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Editorial

Everyone seems so helpful in gliding there is usually someone to help push to the flight line, hook up and run your wing; someone to tell you where they were getting lift and how much; and someone to tell you how good your landing was, except the ground was three feet too low.

The instructors, long suffering and unpaid, are helpful. The tow pilots, bless them, really do try to drop you in lift. We all try to help our fellow pilots by telling them what to do and how to do it - we also tell them what not to do to help them stay out of trouble.

Why is it then that when accidents occur, we keep them quiet - avoid reporting them (except to collect on the insurance) - and generally try to forget they exist. Sure, nobody likes to admit they goofed, but if the causes of accidents were made known maybe we could avoid some repetitions in the future.

In the past two years about 60% of the clubs reported at the year end to the SAC Safety Committee with only 12 accidents reported in 1973 and I9 in 1974. There were more accidents and incidents involving gliders and tow aircraft than that, but we are not to learn from them because they went unreported. The MoT reports are terse and lack

detail, the insurance reports are considered confidential and the clubs simply don't want the "bad publicity".

How are we to learn from others if they won't share their bad experiences as well as their good ones. We aren't suggesting that individual pilots be held up for ridicule or be embarrassed by a highly detailed account of their moment of supreme stupidity when they bent the club's best single seater. What we do suggest is a realistic, factual, detailed report of each accident or serious incident which could be published for all interested glider pilots to read and hopefully, learn from.

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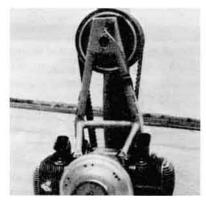
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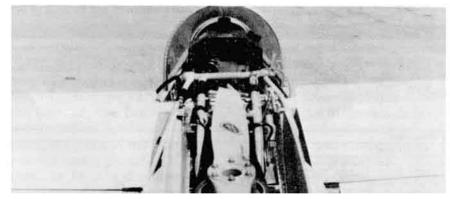




The persistant spirit of a contest pilot has been the primary ingredient in the development of the first Canadian built motorglider.

Willi Deleurant of Toronto Soaring Club has been flying gliders for 45 years. He holds Canada's Diamond Badge #10 and won the National Contest in 1960 and 1965 plus coming second in '61, '68 and '69

For the past three years Willi's long experience in gliding plus his business background in auto



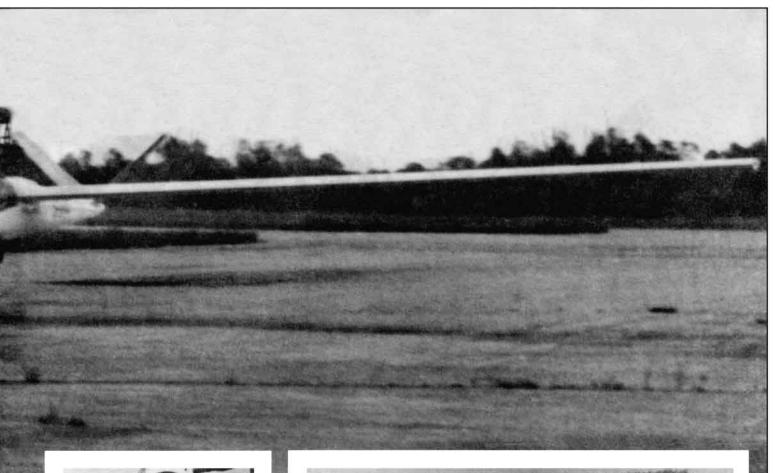
mechanics have been applied to developing an efficient motor-glider adaptation for his HP-14.

The first effort in 1973 was a fuselage mounted engine, folding pylon and geared drive that looked great but wouldn't do the job. The next year was a change to belt drive but still with the inefficient underpowered engine. This season, a new engine with belt drive and a new "Hoffman" propeller are getting Willi off the ground and climbing at 300 fpm.

Finding the materials to fit into the limited space available (16%" x 22") and producing the perform-

ance needed has been half the battle. A friend, George McNair, owner of the Delta Machine Shop in Toronto has been a big help and the dogged persistance Willi used to show in soaring contests has produced a winner again.

Why make a high performance sailplane like the HP-14 into a motorglider? Not to fly under power says Willi; all he wants is the chance to launch himself for soaring flight and avoid the landing out problems. He only uses a one gallon tank which gives him about a half hour of power but this can be





enlarged if needed. Willi's dislike of landing out was increased at the World Contest in Marfa in 1970 when he had a 28 mile walk out of the boondocks. With his hydraulic unfolding mechanism and electric start, he can get under power in seconds when he gets low and avoid retrieves or a long walk for help. The powerplant is a modified OMC snowmobile 32 H.P., two stroke engine; turning up to 6000 rpm. An electric starter is used with a 12 volt 40 amp snowmobile battery housed in the nose for counterbal-

