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A WORD OF THANKS

Unlike high-powered commercial magazines *Soaring* is essentially the work of amateurs, and frequently very talented ones. Their enthusiasm and generosity frequently make the editor's job particularly gratifying.

Take the process that began when *Moucheron* reared back and whopped out *We Awta Towed It Diffrent*. It was, as many readers were quick to comment, a refreshing bit of writing, and it deserved some appropriate illustrations. Gil Parcell's "Diamonds Jim" cartoon had just appeared in the September issue. Would Gil consider doing drawings for *Moucheron's* story? No sooner requested than delivered! Don Aupperle, a young industrial-design major studying in L.A., willingly undertook the lettering—and most everyone enjoyed the results.

This month we have the benefit of the work of another first-time contributor to the magazine, Gregory Banak, of Maywood, Illinois. Gregory recently offered to monitor Polish, Russian and German gliding publications and to make translations of material he felt would be of interest to *Soaring* readers. His translation of Edward Makula's story of his visit to the United States, which appears in this issue, inaugurates what we hope will be expanded coverage of activities in other (and stranger) lands.

To Gill, to Don, to Gregory, and to Miles Coverdale (Safety Corner) and Lynn Christensen (three-views) and George Uveges (countless photos) and B. S. Smith (ABC Program) and Don Wemple and Julien Audette (F.A.I. Awards)—and to the many many others—the editor would like to express his sincere thanks. And to you too *Moucheron*!

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COVER PHOTO: Jack Jordan, long-time Southern California soaring pilot and associate with Jack Laister in Laister Products, poses the LP-49 prototype against the hills east of Lake Elsinore. The picture was taken during the October week-end workshop of the SSC. — Photo by George Uveges

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