Apology for Errors in July SOARING

I have been tasked with many responsibilities in my new role as Office Administrator, and have done my best to keep the SSA office going and morale high. But my true passion is SOARING Magazine. Although I now have a very busy schedule, I labor over the magazine each and every month. When mistakes occur, such as in the July issue, it is very disheartening to me. You may have noticed the large number of typographical errors in the vintage article. What happened was that the original article was scanned using optical character recognition software, which always introduces some errors. Our staffer tasked with proofreading the scanned article before submission did so, but improperly saved her edits in the computer file. This caused the scanned original, unedited version to be submitted to the printer. Rest assured we have made some procedural changes to prevent this from happening again.

Another change in the office involves a new member of our staff, Michelle Jimenez. Michelle comes to us with many talents, but the most important is her proofreading skills. I hope working together and with other Contributing Editors, we can bring SOARING Magazine to a higher level of quality.

I have tried to vary the subjects of articles in the magazine each month, so every member will find at least one appealing and of interest. We have many brand new SSA members, and some basic "how to" articles would be beneficial to them. Therefore, this is an appeal to veteran members to submit introductory articles that might help new members in the sport. Remember, you were all beginners once. Erik Mann has already sent a "how to" article on water ballast that will run in the next available issue, but we need your expertise in writing about other beginner topics.

We have also made another change in our office staff. Rhonda Copeland, who you have all talked to over the years when purchasing merchandise, has been promoted to the Member Services department, replacing Kathy Purvis, who has moved on to a new job in Hobbs. Rhonda is already up and running in her new capacity.

Phil Umphres, our SSA Treasurer, stopped by for a visit and to work with Judy Blalack, our Accounts Manager. They have been working some late hours (way past my bedtime). Phil has taken a little time out from crunching numbers to head across the street and meet a few contest people, who have arrived to begin the Region 9 and Standard Class Nationals.

Competition pilots have been stopping by headquarters to meet the
staff, and we always appreciate putting a face with the names we’ve heard. We hope they have a great contest, and that the weather is good.

If there is anything the staff can do to assist you, please let us know.

Denise  
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SSA Rules Committee Election

The period for nominations has been extended until August 22 (it was supposed to close July 1, but no nominations were received by that date). The annual Rules Committee election will take place online from September 1 to 15. The position held by Dave Mockler is up for election. Dave is not running for re-election. Other current committee members are Dave Cole (chairman), Hank Nixon, Garret Willat, and Ken Sorenson.

The Rules Committee election process requires that nominations come from Regional Directors. The nominee must be from that Director's region. The nomination should be made and seconded by pilots on the Ranking List from within the director's region. It is up to regional directors to establish the nomination system specific to their region.

Requirement for nomination is that the individual must be listed on the latest ranking list or has served as Contest Manager/Competition Director at a National or Regional contest within the last three years. Candidates must be US citizens or Permanent Resident Aliens.

More information on Rules Committee and the election process is available on the SSA website at Sailplane Racing>Rules & Process>Other Documents

Ken Sorenson
SSA Contest Committee Chairman

Experimental Soaring Association 2007 Western Workshop Registration

Friday August 31st – Monday September 3, 2007 (Labor Day Weekend)
Mountain Valley Airport (L94), Tehachapi, California

SCHEDULE

Friday – Flying Day. Potluck BBQ Dinner at the Byard Hangar
Saturday – Lectures, demonstrations & flying all day. Dinner – Potluck BBQ at the Byard Hangar. Auction to follow dinner
Sunday – Lectures, demonstrations and flying all day. Dinner – Banquet at the Byard Hangar (buy your tickets early please).
Monday – Flying Day. We will have the business meeting this morning if we are unable to schedule it during Saturday or Sunday.

Notes:
• For Potluck BBQ – Bring meat and drink for yourself and something to share.
For Auction – Donations of items gratefully accepted – clean out your workshop and bring that white elephant, which might be someone else’s treasure!

LODGING (All area codes are 661). Not all motels are listed
• Camping is available at Mountain Valley Airport (call Jane Barrett at 822-5267) or at area campgrounds, including Indian Hills Campground 822-6613
• RV Park at Mountain Valley Airport, 822-1313
• Tehachapi Summit TravLodge – closest – 823-8000. 500 Steuber Road
• Holiday Inn Express, 901 Capital Hills Pkwy, 822-9837

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• Best Western Country Park Hotel, 420 W. Tehachapi Blvd, 823-1800
• Best Western Mountain Inn, 418 W. Tehachapi Blvd, 822-5591
Golden Hills Motel, 22561 Woodford-Tehachapi Rd, 822-4488

QUESTIONS?
Contact Dan or Janice Armstrong, 821-0346 or armstronghagen@sbcglobal.net

Workshop Registration $18
One Day Only (Friday and Monday are freebies) $10
Banquet (specify if you want vegetarian) $19

Tentative Speaker Schedule – subject to change

SATURDAY
8:30 Danny Howell – Light Hawk Progress
9:30 Bruce Carmichael – Sailplane Suction B.L.C. (L. Boermans)
10:30 Mike Sandlin – BUG Progress
11:30 Greg Cole – Developments at Sparrowhawk
1:30 Dean Sigler – Geodesic Construction and Outlaw Airmen
2:30 Jim Terry – Steel Carbon Dragon Progress
3:00 Jack Norris – How Propellers Really Work
3:30 Taras Kiceniuk – Regenerative Soaring Design-Model
4:30 Bill Otto – A Low Drag Business Aircraft Concept

SUNDAY
8:30 Phil Barnes – Practical Computer Graphics for Sailplane Design
9:30 Robert Hoey – Pteranodon Model
10:30 Dan Armstrong – Electric Launch Considerations
11:30 Jeff Byard – Early California Soaring
1:30 Wayne Spani – Building in Wood
2:30 Al Bowers – Limits to Open Span Performance?
3:30 Leo Benetti-Longhini – Record Flights in the Silent and the JS-1
4:30 Ilan Kroo – Sailplane Energy Extraction from Gusts