

CANADIAN SCENE

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The Annual General Meeting of the Soaring Association of Canada, sponsored this year by the Toronto Gliding Club was held on 17 February at the Chez Paree Restaurant in Toronto.

From as far away as Calgary in the West and Summerside (PEI) in the East, members gathered for glider talk, reports of committees and election of officers.

Over 50 members occupied the banquet hall in the afternoon as President A. N. LeCheminant brought the meeting to order.

Les Baranowski, Chairman of the Contest Committee announced that the winner of the Roden Trophy—awarded the club making the most efficient use of its equipment during the year—had been wrong again in 1950 by the Montreal Soaring Council. The Council piled up a score of 136.8 points to be closely followed by the Tenardee Club, Calgary, with 120.8 point. Following are scores of the 7 other Canadian clubs:

Soaring Club of B. C.	104.8
Trenton (RCAF) Gliding Wing	104.3
Gatineau Gliding Club	102.0
Toronto Gliding Club	89.7
St. Michael's Gliding Club	71.8
Queen's U. Gliding Club	53.8
Gull Gliding Club	32.0

The B.A.I.C. Trophy, donated through the generosity of the British Aviation Insurance Co. was won by Frank Brame of Toronto Gliding Club for his 118 miles cross-country flight from Oshawa to Kingston on 4 June last, in the Canadian designed and built Loudon sailplane. Brame was awarded the National Championship for the 3 best flights of the year, which netted him 169 points, all made in the London, viz:

118 miles Oshawa-Kingston; 3200 ft. climb, Ste Eugene Meet; 3 hrs. duration, Ste Eugene Meet.

Brame, now attending Cranfield College of Aeronautics in England, will receive a miniature of the B.A.I.C. Trophy by mail; no trophy has as yet been secured for the National Championship. Johnnie Dure, Toronto, was runner-up with 118.7 points.

Frank Woodward, SAC statistical expert reported that reports from 11 clubs across Canada revealed that a total of 23 active gliders in Canada put in a total time of 558½ hours with 4,026 flights. The highest average time per flight was gained by the Gatineau Club's Olympia with .574 hours. Montreal Soaring Council's Pratt-Read put in the most time with 81 hours, followed by the Gatineau Club's GB, with 62 hours. The majority of FAI certificates during the year went to the Tenardee Gliding Club, Calgary.

Accurate figures on the Ste Eugene Meet were also given—104 hours, 57 minutes gliding time was put in, with 348 flights and an average duration of .301 hours.

Election of officers for 1951—J. W. Ames, of Toronto, President; Norman Bruce, Calgary, Vice President; Barrie Jeffery, A. N. LeCheminant and D. A. Shenstone, all of Ottawa, Directors. Jim Kane and

Johnnie Dure of Toronto were appointed Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the meaning of the National Championship. Les Baranowski announced that regulations as laid down involved territorial restrictions only, in that it was necessary that all flights commence on Canadian soil.

Ralph Grandell, ex-Edmonton Soaring Club, and now of Waterloo, Ont., introduced Garth Massey, Instructor-Manager of the Kitchener-Waterloo Flying Club, a group interested in combining light plane flying with gliding. Mr. Massey offered the facilities of his club for the 1951 Glider Meet, and, when put to the vote, his proposals received overwhelming approval. It is officially announced therefore, that the Meet this year will be held at the Kitchener-Waterloo Flying Club, with Albie Pow, London, as Chairman of the Meet Committee. The date only has yet to be decided, but it is probable that it will be in the first week of August.

In a surprise move the Executive produced four Certificates of Honour suitably inscribed, which were presented to members whose work has been of the greatest value to the gliding movement in Canada; spontaneous and vociferous approval of the assembly greeted the presentations, which were:

Professor T. R. Loudon, University of Toronto, for his valuable aid and sponsorship of the Loudon sailplane; **Mr. W. Czerwinski**, for his outstanding work in the design of the Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Loudon and Harbinger; **Albie Pow** for his achievement as the first National Champion; in addition Albie received his Silver "C" badge; **Vernon Pope**, as the Chief Instructor of the club winning the Roden Trophy -Montreal Soaring Council.

A lengthy discussion took place in which a large number of members took part, regarding the magazine "Soaring" and the SSA-SAC affiliation. Later, the incoming President, Jack Ames appointed a special committee to look into and to regularize the overall picture. It was stressed, however, that "Soaring" should receive the support of all members as it constituted the only authoritative and presentable publication on the sport available on this continent.

During the meeting a wire was received from the Soaring Club of B.C. requesting sponsorship of a West Coast Gliding Meet this summer and offering the services of Fred Simpson, well known B.C. soaring enthusiast, as SAS representative. The 1951 Executive agreed whole-heartedly to both proposals and earmarked a fair sum for the meet, besides appointing Fred Simpson as B.C. Zone Representative.

WINNIPEG, Man.

Dick Noonan, long-time SAC member and gliding enthusiast from 'way back passed through Ottawa recently and announced that he is building the first Schweizer 1-23 to be seen in Canada. He expects to have it completed by mid-summer. Great enthusiasm was apparent when he discussed details of construction at a meeting of the Gatineau Gliding Club, and it would come as no surprise if construction of at least one more 1-23 were to commence in Canada before long. Dick reports that he is doing a flush-rivet job and will welcome serious inquiries. He can be reached through the S.A.C., P.O. Box 851, Ottawa, Canada.