



Something old to start the new flying season. Note the date at the top! This is the bannerline that was used for the Saskatoon Soaring Club newsletters over 40 years ago. The original newsletters are compliments of Harold Eley of Regina, who lived in Colonsay at the time and was a member of the Saskatoon club. This is the earliest dated edition I found. The newsletters were sent along with some of the club records and flight sheets from the era.

I have flight sheet records from 1958, and I believe the club operated earlier than this. It was incorporated on Feb 22, 1961 with the Corporations Branch number 290067 that is still in effect. Registration was continued after the club became inactive, and the current club was formed in 1976 under the same charter.

#### **News from 1960**

First prize in the 'name the newsletter contest' goes to Sy Litwinson with the entry "Cloud Nine". In all, 23 entries were received.

Three of the Gruneau Baby owners are now solo – Tom Gossen, George Ward and Art Eley Jr. The group have been flying from the Eley farm at Colonsay using winch, car tow and aerotow.

Art Penz and Ralph Wiseman are waiting delivery of their BG-12A constructed by Harold Townsend of the Regina Club.

The club's new two seat Bergfaulke II will be shipped from Germay shortly.

Club members are asked to pay up all dues and promised advances to complete the Bergfaulke purchase. If all members contribute \$10 each as advance on flying fees, the club can start 1961 in the Black.

Club membership now stands at 40 active members, 7 sponsoring members and 1 associate. There are 4 privately owned sailplanes – a Fauvel AV-36, S1-26, Gruneau Baby and a BG-12A.

#### **News from 2004**

Maintenance and C of A work was completed on the 3 gliders on Sat Apr.10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Clarence, Paul, Roy, Bill, Lee, Joe and John who were at Cudworth to assist Ralph in getting this work done in one day. All gliders are airworthy. There is some follow up work required on TVT later in the year.

Instructor check flight are planned for Sat Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> with member check flights on Sun. Apr 24<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome on either day, but priority will be given to getting everyone current for the season.

Instructors and potential instructors meet Fri Apr.16, 7:30 at the Sask sport building to prepare for the upcoming training season.

The spring general meeting originally scheduled for Apr 3 will be held Fri Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sask Sport building.

Plan on 2004 being the "year of the badge". The club will have a Colibri datalogger available for member use this year. It will simplify all badge claims, eliminating the need for a baragraph and cameras. Every member can set a realistic goal for the year, from the "C" badge right up to diamonds.

Reminder to members – a membership application is required for all regular members this season. The purpose is to update all information to improve communication. They were sent out on line a few weeks ago. Thanks to those who have returned them.

Saskatoon Soaring Club has a long and proud history. With effort, we may be able get membership back to the 1960 level!

I will try to get a brief newsletter out at the beginning of each month with a summary of activities planned, schedules, etc. Items of interest may be submitted for inclusion by emailing to [j.toles@shaw.ca](mailto:j.toles@shaw.ca)

Have a safe and enjoyable flying season.