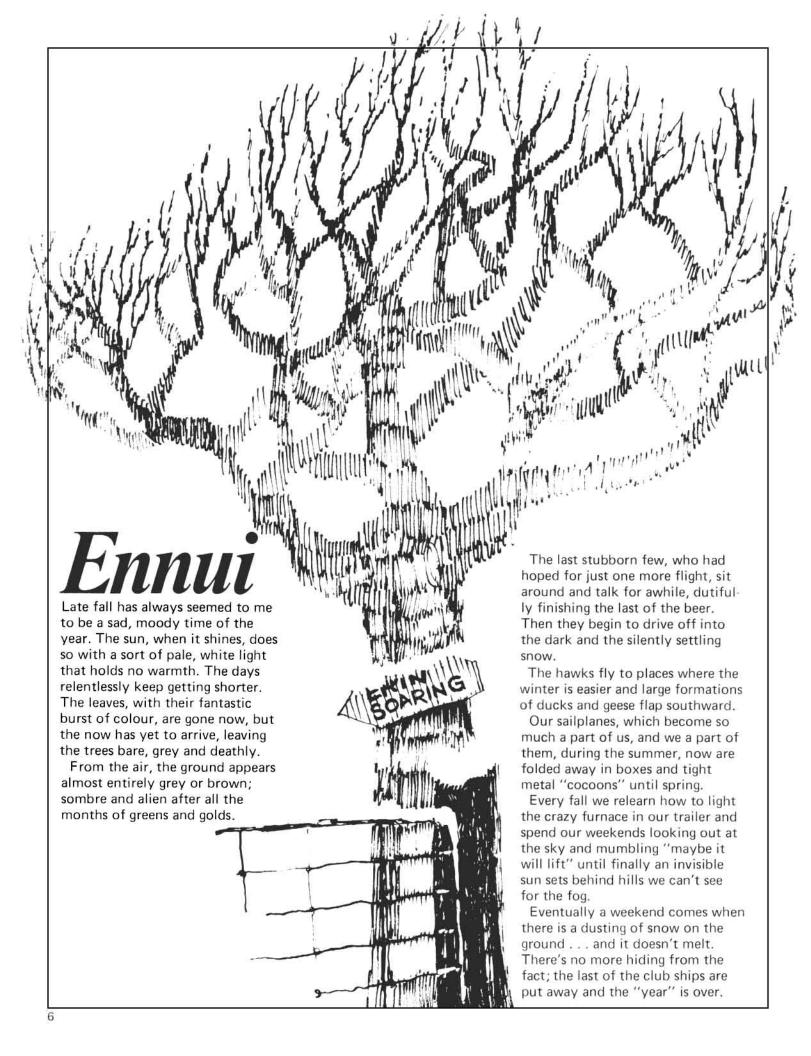


ancing the engine weight. The belt drive at a ratio of 2:1 turns the prop at 3000 rpm.

The movement of the powerplant after opening the doors is accomplished by hydraulic pressure stored in an accumulator, operating a ram type cylinder. To erect or retract the powerplant takes only a couple of seconds and no effort by the pilot; and because of the minimal change in centre of gravity when the engine moves, no change in airspeed is necessary when changing from the gliding to the power mode. The powerplant may be completely removed from the aircraft by unscrewing six bolts and connections

plus removing the battery, thus restoring the glider to a pure sail-plane. While the performance of the version shown in the photographs is quite acceptable; Willi is still not satisfied. He is already planning his next adaptation which will be to house the engine within the fuselage retaining the belt drive inside a pylon. This will reduce drag substantially without affecting the present reliability.

Desire, technical skill and continuous effort have brought Willi to his present performance and he says, "Wait til next year... it will be even better!"



Letters to the **Fditor**

Further to the question of who has been the youngest pilot to solo in Canada; raised by William Dick of Buckingham (Letters Jan/Feb 75) and followed up re Michael Mayer at York Soaring (FREE FLIGHT

Mar/Apr 75). Michael Collins of Montreal Soaring Council soloed at the age of 15 years and one day.

On August 30th, 1975 Michael received his final solo check (on his birthday) by Col. Gordon Bruce. As the winds were quite strong and gusty the C.F.I. Bill Roach did not think it wise to turn him loose. However, on the following day (15

years and one day) Michael managed to be the first aircraft in line for tow. His first flight lasted 13 minutes and his second 28 minutes (Airport - Hawksbury, Ontario). Cecil S. Collins, Montreal.

Badges and badge legs earned in august 1975

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GOLD ALTITUDE R. Hyam at Black Forest, Colorado

Don't be a MoT Statistic

C40109 Aircraft Type: Schreder HP 14T Glider Reg: CF-HPI

Date/Time: 29Aug74 1530 CST Operation: Private - recreation Damage: Substantial

Place: 49/57N 97/36W Pigeon Lake, Man. Locale: Soil strip 2800 by 300, 785 asl

Weather: Cloud 4500 broken, vis 15, temp 62, wind WSW 10

Pilot: Glider Total Hours: 310 All: 70 On Type Last 90 Days: 15 All: 14

Casualties: Crew: 1 uninj

Description of Occurrence: Directional control was not attained during take-off and the glider had turned approximately 70 degrees before the tow cable was released.



