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From the Director - Trafford Doherty

My first year as director has gone by very quickly, it seems. And, although much has been accomplished, there is much left to do. We have enjoyed in particular, making improvements and additions to the exhibit structure, and there is no shortage of upcoming projects.

When you visit the museum, take a look at the east wall of the hallway leading to the Restoration Shop. The *Hilton Honors Gallery* begins at the north end (across from the trophy case) and extends down to the *Baker McMillen Cadet*. The gallery wall includes *The Soaring Hall of Fame*, *SSA Awards* (silver and gold), *1-26 Association Awards* (moved from the Schweizer Gallery), and *Kolstad Soaring Awards*. Above each area is a black header with white lettering and on the wall next to each is a small sign explaining the significance of the material. I'm working with Wick Wilkinson to bring the 1-26 plaques up to date and we're also working on the Kolstad plaques.

This coming year, I would also like to place increased emphasis on a soaring pioneer from the west coast: Wm. Hawley Bowlus. Bowlus made tremendous contributions to the sport and I think that we need to focus on him a bit more. This will involve the revision of some of our kiosks – which is long past due.

Bertha Ryan has been helping me with material for a Neil Armstrong exhibit. Neil is known to all of us for his 1969 moon walk, but the general public is not aware that he was also an accomplished soaring pilot. We're going to change that. I have contacted a local graphic artist, Brett Steves, to help me put this together in a professional way. Brett helped me a lot at the Curtiss Museum, and I have always been pleased with his work. A good example of his quality and creativity is evidenced in our new rack card.



Hawley Bowlus



Neil Armstrong poses in 1-26 with photographer's daughter



Neil after his last soaring flight

FROM THE DIRECTOR — continued —

Beginning in January, we will present an exhibit of lovely paintings of birds and landscapes by Carl Frederick Lawrenson. Fred grew up in Susquehanna, PA. Since graduation from Mansfield State College, majoring in art education, he has spent much of his life teaching art and painting in Northern Tioga County, in the mountains of north central PA.

His paintings have placed in several regional juried exhibits including two popular vote awards. In addition, two of his paintings were selected for publication on full color calendars distributed throughout northern Pennsylvania in the late 1980's. 2003 he was juried into the World Nature Artist Group AKA Artists for Conservation, www.natureartists.com. His painting "Origins" was selected to the Paint America top 100 for 2007 and was displayed with the other selections on a national tour during 2008. Samples of his work may also be viewed at www.cflawrenson.com. Prints of his paintings are published under "Asaph Waters Editions". His originals are acrylic on masonite sealed with gesso.



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YEAR-END ADDITIONAL DONATION

Looking forward to a new fiscal year, filled with improvements, new projects and new possibilities, we welcome any additional funds you might like to donate to the National Soaring Museum for 2017. Please use the attached form to make an additional year-end donation to the National Soaring Museum.

This donation should be funds of any amount given in addition to your regular membership renewal.

Members who donate to this year-end solicitation will have their names recognized in the winter 2018 edition of the NSM News



END-OF-YEAR DONATION

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Bronze (continued)

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“ALBY” Arrives!

On November 10th, a small statue of an albatross in flight was delivered by sailplane to Harris Hill and, to its permanent home at the National Soaring Museum. Named from the inscription on the base of the statue; “*America Land and Blue Yonder*”, *Alby* will now be placed on permanent display for all to see.

This undertaking was conceived and spearheaded by California soaring pilot and NSM member, Sergio Colacevich, with the goal being to transport *Alby* from coast to coast by sailplane - from Williams, CA to Kitty Hawk, NC – and then up to Elmira. This turned out to be quite a project, involving the services of Sergio and 37 additional soaring pilots to enable *Alby* to ultimately reach Harris Hill. *Alby*'s flying time totaled 190 hours and 9 minutes, spread over a period of 9 years and one month.

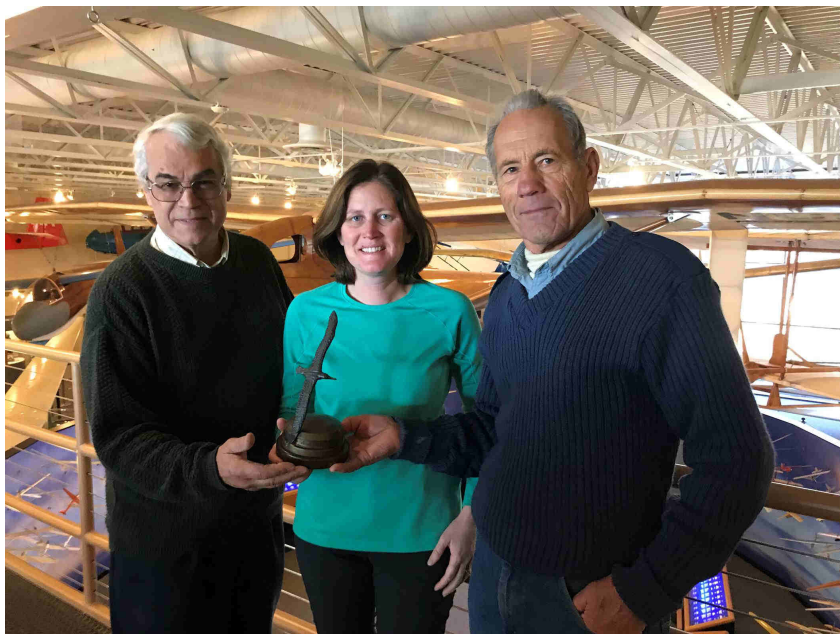
We would like to extend our congratulations and appreciation to Sergio for his continued efforts to see this through to the end, and to his fellow soaring pilot friends, for assisting *Alby* along the way.

