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From the Editor:

The 1982 Spring and Summer issues of the NSM were devoted to the United States Soaring Hall of Fame activities and the new SSA Founding Fathers' Hall. With so many activities scheduled in 1982 to commemorate The Soaring Society of America's Golden Anniversary, it has been difficult to cover each event properly and timely. Therefore, we are going to back-track in this issue in order to be able to share the festivities and a few of the details with you.



ON THE COVER:

The National Soaring Museum's restored Bowlus Albatross suspended over one of the 1982 thematic panels depicting fifty years of sailplane designs.

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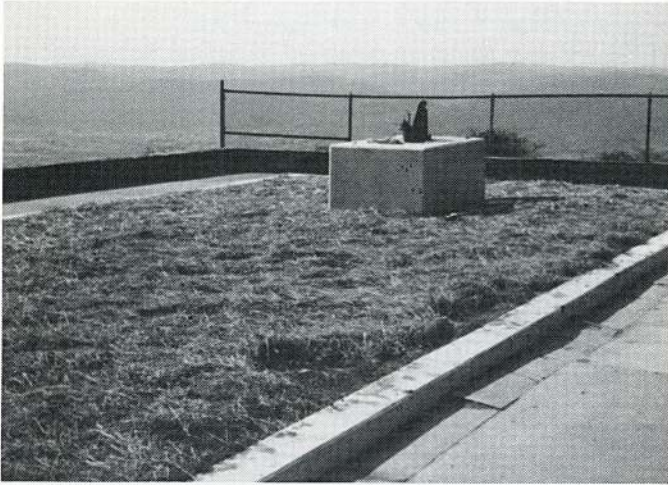
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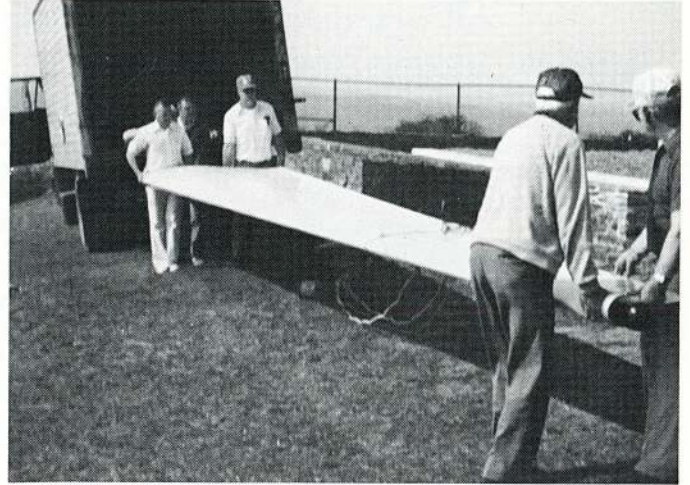
CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location
May 11	Dedication of Memorial Wing Pylon Commemorating Glider Mail Flight (SSA's Golden Anniversary of Incorporation)	Harris Hill
May 28	Reception for SSA East Coast Safari Fly-in Evening Open House — Exhibit Opening	NSM
May 29	U.S. Soaring Hall of Fame Banquet	NSM
May 29-30	History/Competition Seminars Vintage Sailplane Regatta	NSM/Youth Camp Harris Hill
May 30	Vintage Spectacular — Static Display Air Show — "Volksmarsch" — Models	Harris Hill
June 6-12	National Soaring Week	United States
June 29-July 8	15m National Soaring Championships	Harris Hill/NSM (Sponsored by HHSC)
July 3	Lawn Party/Ox Roast	Youth Camp
July 9	Championship Awards Breakfast Dedication of Sculpture & Founders' Gallery Community Banquet Honoring SSA and the Founders SSA Directors' Meeting	NSM NSM Elmira College NSM
July 10	Dedication of National Landmark Plaque Glider Mail Flight (#2 in series)	Harris Hill NSM
Sept. 3-6	SSA's Sailplane Homebuilding Conference	NSM/Youth Camp
Oct. 9	Ralph S. Barnaby Annual Lecture and NSM Board of Trustees' Fall Meeting	Boulder, CO
Oct. 9-10	14th Annual Fall Foliage Festival	Harris Hill
Nov. 26-28	43rd Annual Snowbird Contest	NSM/Harris Hill
Dec. 17	Community Soaring Committee Luncheon	NSM/Harris Hill

Spring and Summer 1982, in retrospect . . .



The base of the Memorial Wing Pylon awaits . . .



the delivery of the refurbished Schweizer 2-32 wing.



Left, Ernest Schweizer and County Harris Hill Park Caretaker Dale Storch review details.



Luminaries gather for the May 11th dedication ceremonies, commemorating to the day, the Golden Anniversary of the incorporation of The Soaring Society of America.



Wing Pylon dedicated as a Memorial to all who have flown from Harris Hill. Photo: Frauke Elber



Sample glider mail post card flown to Norwich, NY, home of the first President of The SSA, Warren E. Eaton and received by Warren E. Eaton, Jr.