Saturday, August 9, 1975 was a memorable day for Air Marshall A.E. Godfrey (Retired), as well as for our S.A.C. President, Walter Piercy. On this day, Walter had the honour and privilege of taking him aloft in Rideau Club's Schweizer 2-33A for his very first trip in a motorless aircraft — and this was only a few weeks after his 85th birthday!

Air Vice-Marshall Godfrey saw service as a pilot in World War I. After the war, he stayed on active service in the Royal Canadian Air Force, which received its "Royal" prefix on February 15, 1923, but which became officially the R.C.A.F. on April 1, 1924. By the end of 1923, five major R.C.A.F. stations were in full operation across Canada, in addition to the large training airdrome at Camp Borden, Ont. One of the five stations - the Jericho Beach Air Station at Vancouver, B.C.

for very critical for under committee and an area and was staffed with two additional pilots and twenty-five men. Two hundred and seventy flying hours were recorded for 1923.

Walter said that just before takeoff he asked Air Vice-Marshall Godfrey to follow through on the controls with him, and after they were in free flight at 2000 feet he would ask him to fly the aircraft. During the tow he was interested in proceedings - the quietness particularly, as well as the typical power pilot's observation of the unnatural towing manoeuvre itself. After release, Walter asked him to fly straight and level for a horizon reference point, and as he did so Walter removed his hands and feet from the controls, and kept talking to him for 3 or 4 minutes as they cruised along. At this time, Walter observed to him that he flew the aircraft as though he knew something about flying - and to this remark, Air Vice-Marshall Godfrey replied that he had not his hands on the controls of an aircraft for 30 years! Walter said later that it was remarkable how relaxed he was, and how well he flew the 2-33 on his first trip - apparently, it is like riding a bicycle, once you can do it, you can always do it.

In 1926, a wealthy American private pilot, J. Dalzell McKee, undertook an extensive flight over Canadian territory. He purchased a Douglas seaplane of the type that had earned a high reputation on the U.S. Army Air Service flight round the world in 1924, and enlisted the aid of a Canadian airman as pilot -Squadron Leader Earl Godfrey, who was at this time attached to Headquarters Staff of the R.C.A.F. at Ottawa. Starting from Montreal, the route was planned via northern lakes and rivers, following the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers to Ottawa, thence to Lake Nipissing, Sudbury, Longlac, Orient Bay, Sioux Lookout, Minaki and Lac du Bonnet. From this point the course lay by Grand Rapids, and west along the North Saskatchewan River to Prince Albert, then to Wabamun Lake near Edmonton. The airmen planned to fly over the Yellowhead Pass to the Fraser reaching the Pacific at Godfrey's old command, the Jericho Beach Air Station, Vancouver. It was an ambitious endeavour and a private venture, with no prize or competition involved. The flight took 9 days, but the approximately 3,000 air miles were made in the flying



time of 35 hours and 8 minutes. Not only were McKee and Godfrey the first airmen to cover so much of a trans-Canada route, but they were also the first to make a direct non-stop flight across the Rockies between Edmonton and Vancouver. Throughout the flight, the airmen were given the facilities available at the stations and bases of the Ontario Provincial Air Service and the Royal Canadian Air Force. In appreciation of this assistance, McKee established an endowment, with a Trophy, to be awarded annually to the person giving the most meritorious service in the advancement of aviation in Canada. It seems incredible now that it was to be another twenty-three years before the first non-stop trans-Canada flight was made - in January 1949.

During the 2-33 flight, the variometer showed a weak 200 ft/min UP indication, and Walter explained what was happening, as they circled and climbed a few hundred feet. This was a real revelation to Air Vice-Marshall Godfrey - he said he had read about sailplanes climbing on thermal currents, but had not realized what an exhilarating and satisfying experience this could be until now. Walter was pleased to be able to demonstrate a climb on this weak thermal, and to have him do the actual piloting on this, his first flight.

Although the Canadian Air Force had carried mail across Canada as far back as 1920, it was not until a flight was made by Squadron Leader Earl Godfrey in 1928 that officially stamped air mail was carried on such a journey. Sponsored by the R.C.A.F., and using established bases across the country, the flight was scheduled to be made in 6 hops, only 3 of them for refuelling. The machine was a Fairchild seaplane, and for safety it followed a northern course, by way of many waterways and lakes of the region. The course was similar to that used by McKee and Godfrey two years previously. The mail carried on this memorable flight had a special, two-line description printed on the envelopes. just beneath the regular 5-cent postage stamp. It read, "Plane left Ottawa 7 a.m. September 5 - arrived Vancouver 6 p.m. September 8 -Insure your parcels at the post office". On each cover there is a special cachet: "Special -Canada Flight - Ottawa to Vancouver - September, 1928". Approximately 550 letters were flown, and all were back-stamped with a circular cancellation, marked "Vancouver, September 8, 6:30 p.m. 1928". Today a single specimen is valued at \$20.00 and at \$30.00 if signed by the pilot.

