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### Accident Reports

It is with a very heavy heart that we must report the deaths of five members of the Soaring Society, three of these in power planes. All the fatalities involved flying accidents and all occurred during a period of a little over a month this summer. On July 24th Mrs. Doris Mullen was killed in the crash of a Beechcraft Bonanza at the Lansing Sportsman's Club on the Indiana-Illinois border. Her passengers at the time were the nationally known golf star, Tona Lema, and his wife. The co-pilot of the Bonanza was Dr. George Bard of Kankakee, Illinois. Dr. Bard was a member of the Chicago Glider Club, as was Mrs. Mullen, and was the brother of Roger Bard, SSA State Governor for Illinois.

The other three accidents occurred late in August. What follows is the best available information we have concerning them, but inasmuch as the details in many cases are second or third hand, these reports should be treated with proper caution and not be considered in any way as official or even necessarily accurate.

**Paul Kolstad** On August 26th Paul was flying at an altitude of about 300 feet in the vicinity of the Black Forest Gliderport when his K-8 stalled and spun into the ground. Paul was only 15 years old at the time of his death, but quite experienced for his age. He held a Gold badge and two Diamonds.

**Alan Hartley** On August 28th, while making his second flight (a winch launch) in his new SHK, Alan stalled at a height of several hundred feet after pulling up rather steeply. Control of the ship apparently was not regained, and it struck nose down at a high speed,

killing the pilot instantly. Alan, whose home was Bay City, Michigan, is survived by his wife, Joann, and two young children.

**Hannes Hagspiel** On August 29th the 140-h.p. Aeronca with which Hagspiel was towing struck the ground at about a 45-degree angle following a severe upward tug from the glider behind which simultaneously broke the quarter-inch polyethylene tow rope. Hagspiel was towing Hague Ellis in his, Hagspiel's, own K-6. It was Mr. Ellis's second aero tow, the previous one having been made dual, with Hagspiel, in the K-7. The wind, according to reports, was gusting to 20 knots at the time. The K-6 pilot released the rope and landed without incident. The tow pilot died while being transferred from the Heber City (Utah) hospital to Salt Lake City.

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Details of the three accidents listed immediately above are being investigated by the SSA Safety Committee and full reports, along with analyses of the probable causes, will be reported in due time in the SAFETY CORNER. Anyone who has information regarding these accidents that they feel might be of value in the preparation of the reports are urged to contact the chairman of the Safety Committee, Mr. Miles Coverdale, 3 Brookville Road, Glen Head, N. Y. 11545.

### Two-place Record Approved

Paul Schweizer's U.S. National two-place record for speed over a triangular course of 500 kilometers has been approved by the Contest Board of the National Aeronautic Association. The official speed for the flight, which was made on July 29, 1966, is 47.34 m.p.h.

## Calendar

Items listed in bold-face type  
are to be sanctioned by SSA.

Oct. 1-Nov. 13, 1st Annual Madonna Mountain Soaring Assn. Wave Camp, Morrisville-Stowe Airport, Morrisville, Vt.

Oct. 1-2, The Marsh Hen Meet, NASA Wallops Station, Wallops Island, Va.

Oct. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30. Mount Washington Wave Camp, North Conway, N. H. Contact Allan MacNicol, 46 Leewood Road, Wellesley, Mass.

Nov. 5-6, 12-13, Wave Soaring Camp, Cumberland, Md., Municipal Airport.

Oct., Alamogordo Aviation Day, Alamogordo, N.M., Municipal Airport. Sailplane demonstrations.

**Feb. 4-5, SSA Directors' Meeting, La Jolla, Calif.**

**July 4-14, 34th Annual U.S. National Soaring Championships, Presidio County Airport, Marfa, Texas.**

### INTERNATIONAL F.A.I. BADGES FOR SOARING

Approved in Canada during the  
Month of August 1966

#### GOLD BADGES

43. Robert C. Gairns; K-6; Hawkesbury, Ontario

#### SILVER BADGES

183. B. G. H. Tempelham; M-100S; Fergus, Ontario  
184. Ralph Deleurant; K-8; Bellwood, Ontario  
185. Helmut Augustin; K-8; Bellwood, Ontario  
186. James Reid; 1-23H; Penhold, Alberta  
187. Alex Grenville; K-8; Bellwood, Ontario

#### C BADGES

696. H. H. Dahlem; K-7  
697. Douglas J. Burke; 1-26

#### GOAL DIAMONDS

Robert C. Gairns; K-6; Hawkesbury, Ontario  
Oscar Boesch; K-6; Bellwood, Ontario  
Peter C. Trounce; K-8; Sheffield, Ontario

#### LEGS FOR GOLD BADGES

Robert C. Gairns; K-6; Hawkesbury, Ontario  
Oscar Boesch; K-6; Bellwood, Ontario  
Alex Grenville; K-8; Bellwood, Ontario  
Peter C. Trounce; K-8; Sheffield, Ontario

#### LEGS FOR SILVER BADGES

Charles F. Page; Alt; Cherokee; Warren, Manitoba  
Gordon MacDonald; Dur; 1-26; Rockton, Ontario  
James R. Janzen; Alt; K-3; Ganonoque, Ontario