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The cover of the NSM Summer issue Volume 5, Number 1, showed the installed sculpture designed by Ernest Schweizer and given by the Community Soaring Committee to The Soaring Society of America commemorating The SSA's Golden Anniversary, however, I believe you might be interested in seeing these behind-the-scenes photos.



The boulder which will be the base of the sculpture arrives.



Positioning the base.



Ernest and Paul Schweizer check. Is it center, . . . level???



SSA President Carl Herold accepts the commemorative gift from CSC Advisor, Boyd McDowell. To his left, CSC Chairman Charles Miller, Ernest Schweizer and Paul Schweizer.



Charles Miller honoring designer Ernest Schweizer.

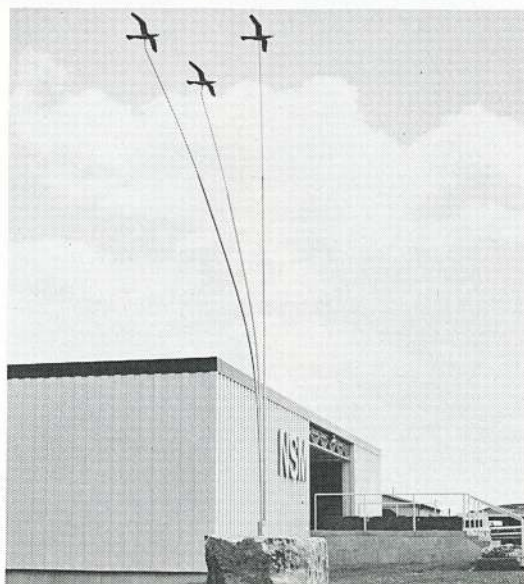


Photo: Dan Driscoll, Horseheads, N.Y.

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SECOND NATIONAL LANDMARK OF SOARING

In 1981 the NSM Trustees began a National Landmark Program to identify and memorialize sites, individuals or historic events related to the National history of motorless flight. The first Landmark commemorated Ralph S. Barnaby's 15 minutes, 6 seconds flight in 1929 at Corn Hill Beach, Truro, MA which broke Orville Wright's 1911 motorless flight of 9 minutes, and 45 seconds. A plaque with appropriate ceremony was installed by the Museum, (see NSM, Vol. 4, #3).

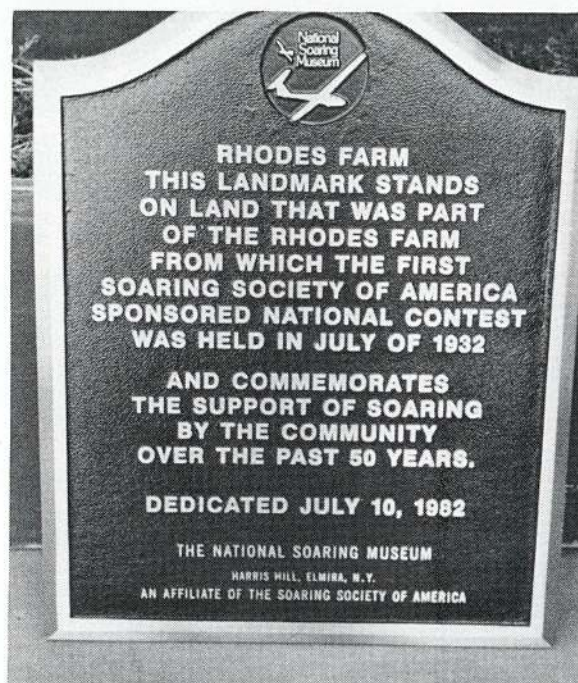
In 1982 it was deemed appropriate to honor the support from the local community to soaring over the past fifty years. On July 10, 1982 the second National Landmark was dedicated at the brow of Harris Hill.

The Landmark also recognizes the Rhodes family and farm. The late J. Thomas Rhodes and his family helped the enthusiasts in gliding and soaring in the early days before "Harris Hill"; some of the first glider flights being made from the Rhodes farm. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes deeded the right-of-way for the road and sold 42 acres of their farm so that the soaring site could be established.

The hospitality of the Rhodes family was renowned among the pilots who slept in their home and in the barn. Mrs. Rhodes' food and coffee was always ready to sustain the eager pilots. The Rhodes family has continued to be supportive of the local flying activity.



Left to right, motorglider pilot Juergen Loenholdt, his passenger Wilbert Burke, Elmira Postmaster delivered the commemorative mail to Steven Douglass, Hammondsport, NY Postmaster. Merrill Stickler, Curator of the Glenn Curtiss Museum co-ordinated the welcoming activities in Hammondsport.



ELMIRA TO HAMMONDSPORT
FLOWN BY MOTORGLIDER

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Left, speaker Dr. Paul Mac Cready and Paul Schweizer chatting prior to the Community Banquet honoring SSA and the Founders on July 9, 1982 at Elmira College

Photo: Dan Driscoll



. at the conclusion of the HHSC sponsored 15 meter National Soaring Championships.



