1-23E; 1:35 hr.; to earn Gold alt.