

OXYGEN TRAINING ELIGIBILITY BROADENED

In the first 16 months of the cooperative SSA-FAA-USAF Altitude Training Program over 120 soaring pilots received oxygen training at 10 Air Force bases. The same period has been marked by a sharp increase in the number of award legs for flights to altitudes where oxygen is a must, and by the exploration of new areas for high-altitude soaring.

Reports from oxygen program liaison officers and from participants indicate that this program has made a significant contribution to soaring safety. Dr. J. L. Black, who coordinates the FAA side of the program in the Civil Aeromedical Institute at the FAA Center in Oklahoma City, has a keen interest in helping.

The FAA has agreed to broader eligibility for the training. In addition to the previous requirement of **Private Glider plus Silver C**, or equivalent, the oxygen liaison officers may now approve applications from any active **Glider Instructor** and from **certain Student Glider pilots** (whose supervising Glider Instructors certify on their applications, and on their Student certificates and in their pilot log-books, that they will supervise solo at specifically named sites where oxygen altitudes may be reached).

Applicants should send two self-addressed envelopes to the oxygen-program liaison officer listed below for the AF facility at which training is desired — one for the return of the application blanks, and one for the return of a notice of probable date of training. A telephone call to the liaison officer may help in arranging the right schedule, because a non-refundable check for \$5.00 must accompany the application forms. Soaring pilots go through the training with other Air Force and commercial-pilot types so special schedules for soaring pilots are usually not possible. — TOM PAGE, SSA Oxygen Program Coordinator

There follows a current list of SSA Oxygen Program Liaison officers, by SSA Region, with AFB training facilities for which they approve applications. Bases marked with an asterisk (*) are those at which SSA training has been reported, those in parenthesis (. .) where no such training has been reported.

1. John C. Macone, Alpen Inn, Waitfield, Vt.
* Westover AFB, Mass.
(Otis AFB, Mass.)
4. Floyd J. Sweet, 1910 Massachusetts Ave., McLean, Va. 22101.
* Andrews AFB, Wash., D.C.
(Langley AFB, Norfolk, Va.)
- 5a. David Culpepper, 4600 Lamark Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30331
(Moody AFB, Valdosta, Ga.)
(Craig AFB, Selma, Ala.)
(Shaw AFB, Sumter, S.C.)
- 5b. Francis B. Compton, 9600 S.W. 120th St., South Miami, Florida
(Eglin AFB, Fort Walton, Fla.)
(McCoy AFB, Orlando, Fla.)
(Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Fla.)
6. Richard E. Schreder, Box 566, Williamson County Airport, Bryan, Ohio
* Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana
* Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
8. Cecil M. Craig, 16710 - 2nd Place S., Seattle 88, Wash.
* Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash.
- 9a. Capt. Francis F. Brandon, Jr., CAM, USAF Academy, Colo. 80840
* Lowry AFB, Denver Colo.
- 9b. Lt. Col. Willard C. Wiley, 2408-B - 24th Loop, Sandia Base, New Mexico
(Williams AFB, Phoenix, Ariz.)
- 10a. Robert W. Brower, 107 Morningside Drive, Kansas City, Missouri
(Offut AFB, Omaha, Nebr.)
(Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, S.D.)
- 10b. Lt. Col. Hurbert Smith, Jr., RFD 4, Searcy, Ark.
(Little Rock AFB, Ark.)
- 10c. Marion S. Griffith, Jr., 13216 Challaburton Drive, Dallas 34, Tex.
(Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Tex.)
(Randolph AFB, San Antonio)
(Laredo AFB, Tex.)
- 10d. J. C. "Red" Wright, Box 285, Odessa, Tex.
(Webb AFB, Big Spring, Tex.)
(Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Tex.)
(Reese AFB, Lubbock, Tex.)
(Cannon AFB, Clovis, N. Mex.)
- 10e. James L. Rhine, 815 South Knoxville, Tulsa, Okla.
(FAA Civil Aeromedical Institute, Oklahoma City, Okla.)
(Vance AFB, Enid, Okla.)
11. Alton W. Jennings, 5481 N. Roosevelt Ave., Fresno, Calif.
* Castle AFB, Merced, Calif.
- 12 John W. Williams, P.O. Box 1881, Lancaster, Calif.
* George AFB, Victorville, Calif.

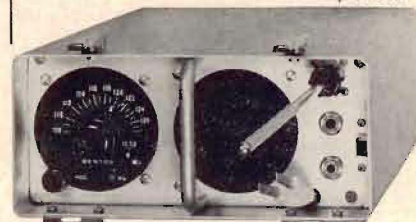
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