The 2-33 flight came to an end all too soon. A regular approach was started and the landing was made without incident. After the glider came to a stop, Walter asked Air Vice-Marshall Godfrey how he enjoyed his first glider flight. His reply was very pleasing to Walter's ears, because he said, "That was one of the most memorable flights I have ever had in an aircraft!".

The historical notes in the above article were taken from the book, "Canada's Flying Heritage" by Frank H. Ellis, University of Toronto Press, 1954.

If any S.A.C. Club-members have taken up as passengers in club machines, anyone older than Air Vice-Marshall Godfrey, the readers of Free Flight would like to hear about it. Just write a little story on the experience, and we will be pleased to put it into a future issue.

Club News

OKANAGAN SOARING CLUB Our Schleicher Ka-7 is now operational. Except for one days flying at Vernon on September 7th, all flights have been made from the Salmon Arm airstrip. This is a 5200' gravel strip in beautiful surroundings of mountains and lakes. We have been flying every weekend and expect to continue until snow stops us. There are about 20 shareholding flying members and another 30 associate members. Most of the flying members are also experienced power pilots. Many have their own light planes. As you can guess, we are well set for towing. Our home field has not yet been decided, for we plan to try a series of possibilities all the way from Salmon Arm to the U.S. border. This whole Okanagan Valley promises to produce excellent soaring with tall thermals, miles of ridge lift and plenty of wave.

So far most of our flights have been short training hops of about 20 minutes. Jack Scott with instructor Hans Kruiswyk holds the record for the longest (1:37) and the shortest (0:07) flights. Ken Thom has his Schweizer TG-2 flying also and has made a number of flights each weekend. This

winter we will be looking for a second trainer, 2-22 or 2-33. Any word of one will be appreciated. Don MacClement

NEWFOUNDLAND SOARING SOCIETY

During the period 22 August to 21 September 1975, the Newfoundland Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada conducted Glider Pilot training at Stephenville Airport. The program was carried out with the assistance and co-operation of the Canadian Forces in the form of lending equipment and vehicles plus their paying for the operating costs of these vehicles.

The first couple of weeks saw famil flying for the Air Cadets in the area plus flying training for six ab-initio glider pilot students. Three of these students were females, one an officer and the other two cadets of the local 708 Stephenville Squadron, One cadet, Linda Ballard of Stephenville, flew her first solo in a 2-33A on 19 September. The other cadet was held up due solely to a mix up in getting her Student Pilot Permit back from MoT before we closed the program. We believe that Cadet Linda Ballard is the first female Air Cadet to fly solo in any gliding program in Atlantic Canada.

Gliding is relatively new to Newfoundland and we are now trying to get a full scale program operating in Stephenville for next year. We have a start already, as we have the instructors for such a program. These came from a SAC Gliding Instructors' course held at Stephenville during the last two weeks of our program there. The course was run under the guidelines used by Mr. Walter Piercy and material supplied by him. The course syllabus contained twelve hours of classroom work and individual instruction for three candidates in air work using the SAC Part 1 Instructors' Notes. The three candidates were the only ones in this area with enough experience to be eligible for Instructor Rating. These people have now been recommended for MoT Instructor and SAC Class 111 ratings.

We have formed a gliding club in this area and have registered with SAC under the name of Newfoundland Soaring Society and hope to live up to the name in the not too distant future. This area has great potential as a soaring centre with good lift and hill soaring in the Stephenville area. We will keep you informed of our progress.

John H. Williams

S.A.C. Directors Meet at Claresholm

A number of the Directors took advantage of the Nationals to get together for a discussion of S.A.C. business. Attending the meeting chaired by President Walter Piercy were Terry Beasley, Fred Becker, George Couser, Dave Parsey, Peter Trounce, Hal Werneberg and Secretary, Terry Tucker.

Peter Trounce reported on the Insurance Plan and a discussion was held on the new premiums and alternative plans. A motion was carried to the effect that only club affiliated members, junior flying members and married couples would be eligible for coverage under the S.A.C. Insurance Plan.

Consideration for membership and insurance was given to the following clubs and soaring organizations; Okanagan Soaring Club, Base Borden Soaring Group, Omemee Country Club, Missisquoi

CLUB VOL A VOILES APPALACHIAN

High cirrus filtered sunshine over the airport. From 1500' a pilot could look below on the windy, grass strip beside the paved runway and see smoke drifting away from a small yellow wind break, and a tiny cluster of pilots and students huddled close to it. Supper was cooking over the fire.

