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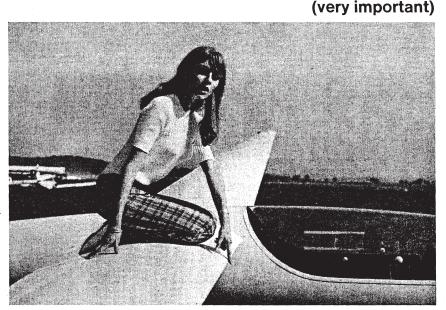
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The awarding of these pins ceased in 1958, when Bob lost his life in a glider accident. However, in 1963 the program was re-established under the official auspices of SSA, with each pin holder also receiving a handsome wall plaque. The pin itself is 7 mm. in diameter (the same size as the FAI Gold badge) and has one, two, or three white lenticular clouds set off against a blue background with a oft agamst a Dive Dackground with a silver rim. Each pin is consecutively numbered. In addition, a jewelry set including a tieclasp and cuff links, each sporting the appropriate Lennie emblem, is now available to all Lennie pin holders at the nominal cost of \$5.00 per set (tax and postage prepaid)

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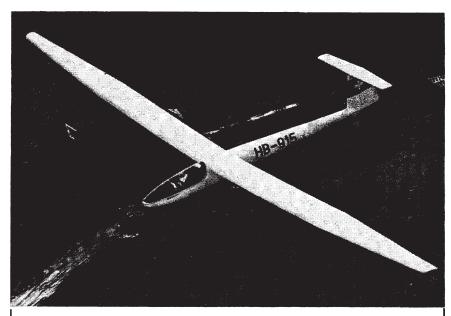
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General Wilcox, a veteran bomber pilot (73 combat missions in B-25's), thus becomes the ninth national commander of the U.S. Air Force civilian auxiliary. He is now commander of Strategic Air Command's 19th Air Division at Carswell AFB near Ft. Worth, Texas.

A command pilot with more than 4,600 flying hours logged, General Wilcox holds the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters among his other decorations.

SOARING PILOTS' SSB AMATEUR RADIO NETWORK

Joe Lorber (WB6CPI), of Lafayette, California, returned home recently after a three-hour flight in the club Pratt-Read and turned to his other hobby, amateur radio. Howas soon in contact with Fritz Compton (W4LJH) of Miami, Florida, and each was surprised to learn that the other shared the hobby of soaring. After a few minutes' conversation, another ham (W5JRK), who flew for many years broke in. This one was "Hank" with the TSA at Grand Prairie, Texas.

Now these three amateurs meet regularly every Friday night at 11:00 P.M. E.S.T. (8:00 P.M. P.S.T.) on 14:305 KC single sideband. Any other soaring pilots with amateur radio gear are invited to join, or if you are not an amateur yourself, but have a friend with SSB equipment, go over to his house and join the soaring get-together on Friday nights.

WB6CPI can also be contacted on week days at 2 P.M. E.S.T. or 11 A.M. P.S.T. on 14,310 KC, and he will tell you all about the Friday Night Soaring Set.

CANADIAN ACTIVITY

Gliding activity in Canada made substantial gains during 1966 as indicated by the following statistics (1965 figures in parentheses): Active sailplanes, 140 (128); Number of flights, 19,205 (16,725); Hours flown, 8,646 (7,320); Cross-country miles, 34,300 (16,085). Figures for

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the numbers of sailplanes, flights, hours and cross-country miles flown have all at least doubled in the last five years.

The largest increase in local activity during 1966 was in the Winnipeg area, closely followed by Quebec City and Vancouver. The 550% increase in cross-country mileage during the last five years is believed to indicate the impact of new equipment and the increased mobility of ever-larger numbers of private owners. The impressive fig-

ures for eastern Canada (two clubs in the Ottawa River Valley flew a total of 18,500 cross-country miles) reflect the excellent weather that prevailed in that part of the country, plus a competitive outlook among the members of the clubs in question.

Still higher levels of activity, plus plenty of excitement, are predicted for the current year, and all concerned are advised to keep a weather eye on the inevitable problems involved.

Wortmann and Eppler sections, I still feel that the L/D will fall considerably short of Marton's expectations. I also feel that his concept of a lifting body is bad. The best a designer can do is try to get a perfect elliptical lift distribution tip to tip on the wing without disruption by the fuselage. If the fuselage is loaded up, it will produce high induced drag. I feel Marton has excessive wetted area in the fuselage and horizontal tail which will unnecessarily degrade the performance of a most interesting wing design."

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A Soaring Summer Abroad

Dear Sir:

Having seen photographs of sailplanes soaring in the majesty and grandeur of the Alps and having the opportunity to tour Europe last summer, I came up with the devious plan to schedule as many stops as possible near gliding centers (unknown to my wife-until we arrived

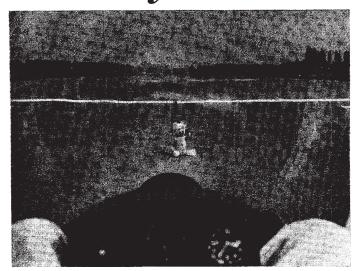
at the third one!).

Driving along outside of Salzburg in western Austria, I saw a Phoebus tacking back and forth across a steep mountain back and forth across a steep mountain some 6000 feet above us. As he out-climbed the tree line, he was only a wing span away from sheer crags—a beautiful sight silhouetted against the mountain. Unfortunately, such glory was not to be mine because the government regulations. in Austria are very involved regarding foreign licenses. I would suggest that anyone planning to visit an Austrian gliding center make contact with the school at least three months prior to arrival

In Switzerland there was very little problem with red tape, and the highlight of our trip was a visit to the Diamant factory at Altenrhein, where my gracious host arranged a flight for me in the 16.5meter Diamant. Being a little apprehensive about the first nearly prone-pilot cockpit I had ever flown in, I climbed in, and through an interpreter found out which way to move the dazzling array of levers. Pressing off, I was amazed at how rock stable the Diamant is on tow, so much so that you can fly with just two fingers. Perhaps all the years of flying jet fighters on "tow" behind a KC 135 while air refueling made it seem so easy. About all I can say is that it was a beautiful flight and that I was so impressed that I signed up for my own Diamant right then and there.

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It would be greatly appreciated if you could send me some information on gliders, how they were used, and how they are used today (if still used).

Thank you.

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I would like to thank Jack Lambie for tiving me a very interesting flight from giving me a very interesting night from El Mirage to Bishop ("Project: World Record," Feb. Soaring). As I was the first one in the family to get my Silver badge, the flight to Bishop wasn't the least bit difficult for me. All it took was a good ship and a very good and experienced pilot at the controls namely my enced pilot at the controls, namely my brother Tom.

Maybe one of these days I will make that flight to Bishop myself.

Incidentally, in conjunction with my work here at the University of California, I have developed (with the help of another graduate student) a computer plotting routine to calculate and plot fullsize wing ribs. I will be happy to work with serious designers to plot wing ribs at a nominal charge (to cover the cost of the plastic drawing film). The computer and plotter are available gratis.

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