A balloon launch on July 9th added to the festivities.



Rev. & Mrs. Carl Groom, Tucson, AZ delivered a (2.4" = 1ft scale) model of a Schweizer TG-3 he made. We plan to use it in our 1983 exhibit focus, "World War II Military Gliders".



Local school groups awaiting their turn for a tour.

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Thematic panel identifying the 1982 exhibit focus.



To complete the bungee launch scene behind the Franklin glider.



We dared to try to depict 50 years of SSA's history covering Sailplanes, as on the cover, Personalities, Innovations, and The SSA Presidents. It was an exciting research program and we were disappointed by what we couldn't use for lack of room.

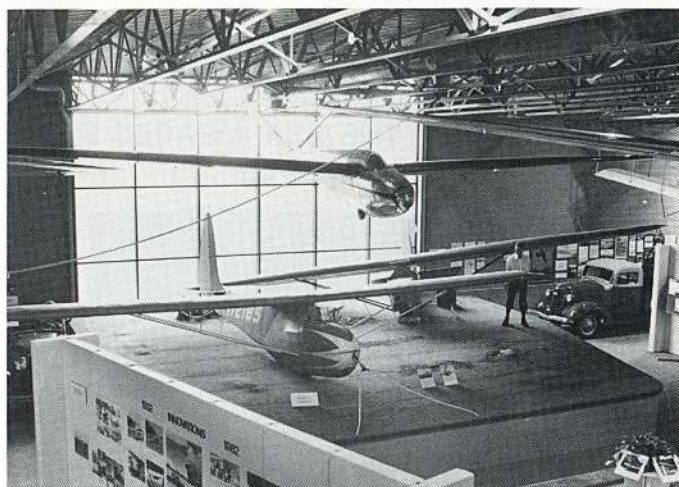


Exhibit seen from The SSA's Founding Fathers' Hall. Panel depicts fifty years of soaring innovations. On the platform Warren E. Eaton's Franklin glider shown prepared for a bungee launch. The Baker McMillen Cadet II glider is in the rear. Suspended overhead is Robert Stanley's Nomad on loan from the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

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A 1931 Ford Touring car and 1915 Harley-Davidson motorcycle to help set the period of the life-size dioramm scene.

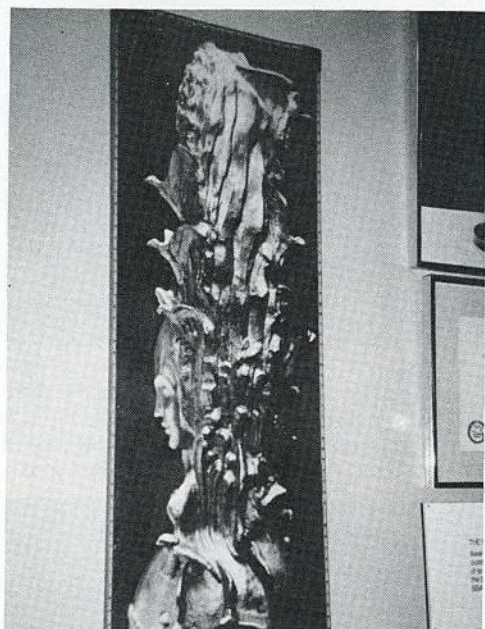


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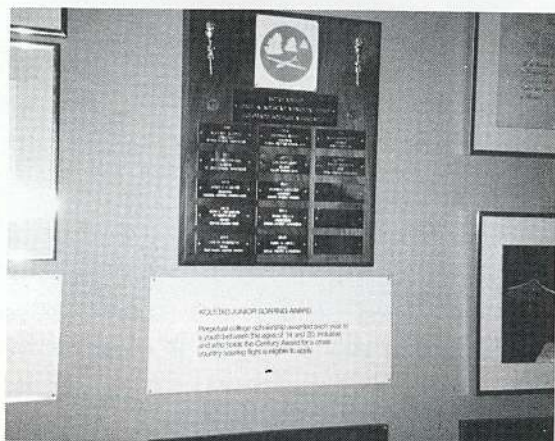
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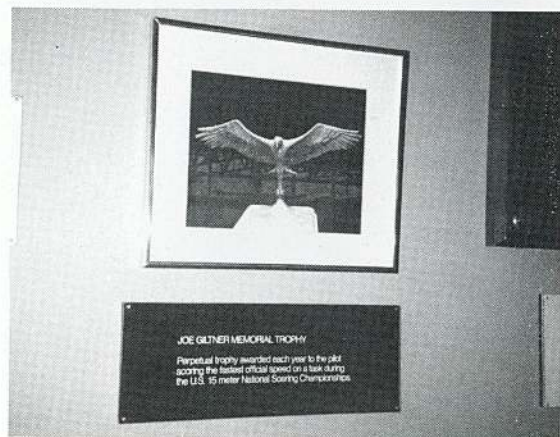
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the Richard C. duPont Memorial Trophy . .



the Kolstad Junior Soaring Award Plaque . .



and, the Joe Giltner Memorial Trophy.

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