I have had little contact outside of local area. Ken Sorenson will be taking over as Region 10 Director on January 1, 2020.

Arkansas. No update.

Louisiana. No updates.

Kansas. Sunflower Soaring Foundation completed Operations Building in time for the Club Nationals. Successful contest, with everything from all landouts and no contest day, to lots of landouts, to everyone making it home. All seemed happy. Kansas Soaring Association to host 1-26 Nationals in 2020. Currently looking at 14-23 July. CAP has based a L-23 Sunflower, and it may become permanent resident.

Missouri, Western. Midwestern Soaring Association is active. CAP now has an L-23 based with MSA.

Nebraska. No update.


Texas. Regionals at SCOH and an invitational meet in Uvalde, both were in August. Uvalde event was subdued by a fatality. Hoping the event organizers will provide input and comments on the various tasks and scoring methods to the Rules Committee. Burt Compton has stepped up his generosity again and is running a free towpilot checkout class at Marfa, in addition to his glider pilot checkride services.

For the Badge and Records Committee: Regarding possible 18 meter class State Records. I would like a clear answer of “Yes, we will establish one effective XXX” or “No, at this time we have no plans to establish a State Records class for 18 meter span sailplanes.” The thought being put forward is that there is a recognized racing class, and there seems to be a desire to have as many record categories as possible to permit us to showcase, with a recognized state record, what sailplanes can do. Waiting for the FAI seems counter to being able to promote the sport locally. Carried forward from February, as I have not heard an answer.

For the Awards Committee: Relative to Hall of Fame Inductions. Should SSA consider, for posthumous inductees to the Hall of Fame, checking with the family of the Inductee and having certificates made for each member of the immediate family that has interest in Soaring? This was something I proposed after the somewhat awkward presentation of Rudy Mozer’s induction certificate to one of the 4 Mozer Boys that were present, then hearing them discussing how to get certificates for each of themselves.

For one and all: How many of you have noticed that Adobe Flash Player will go away on, I believe, December 31, 2020? How many know that we use Adobe Flash Player for viewing the on-line SOARING Magazine Archive? What will we have to do to keep the archive available for viewing? One article discussing this: https://threatpost.com/flash-default-mozilla-firefox-69/140814/

Another: https://www.theverge.com/2017/7/25/16026236/adobe-flash-end-of-support-2020
Outside my region, but the National Soaring Museum is celebrating its 50th Birthday on October 5th. Please come if you can and if you can’t, please consider either becoming a member of the NSM if you are not yet a member, or increasing your contribution to the NSM if you are currently a member.