From Sergio: “*Karl Striedieck and Sarah Arnold landed at Harris Hill about 12:45 PM. Karl said that they had a beautiful flight, with auto-pull tow from Eagle Field and ridge soaring initially to Williamsport, PA, and then following a cloud street practically straight towards Elmira with very little turning. The maximum altitude was 6300'. The only drawback was the intense cold due to the very low temperatures as announced in advance by the weather forecast. Wind gusting to 28 mph on landing. Check out the wind sock and cloud streets at about 6,000 MSL. Sarah enjoyed flying the Duo. Frozen pilots on arrival as temp zero F at altitude!*”

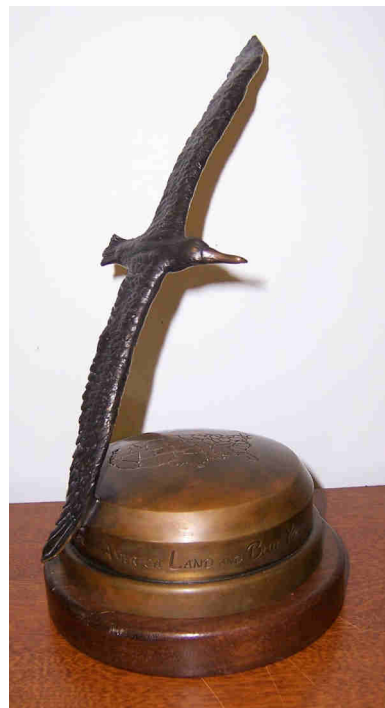
KS and Sarah launched about 2 PM for an aero tow to Buttonwood at about 11,000 MSL and glided back to the ridge to return to Eagle Field in time for a dinner engagement! Two hundred miles cross-country in frozen November 2017.

It is a big moment for me after following – by pushing – the many flights of Alby and the many more non-flights. The very first leg was flown in 10/10/08 by overflying the Pacific Ocean near Bodega Bay and the Atlantic Ocean was reached on 9/14/15 by landing on Kitty Hawk, after 6 years 11 months and 4 days of Voyage. Today is 11/10/17 so it has taken 9 years and 1 month exactly to complete this adventure.

Dear Alby pilots - you did the flying and made this enterprise possible. Pat your back! You have shown to the world the American resolve and dedication to a meritorious, symbolic cause. It has been an inspiration to see glider pilots all along America take the initiative and do each their part and working hard for a common goal. Congratulations to you all!”



Alby being presented to NSM Director, Trafford Doherty, by Sarah Arnold and Karl Striedieck standing in front of the DuPont Albatross





Erwin Jones - "Jonesy"

Rochester: Erwin Francis Jones of Rochester passed away on August 21, 2017. A long-time resident of Big Flats, NY, he retired from Schweizer Aircraft in 1987, following 27 years of service as Soaring School Director, production and experimental test pilot, FAA glider flight test examiner, and loftsman. He logged 5005 hours in powered aircraft and 2770 hours in sailplanes. He held a Diamond C award and the Simmons Wave Soaring Award. He

volunteered many hours at the National Soaring Museum at Harris Hill, rebuilding sailplanes for display and was honored in 1996 as Volunteer of the Year.

Erwin was born in Corning, NY. The youngest of 8 children of Frank and Lucy (Terbell) Jones. All of his siblings predeceased him. He served during WWII in the Army Air Corps. He is survived by his wife, Helen Haflett Jones and his children Thomas A. (Rebecca) Jones of Georgia, Owen T. (Karen) Jones of Brighton, and Rosellen (Robert) Burgdorf of Brighton as well as eight grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His oldest son and flying buddy, Jared E. Jones died in 2005.

Jan Scott 1931-2017



In early September, Arthur Myhre Scott informed us that his father, Jan Scott, had passed away peacefully in Norway. Jan was one of the moving forces in the formation of the Vintage Sailplane Association in 1974 and he and his wife, Mai, stayed intimately involved from then on. Jan organized the 1995 International Vintage Sailplane Meet at Harris Hill and restored several sailplanes, including a Gö 1 Wolf, Gö 3 Minimoa and Pratt-Read.