We had thought Adolf was kidding when he proposed a whole pig supper as a special event to celebrate our best season. However, on a cold Saturday recently the ground crew was vying for the warmest spot on the field, right next to the spit. On it, turning slowly, our supper sizzled and browned over the coals. Later that evening we sat in the main hangar to a gothic feast of roast piglet, baked potatoes and beer.

For five years our club has flown one glider and dreamed of owning two. Finally it happened. Last winter several of us drove down to an air base near Trenton and stood in a heated hangar almost filled with a herd of immobilized jet fighters. Off in one corner was what seemed to be the remains of a dusty Bergfalke II. Wings lay flat on the cement floor; the fuselage was stripped of fabric below the plimsol

line; the boxy, old fashioned canopy made it seem like a relic of the thirties. But it had been carefully checked over, and, somewhat pleased with ourselves, we bought it

This summer's terrific weather and the old Bergfalke have made the difference. We not only made enough money to pay off our bank loan, but we also stuck our noses cautiously westward in short cross-country flights. On one powerful day Adolf Scherbaum flew forty miles at 9000'without circling once! During this flight he slope-soared on the bright sides of a towering cumulus.

Now we are looking for a good single place for next season partly because a new prize is up for grabs. "The Migrating Eagle Trophy" donated by Bob Hyam is a challenge to members of CVVA and Mansonville clubs to attempt cross country flights between the two sites. Meanwhile the autumn cloud bases are lowering and the rain drifts more frequently across the airstrip. But it has been one of the best years, and next spring is just a short winter away.

K. Ward

FOUR NEW CANADIAN SAILPLANE RECORDS Mrs. Antonia Williams of Vancouver flew a Standard Cirrus, CF-DMW, from Crystalaire Airport near Pearblossom, California to a goal of North Las Vegas Airport, Nevada. This is a distance of 305 km and exceeds the Distance in a Straight Line and Distance to Goal records in the Feminine Citizen category. Both previous records were held by Mrs. Williams. Her flight took place on July 7, 1975.

On July 14, 1975 Mr. D. J. Marsden with Mr. E. Dumas flew his Gemini sailplane, CF-TKC round a 304 km triangle from Claresholm to Arrowwood to Vauxhall to Claresholm at a speed of 69.9 km/h to claim the Canadian multiseat 300 km speed triangle record in both the citizen and territorial categories. The flight was made while competing in the Nationals contest.

On August 7, 1975 D.R. Band flew a Schweizer I-35 sailplane, C-GYSA from Arthur Gliderport, Ontario to Tillsonburg Airport. The distance of 105 km was covered at a speed of 59.4 km/h. This is a new record for the 100 km Speed to Goal in both the citizen and territorial categories.

Soaring Club, Alberta Soaring Council, Laurentian Gliding Club and Provincial Motorgliding & Soaring Association. Consideration and approval was given for proposals regarding the editing and printing of FREE FLIGHT for the coming year.

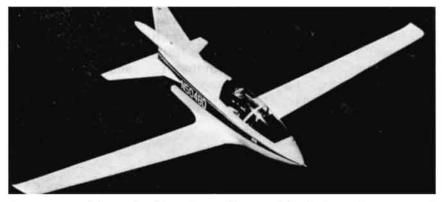
By-Law amendments and various Notices of Motion concerning the Constitution were discussed and the formal Notices of Motion will be published in FREE FLIGHT prior to the AGM so that all members may give these proposals their consideration. Membership fees and the membership year were discussed and a motion was carried proposing a new schedule of fees which will be presented at the AGM in March of 1976. Many other topics including Instructors' Course, Tow Pilot Recognition, Self Launching Sailplanes, Sports Canada Grants, 1976 AGM, World Contest Committee, Public

Relations, Trophies, MoT Licence Requirements and Funds for the Nationals kept the directors busy until adjournment late in the afternoon.

While the formal meeting concluded late Saturday afternoon; discussions continued at the field through the following days of the meet whenever the time permitted.

