

News FROM Clubs AND Members

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING ASSOCIATION

The Southern California Soaring Association elected for 1944:

President—William G. Briegleb.
 Vice Presidents—Harold Huber, Robert A. Bailey.
 Secretary—David A. Matlin.
 Treasurer—Robert F. Blaine.
 Asst. Secy.-Treas.—Chan Bandy.
 Honorary President—Dr. W. B. Klemperer.

Directors—all of the above and: Herman Stiglmeier, Henry Myers, John Robinson, Stan Hall, Richard Lyon, Milton Stoughton.

Directors elected for 2-year tenure: Stanley A. Hall, Herman Stiglmeier, Robert F. Blaine, Richard Lyon.

Directors elected for 1-year tenure: Robert A. Bailey, Henry Myers, Milton Stoughton, Chan Bandy.

DAVE JOHNSON and **Bill Tracy** flew their "Baby Bowlus" at Siliman Lake. They were hampered by an inversion at 3,000 feet most of the time. But, one day conditions were good and Bill made 8,500 feet above point of release. Dick Johnson will join them at the next occasion.

TED BELLAK is now located at the Naval Instructor's school at New Orleans.

FRANK KELSEY put on an aerial show with his Super-Albatross before a huge crowd at a war bond rally in Fresno.



BOOK REVIEW

"Weather Science" by Lt. Charles W. Barber, U.S.N.R., Pitman Publishing Corp., 1944. Price \$2.50.

After reading many books and texts in the field of meteorology, one is ready for a text such as "Weather Science" which is an illustrated outline of meteorology, for you will find all you know (and perhaps some you don't know) about meteorology arranged in a concise topical outline form, with many apt illustrations.

It is apparent that the author actually teaches in the field of meteorology because the material is presented with an eye to the most efficient utilization of the reader's time. The earnest student may well profit by the test questions appearing at the close of each chapter. It is recommended as a text for those pilots who wish to retain their meteorological knowledge against the time when they will use it in their soaring endeavors.

BENNIE LEONARD writes from Alaska that the planes from Fairbanks to Anchorage have a job not increasing their altitude because of the widespread lift area along the mountain range. This range extends to Seward and the total length is approximately 350 miles. Maybe some day he will be able to make this flight if this war decides to terminate.

Australian Gliding Association

NEW SOUTH WALES

A.W.A. Gliding and Soaring Club

In a letter dated 16/7/44 Mr. Gil Miles advises of the formation of this club. He states that a "Zogling" primary glider and trailer have been purchased. Work is in progress on recovering the primary at big garage at 190 Croydon Rd., Croydon, N.S.W. It is expected to take about 2 to 3 months to make the machine airworthy. Flying membership is being

limited to 20 members (from A.W.A. only.)

The Office Bearers are: *President*, Mr. Parkinson (Works Manager) *Vice-President*, Mr. L. McCann (Machine Shop); *Hon-Secretary*, E. Baker, (Aero Instruments); *Hon-Treasurer*, L. Fitzsimmons (Aero Instruments); *Chief Instructor*, Mr. Harry Ryan, (Aero Instruments); *Assistant Instructor*, Mr. Gil Miles (Test Room).

Sydney Soaring Club—Flying meeting at Box Hill 23/7/44. Flights made in "Slingsby Gull" from winch launchings.

Take Off	Name	Height	Time in Air
11.30 A. M.	H. Ryan	1000 ft.	9 minutes
11.45	M. Waghorn	1000 "	4 "
12.04	S. Newbigin	900 to 1300 ft.	26 "
12.42	L. Schultz	600	12 "
1.06	H. Ryan	2100	43 "
2.01	M. Waghorn	800	5 "
2.13	S. Newbigin	600	4 "
2.33	L. Schultz	600	4 "
2.51	H. Ryan	600	4 "
3.5	M. Waghorn	650	5 "
3.32	S. Newbigin	800	5½ "
3.37	L. Schultz	800	5 "
3.55	H. Ryan	900	6 "
4.8	M. Waghorn	800	4½ "
4.20	S. Newbigin	800	6 "
4.36	L. Schultz	600	4 "

VICTORIA

The Gliding Club of Victoria

On 23/7/44 the new No. 3 winch was tried out with satisfactory results. On this occasion a new flying ground at Fawcner was used and 4 flights were made with the "Merlin" two seater. Flying was then abandoned owing to the exceptionally high wind. On one flight the "Merlin" went backwards for over 100 yards after releasing the towline.

On 5/8/44 4 flights were made with the "Merlin" and on the last flight the winch driver failed to stop the drum resulting in the steel ring on the end of the towing wire being wound into the automatic spreader resulting in a full stop to all the works and wrecking the chain drive to the spreader. This was repaired over-

night and on Sunday (6/8/44) flying was resumed.

The Club's "Grunau Baby II" was given its first flights since recovering and overhaul, and was flown by Roberts, K. Davies and Bartram in light wind conditions. Bartram reached 500 ft. on a downwind launch and flew around for 15 minutes reaching 950 ft. at one stage. In addition 18 flights were made in the "Merlin" for a total of 48¾ minutes in the air. F/Sgt. Ransford of Pinjar Soaring Club, W.A. and two other R.A.A.F. members from W.A. had flights in the "Merlin." Acknowledgement is made of their donation towards A.G.A. expenses.

R. Duckworth, Honorary Secretary, Australian Gliding Association.