Liam English, NSM director in the 1970s, wrote of Jan: *"I don't remember exactly how we met, but I am pretty sure it was at the first vintage sailplane gathering held at Harris Hill in 1974. Paul Schweizer (mostly) and I came up with the unlikely idea of such a gathering the winter before. I remember that Paul talked of Jan as being potentially helpful in the enterprise; as usual he was correct. Jan had a restored glider at his field, a Wolf, I believe. He brought it to the gathering at Harris Hill, shockingly complete with Swastika on the tail. At that weekend, the VSA was organized with Jan in attendance. From that moment he was a stalwart and very effective leader in that organization. It was always pure pleasure to be around him! He was an extraordinary human being. Quiet, unassuming, warm, amazingly effective in achieving his and other people's goals, he was a true leader. And his wonderful wife, Mai! How lucky I was to be able to tap into his many skills and talents!"*

Karl Striedieck and winged friends: falcon with an attitude and 2nd-year Bald Eagle (caught and released unharmed)



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OCTOBER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The National Soaring Museum Board paused for a photo while touring the Blossom Gallery.

Present for the quarterly meeting were L-R: Guerry Howard, Walt Cannon, Mike Koerner, Kevin Christner, Steve Leonard, Dianne Black-Nixon, Gary Adams, Phil Westcott, and Stuart Schweizer.

Our new board president, W. Stuart "Stu" Schweizer, brings the well-known family name back to the leadership of the board, following Walter Cannon's outstanding tenure.

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- Dianne Black-Nixon - Zanoia
- Hank Nixon - Baby Albatross
- Jan Van den Blink - Schweizer 1-26
- Peter & Joyce Daniel - Orlik
- Walter Cannon - Schweizer 1-7
- Dr. Norbert Wethington - Pratt-Read LNE-1
- Mark Gross / Gross Family - Gross Sky Ghost
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Our Latest Exhibit

I have always found barographs to be interesting and was delighted to discover that NSM has a great collection of these things. So we decided to put together a barograph exhibit. This has been one of the most-interesting projects of this kind that I have ever worked on. Did you know that Charles Lindberg was required by the FAI to carry one on his 1927 New York to Paris flight? I sure didn't! His barograph is on display at NASM (Google "Lindbergh Barograph" and you will easily find it) and we have one just like it - the exact same make and model (*Maxant of Paris*, c. 1925). These two instruments have wooden cases and ours is a bit worse for wear (but the mechanism is fine). We also have Warren Eaton's barograph, which appears in a c.1920 *Henry J. Green* catalog for \$95 (a lot of money in 1920). As many of you know, in 1930, the first National Soaring Contest was held here at Elmira (on South Mountain) and Warren won the prize for best altitude gain (2400') - and he probably used this barograph to prove it. This instrument is to the left in the case, not far from our excellent bust of Warren Eaton by Ernfred Anderson. In all, we have eight barographs in the exhibit with makers ranging from the two described above to, *Feiber, Friez, Peravia, Replogle, and Winter*. And we have a homemade barograph made by two EASC (now HHSC) guys back in 1962; it actually works!



I should note that we have two additional instruments owned by famous glider pilots that are not included in this presentation. Wolfgang Klemperer's barograph is down in the main gallery, as part of a very-nice display dealing with early glider flying in Germany. And, in the near-future, I intend to do a formal exhibit on Hawley Bowlus (we have four of his sailplanes and two Bumble Bee/Dragonflies in our collection; we need to bring him "into the light") and we have his barograph, which will be included in the display. These things are so cool - on Hawley's barograph case is clearly hand written: "property of Wm Hawley Bowlus"! — *Traff Doherty*

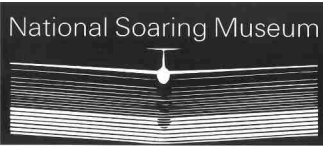


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Open daily 10-5

Jan. 2 - Apr. 30
Open daily 10-4

**Closed on Monday and
Tuesday in January &
February**

Museum closed on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Easter Sunday
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 15, 2017 - April 1, 2018 - **Dollhouse & Miniatures Exhibit**
- January 1, 2018 - October 1, 2018 - **Art Exhibit - works of Fred Lawrenson**
- March 1-3, 2018 - **SSA Convention** in Reno, NV
Stu Schweizer, Traff & Jean Doherty attending
- May 4, 2018 - **Community Soaring Luncheon**
- June 17, 2018 - **Dollhouse & Miniature Yard Sale**
- May 5, 2018 - **Soaring Hall of Fame Banquet and Presentation Ceremony**
for Rudy Mozer and Brian Utley.
- September 8, 2018 - **Community Soaring Day**
- October 15, 2018 - January 1, 2019 - **Icon Art of Joyce Merletti**



Slingsby Cadet

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