The BD·5S Sailplane

by Elemer Balint

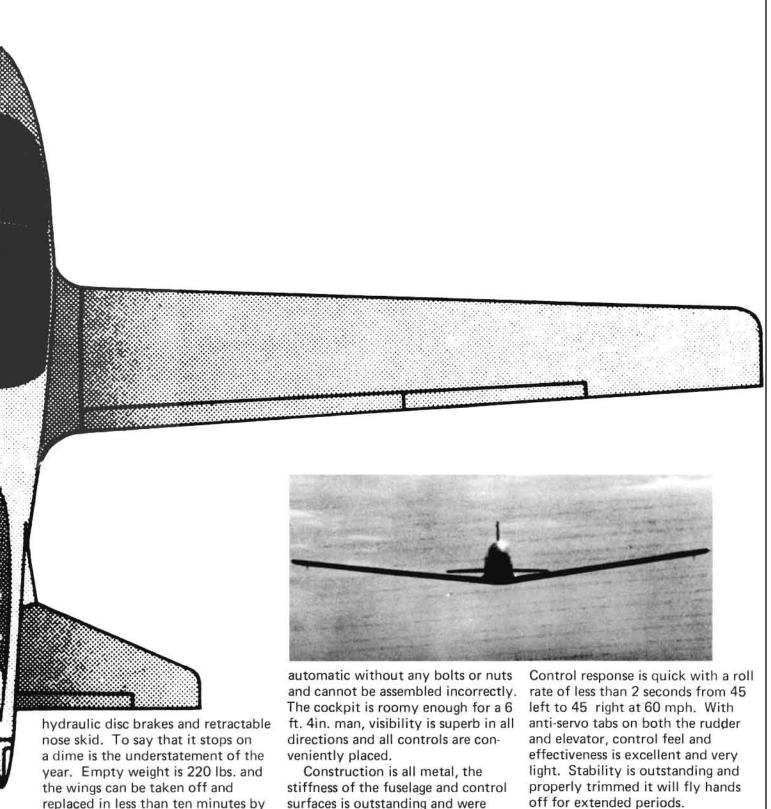


At a recent visit to the Bede Aircraft plant in Newton, Kansas I had the opportunity to closely examine the sailplane version of Jim Bede's famed BD-5 Micro and was much impressed with its size, quality, comfort and performance.

We arrived at the Newton Municipal Airport on Friday, May 16th about 8:00 PM. While tying down our aircraft I noticed the unmistakeable figure of Jim Bede approaching. Although I have not met him before, there could be no doubt of his identity. For such a controversial personality he was surprisingly relaxed and exhibited none of the high strung traits I expected of him. At the eve of a two day convention of BD-5 builders he seemed to have all the time in the world and offered to drive us to our hotel in Wichita.

During the drive at a leisurely pace he answered all our questions with complete openness and from his answers the following picture emerged.

The BD-5S is essentially the same aircraft as the BD-5 but with a 30 ft wingspan instead of the 21.5 ft. of the standard version. The main spar was moved forward in order to compensate for the missing engine. It has flaps allowing a 38 mph stall speed, retractable dual main wheels in the centre of the fuselage with

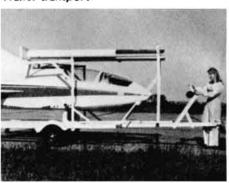


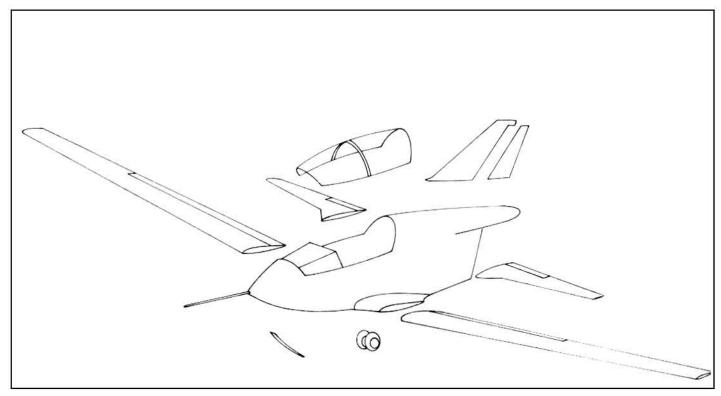
replaced in less than ten minutes by one man without assistance. Control connections for flaps and ailerons are

surfaces is outstanding and were tested to over 400 mph with the jet version in actual flight. The main spar is tubular aluminum and was flown to 200 mph in a dive without any sign of stress or flutter.

Performance using the same profile as the powered version is 23:1 L/D and 2.8 ft/min. minimum

Trailer transport





sink. Considerable improvements are expected once the wing with either a Wortmann or NASA GAW-1 profile is installed; development is continuing in this area.

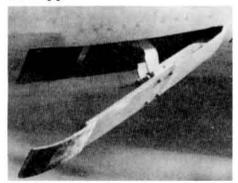
The following day we inspected the glider and it is a little gem. It is so tiny it is hard to believe the roominess of the cockpit until tried. I did my best to convince Jim that he should let me fly it and almost succeeded when Les Berven, his chief test pilot, objected

on account on the spin tests not having been completed yet. He took it up himself instead and the little toy seemed rock steady on tow. I timed his descent (no thermals) from 2500 ft. in 15 minutes which confirmed the claim of 2.8 ft/min sink. I really fell in love with it.

