

January 26, 2016

To: SSA Board of Directors

From: Lane Bush Region V Director

Dear Board Members,

2015 was a great year for Region V. Here in Region V Sarah and Jason Arnold hosted the 1st FAI Pan American Gliding Championships. This was a unique contest and hopefully wrote the instruction manual on how to continue a needed Championship series. As always The Seniors kicked off the 2015 competition season and by all accounts was a great success. Additionally Al and Rhonda Tyler hosted an equally well subscribed contest at their lovely home. Region V South proved to be a great contest this year.

Our Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama series was well managed in 2015. This is a unique series aimed at introducing cross country pilots to racing in a relaxed format. Also, following the Seniors Championship, Seminole Lakes Gliderport hosted a cross country camp. Sarah and Jason hosted the Sequatchie Ridge Camp and their Wave Camp.

On the club/commercial front Southern Eagles Soaring is doing well at their new home at Roosevelt Field. Chilhowee Gliderport is up and running after a year spent resurfacing their turf runway. Also, Seminole Lakes Gliderport is under new management.

Ron Alexander of EAA Sportair Workshops fame is discussing a youth glider program at Peachstate Airport south of Atlanta. Ron has a knack for successful and innovative aviation projects. This could be an exciting program if he moves forward.

Here in Region V we are painting up a donated Blanik to be used as the SSA airshow exhibit. Hopefully this project will be ready for the 2016 airshow season. We had a Sun N Fun presence in Lakeland Florida in April. Although these airshow events are hard to measure, as the representative of soaring in the United States we must find a way to be seen. Hopefully volunteers will continue to help us at these events.

Yours In Service,

Lane Bush & Pedja Bogdanovich

