

Donald Mertens, Erie, Pennsylvania, with his Interesting Wakefield Model. Note the Four-bladed Propeller.

New Model Plane Council N.A.A. Chapter

AT St. Louis during the National Championship Meet in June a plan was worked out for the formation of a new N.A.A. chapter composed of leaders in the model airplane field. There is no age limit and both model flyers and non-flyers are included in the chapter's membership. However, only non-flyers who are definitely and actively interested in model aviation were included.

The purpose of the organization is to advance model aeronautics as a science and a sport and to aid constructive activities employing model aircraft as one means toward general aeronautic education. This program is to be carried out by the organizing council of about thirty-five who will form the charter group.

It has been felt for some time that model activities should be more closely knit into the N.A.A. structure and this chapter gives this result. The members will be regular N.A.A. members with voting rights for N.A.A. elections and conventions. Thus model aeronautics becomes a direct part of the larger N.A.A. itself and more securely associated with the parent organization. The leaders in the model field, some of whom had never affiliated with the N.A.A. all become united in one advisory body, having a firm official standing.

Around this council chapter is to be built up a Model Builders Institute similar to the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences. All Junior N.A.A. members will be affiliated with this Model Builders Institute as soon as their model plane performance justifies it. The requirements for this particular type of membership will be established shortly and those who are qualified will be given an opportunity to join the advanced group. In this way, all of the most proficient serious builders and flyers will be bound into one large self-governing group.

Special distinction will be given to outstanding contributions in the advancement of model aviation by election to Fellowship in the Institute. Anyone who has done some particularly noteworthy work or made some especially valuable development in the science will be considered for this very limited honor each year. A committee will be appointed by the N.A.A. to recommend such selection for Fellowship. This will be the highest honor attainable in the field of model aeronautical science.

One of the results of the formation of this new chapter and its affiliated Institute is the elevation, officially, of the science of model aviation to its proper station of importance. It will focus deserved attention on the valuable work that is being accomplished by the model builders and flyers. It will mean that the members of the Institute will be regarded as the recognized leaders in their selected field.

Among the charter group are: Colonel Harry Blee, William R. Enyart, H. M. Jellison, Captain Willis C. Brown, Ernest A. Walen, Carl Goldberg, Gordon S. Light. Charles Tlush, H. W. Alden, Guy Scott, Mrs. W. W. Milar, Miss Frances Alexander, C. E. Carmichael, H. T. Sommers, John S. Stokes, Jr., Percy Pierce, Nathan Polk, Frank Zaic, John Young, Charles H. Grant, Bruno Marchi, Ralph Kummer, Dick Courtial, Jesse Bieberman, Bill Brown, H. Weir Cook, Robert K. Allen, and Bert Pond.

It is considered that with such an excellent group as that listed in direct charge of the N.A.A. model work, much real good will be accomplished and that model aviation will remain on its definite upward trend.

News from N.A.A. Juniors Here and There

THE Philadelphia Model Aeroplane Association completed its annual program with its indoor championship meet and the customary high order of indoor competition was maintained. As usual with Philadelphia indoor flying, some new records were established

William Latour, 21, made a new open class record with his R.O.W. Stick Model, Class B, when it flew for the excellent time of 13 minutes 15 seconds. Mayhew Webster, 18, did 16 minutes 33 seconds with his Class B Stick Model, R.O.G. John Haw, 19, made a new record with his R.O.G. Cabin Fuselage Model by flying it for the good time of 14 minutes 35.4 seconds. Haw's model was in Class C. His record was later beaten by Torrey Capo at St. Louis.

The Philadelphia flyers are starting their new season and many more records are anticipated in their indoor contests. They also promise definitely to produce some outdoor records whenever the weather is favorable on one of their outdoor contest days.

BOSTON'S Junior N.A.A. Chapter, the Jordan Marsh Junior Aviation League, has done some extensive and praiseworthy work this past year. Captain Willis C. Brown, the club's director, was persuaded by the store to remain in Boston and carry on the fine work that he has been doing there. He had recently planned to move to Virginia but it is Boston's gain that he changed his plans.

The final year's standing in points for the first six Boston members, is: Phillips 14916,



Mrs. Inez Macdonald and Clifford Kettler, N.A.A. Washington Escorts

Capo 12024, Marchi 11690, Tyler 6686, Shea 6501, and Fleming 5343. This point system is based on performance during the year in all of the J.A.L. scheduled contests. Regular attendance and constant effort are the most important factors.

John P. Glass, the Boston club's able designer and counsellor, has left that city to accept a position in the New York metropolitan district. Mr. Glass has given a world of advice to the Boston model flyers during the past several years. His influence will be missed.

The J.A.L. outdoor contest of July 6 was a great success and resulted as follows: Glider, tow launched, class B; Robert Shea, 3 minutes 09 seconds. Glider, hand launched, class B; Torrey Capo, 55 seconds. Stick Model, hand launched, class C; Torrey Capo, 2 minutes 47 seconds. Cabin Fuselage Model, R.O.G., class C; Frank Barrett, 1 minute 27 seconds.

REDLANDS, California, recently had an outdoor model plane meet under the direction of Edward Swan, Jr. The awards were silver cups and trophies. The meet was held under N.A.A. sanction and, while not productive of any new records, it was