Later I had my chance to fly the Bede trainer which is the best training device since the rubber band. A BD-5B is installed on a ball joint at its centre of gravity on the end of a long boom attached to the front end of a pick-up truck. The

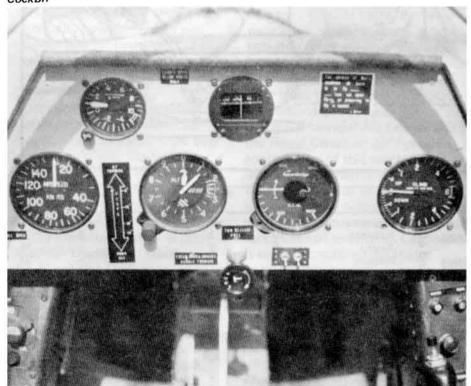
boom is spring loaded to zero weight the pilot is installed and connected to the driver with intercom. After a short briefing from the driver, he will push you along the runway. Steering on the ground is by differential braking up to approximately 20 mph after which there is positive rudder control. Lift off is at 45 mph and you can get as high as 10 ft. before the boom limit is reached. Control response is

Landing gear





Cockpit



perfectly natural and you really fly the thing, controlling about all three axes. With the exception of some vibration transmitted through the boom structure from the truck the sensation of free flight is perfect, set of drawings, instructions and Even on one run along the 7000 ft runway there is ample opportunity to sort things out, do several take offs and landings and grin like a cat that swallowed the canary. Les Berven stated that the aircraft is easier to fly than the trainer and if it is true it must be nothing short of phenomenal.

Since I am presently constructing a BD-5B and have the wings approximately 80% and the fuselage about 65% complete, I can categorically state that it is the most complete materials ever put in the hands of homebuilders. In my estimation, a reasonably skilled amateur could finish the BD glider in one winter's spare time work. The price? Jim Bede said \$2400.00. Frank Andrews quoted \$2200.00; whichever is correct, the price includes everything

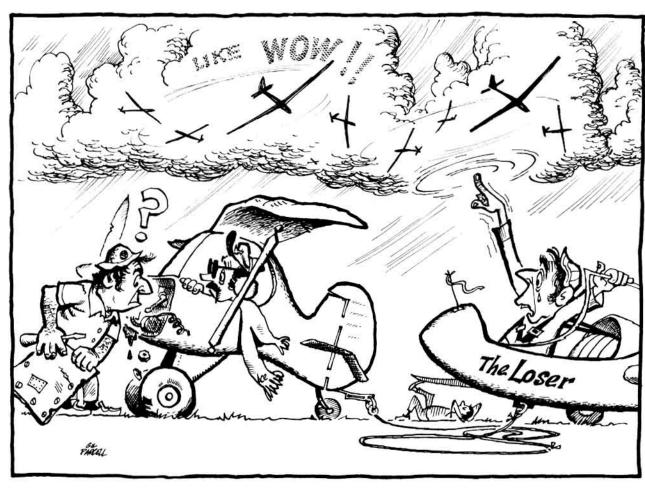
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to the last cotter pin and it is a steal. The end of the line is at your nearest mailbox, don't miss it.

After the seminars on construction, performance and other details of the various Bede products, a most convincing flight demonstration was staged by three jetpowered and two propeller driven BD-5B's. Formation aerobatics and a stunning sixteen point roll at ground level by Corky Fornoff. After believing we had seen everything possible, one of the jets performed three continuous snap rolls going up vertically, then a tailslide and a spin. It looked like a piece of cake.

When all the dust settled and we walked back to our faithful Tri-Pacer which carried three of us from Elmira to Kansas in eleven hours the previous day, it looked clumsy, drab and singularly unattractive. In fact, so did all the other aircraft next to those tiny marvels of Jim Bede.



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There is a group air fare for a minimum of ten people travelling together; it is a 14 - 21 day period and requires a prepaid land arrangement of \$110. minimum. This could include accommodation, a cruise to Leningrad or even the rental of an aircraft. The cost is \$578. with the usual weekend surcharges.

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Turns on Tows



by Thomas A. Reisner

Gliding, as every skill-demanding activity, has its quota of superstitions and fallacies which sometimes, through lack of critical thought, acquire the virtual stature of dogma. But while in most artforms theoretical misconceptions may hold little danger for those who accept them, in gliding they can have serious consequences: sloppy and inaccurate flying, bad spur-of-themoment decisions, perhaps even loss of aircraft and lives.

Much of the (so-called) expert opinion on how to pilot a glider on aerotow is of this type. It is frequently stated (among others, by Richard A. Wolters in his Art and Technique of Soaring) that the proper method of turning a sailplane on tow is by overuse of the rudder and underuse of the ailerons: the machine is yawed towards the tail of the tug while the angle of bank is kept relatively slight - as Wolters suggests, approximately one half of the towplane's roll angle. The fact that this procedure results in continual skidding, with a consequent drop in lift and increase in the drag of the glider, appears to make little difference to the doctrine; the theory is that the sailplane requires less bank because at any given tow-speed its wings develop more lift than the airplane's.

In fact, both analysis of what happens on tow and the method

prescribed to correct it are wrong. It is basic in aerodynamics that given equal airspeeds and angles of bank, the rate of turn of any two aircraft will be the same. This is so regardless of whether one aircraft weighs one thousand pounds and the other ten thousand, since the centrifugal and gravitational forces, whose precise equilibrium gives coordination in flight, are both equally dependent on mass. The angular velocity of the aircraft alone determines how much bank will be needed to neutralize the quantum of forces, and that depends on two factors only: forward speed and rate of turn. Since the physical coupling of tow-plane and glider practically assures that their speed is identical, their rates of turn can be readily equalized by rolling each aircraft to an equal degree. (If the logic of Wolters' argument were accepted. it would mean that even in normal straight flight the glider should be flown uncoordinated on tow a suggestion that no one, to the best of my knowledge, has ever seriously made.)

But what about the additional lift generated by the wings of the glider? How is it taken care of? The answer seems to be, by a nose-down pitch attitude, the trim normally assumed by a glider on rapid tow. By lowering the nose, the excess lift is actually converted into forward thrust relative to the flight path; the vertical (upward) speed of the glider is consequently diminished but so, at the same time, is the drag on the tug. The diagram above,

somewhat exaggerated to make the point clear, illustrates how this result comes about: Notice that the difference in pitch-attitude compensates for the greater lift of the glider. The resultant flight paths of the two craft are parallel due to the forward tilting of the sailplane's lift vector.

Anyone that has ever had the experience of piloting a slow and ponderous glider, such as a 2-33, behind a relatively fast airplane, such as an L-19 flown in gusty conditions, will remember the heavy stick-pressures required to keep it from ballooning uncontrollably in straight flight. With what little I know of aerodynamics, I can see no reason for supposing that this nose-down attitude is not all that is needed to keep the glider on the tail of the tug in a turn as well as in flying along a straight line. Although at normal aerotow speeds there is little danger in skidding a glider (especially the 2-33, which is virtually spin-proof), the use of Wolters' "flat-turn" method is both aesthetically unsatisfactory and aerodynamically wasteful. At the risk of offending a venerable old idol, I always suggest to my students to keep the glider's wings parallel to the tow-plane's, and find that this simple procedure not only contributes to a more pleasant sensation in the seat of the pants but also assures more accurate turns. quicker tows to release height, and therefore less wear and tear on the aircraft.

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The Federation Aeronautique International (FAI) is the international body which draws up standards and conventions for sporting aircraft and air sports throughout the world. It has sections for air racing, aerobatics, ballooning, sport parachuting and of course, gliding.

Dr. Sepp Froeschl has been appointed FAI representative to ICAO. In this capacity he is the spokesman for all non-commercial aviation, private flying, ballooning, homebuilt aircraft, as well as gliding, from all countries; surely a very responsible position and one which could influence the attitude of governments in no small way. The appointment was made at the FAI meeting in Sydney, Australia in November 1974 and the tenure is

for one year, but generally the

representative is re-elected and

serves for three or more years.

Sepp is well known to many SAC members because of his interest and contribution to the soaring movement; a word about his background is therefore appropriate. He has been associated with gliding since 1936 and with model flying before that. He started flying training in gliders in 1937. After war service in the German air force, he took up gliding again in 1947 in Austria where he instructed and was a competition pilot. He contributed on the administration side also, being a founding member of the Austrian Aero Club; and was responsible for bringing Austria into the air cadet exchange program.

Turning to commercial flying as a career, he obtained a British Senior Commercial Pilots Licence, passing the instrument flight test in 1952. He joined the Austrian air line and served as pilot and later as chief executive. Sepp did not give up gliding however and took part in competitions in the early fifties.

Obtaining a doctorate in mathematics in 1960, he decided on meteorology as a career. He came to Canada in July 1965. With a keen interest in providing meteorological advice for soaring, he lectured at a SAC instructors' course, was asked to return by Walter Piercy, and has given his services at the Eastern instructors' course for 7 years. He wrote the SAC bulletin on use of the tephigram and has brought the need for soaring meteorology to the notice of Environment Canada.

While attending the O.S.T.I.V. conference at Marfa in 1970, he offered his services as personal meteorological advisor to the Canadian Team at the 1970 World Gliding Contest. The late Wolf Mix attributed his success in obtaining 4th place in the Standard Class to the advice given by Dr. Froeschl. In 1972 he organized and was chairman of the international gliding forecasters conference in Vienna.

Sport aviation is fortunate to have in Sepp Froeschl a representative with such sincerity and dedication.

ONTARIO SOARING SOCIETY NIGHT SCHOOL COURSE. This year OSS is once again running an evening course in the North York school system for the Glider Pilot Licence. The course last year was very well subscribed and the North York Board of Education has suggested that two courses be conducted this season.

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The announcement by the Air Cadet League of Canada of Air Cadet Armstrong's selection said that he had taken basic gliding training under a summer program operated at Nanaimo, B.C. under the sponsorship of the Canadian Forces. At the completion of his course he was awarded an MoT Glider Pilot license and the Air Cadet Gliding Badge.

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