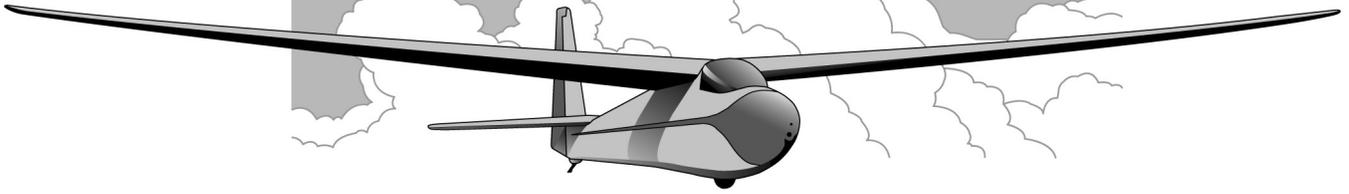


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Board member Allene Lindstrom presents awards to raffle winners (L to R) Ron Hyer, Marilyn Doolin and Gary Sullivan. The long-awaited raffle drawing was held August 20 at the Board of Directors meeting. See related story on page 5. Allene Lindstrom photo.

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## Editorial

The first order of business is a great big **Apology!** As the last newsletter went to press (June issue), we fully expected to be open for business on or before July 4. This was shot down by the State Regulation and Licensing Dept. Then all work was on hold for over a month while George A. and other volunteers were on vacation. Needed modifications are now being accomplished and we hope to soon have that Certificate of Occupancy.

The **raffle drawing** took place at the last Board of Directors meeting, August 20. Winners have been notified. See related article by Allene Lindstrom, Director in charge of this activity. She sold the vast majority of the tickets and raised over \$2,000 for the museum.

The **June 10 Gala** dinner and dance was very successful except for some repairable glitches (such as being locked out of the women's restroom). We can expect to have a few growing pains! Please forgive us for any inconvenience. See pages 3 and 4 for more details.

We are still eagerly awaiting the deliverance of the **Schweizer exhibit** from Fernando Rueda in Houston. If someone is coming our way from there, perhaps they would have room for it? Otherwise, I will most likely go there in January.

New gliders donated since the last newsletter include an outstanding, simply beautiful **Bowlus Super Albatross** replica, constructed, flown and donated to the museum by John Sinclair of Placerville, CA. Many of you saw it on display at the June 10 gala.

Another recent acquisition was a **Slingsby T-31** from George Avent of Kingstree, SC. George Applebay and I had a rather interesting time retrieving it from Manning, SC where it had been stored by Jim Stoia. Jim and wife Mary were a big help to us in getting it loaded and secured on the trailer or I don't know how we would have survived that heat and near 100% humidity in mid-August! This British training glider from the early '50s will make, along with our T-21, a very nice exhibit when restored to its former glory. If anyone would care to sponsor this restoration, we believe about \$1,200 for materials and a few volunteers would do it. It would be a very rewarding and fun project to work on.

**Membership numbers** (on mailing labels) are explained on Page 7.

USSSM is co-sponsoring an **SHA Workshop** October 7 and 8, 2005.

Our funds are even lower than the last time I put in my pitch for more money! We still need to do some electrical work and carpentry. Any help, both financial and volunteer, would be greatly appreciated.

Until December, Lynn

## **Museum Musings**

By George Applebay

What a secure feeling a great museum Board of Directors gives to an entrepreneurial-minded corporate chairman that believes in charging full speed ahead until he hits an insurmountable object. USSSM's board is structured with quality, resourceful members that have provided excellent guidance as well as individual assistance many times in areas of corporate weakness.

The point comes to mind that during the August 20 board meeting, the principal topic of discussion centered on how to get beyond a certain critical situation that was preventing the museum from opening to the public. Namely, the State of New Mexico Construction Industries Division (CID) recently adopted an electrical code requirement for load and fault calculations for all the electrical devices already installed or to be installed in the new museum display building. The state's electrical, plumbing and structural inspectors were not permitted to do the final inspections leading to a Certificate of Occupancy. The state's engineers must be satisfied with all the code requirement calculations that need to be on the construction drawings.

After considerable options were explored by the board, the directors recognized this obstacle would require quick action and financial expenditure. The board directed the chairman to find a State of New Mexico licensed professional electrical engineer, with practical experience in preparing the engineering document acceptable to the CID official engineers. Within 8 days, Allan Wright, PE, had inspected the new USSSM building's wiring, all electrical devices, made minor recommendations for changes to meet code, prepared the necessary calculations and, with the aid of his CAD software, produced a set of two large drawings in his computer that appeared to meet all needs of the CID, all under budget. The documents have been submitted to CID with the promise from the accepting engineer that USSSM will hear from CID within two weeks. Halleluiah and thank you from your board chairman to all concerned.

## **Getting to Know Your Board Members**

**Kathy Taylor**

Kathy Taylor grew up on a Pennsylvania farm watching the neighbor flying around in his own Cessna 170, hearing her Mother's disappointment of never getting a ride with a barnstormer that sometimes came to town when she was a girl.

During graduate school she married pilot George Taylor, who financed lessons in a Piper Cub. After finishing a PhD in nuclear chemistry from Virginia Tech, Kathy joined the Long Island Soaring Association where she obtained private, Commercial and CFI glider, plus ASEL ratings, and made approximately 1500 glider tows.

Kathy and George moved to Colorado in 1991, where she joined the Soaring Society of Boulder and the Denver Soaring Council, continuing to tow and instruct in gliders.

Another move, in 1998, brought them to Los Alamos, NM, and the Albuquerque Soaring Club. Along the way, she and George owned a Duster, Phoebus, Schweizer 1-34, Schleicher ASW-20, and ASW-27. Kathy has accumulated over 2600 hours in sailplanes and 600 hours in airplanes. She has made several glider flights over 400 miles and climbed to 32,000 ft. in wave.

Kathy has served as Secretary of the USSSM Board of Directors since 2000.

## **June 10 Gala Dinner and Dance**

By Lynn Buckingham

Over 150 people attended this event. We had a good time visiting, listening and dancing to the excellent big-band sounds of the Dukes of Albuquerque, and seeing all that generously donated labor and money have accomplished so far in bringing this huge project toward completion.

Master of Ceremonies Renny Rozzoni recognized some of the local dignitaries, also President George Applebay.

The evening ended with a very interesting talk and slide presentation by retired astronaut Joe Edwards.

We want to thank Margaret Keller and Diane Jackson for the table decorations—very elegant and creative. I especially loved the glitter-covered gliders!

Thanks to Renny for being an excellent Master of Ceremony, as usual.

Thanks to Maria Braendle of the Moriarty C of C for sending out invitations to New Mexico dignitaries and business people, also for helping us to obtain much-needed chairs from the city. Thanks to H & R Block for sponsoring the invitations.

Thanks to the Dukes of Albuquerque for providing the very best dance music. They are the greatest!

Many thanks to you hard-working guys who put gliders together at the last moment, then cleaned the place to make it inhabitable. Also to Carol Roeske for the glider display descriptions she and Stan did on their computer.

Finally, thanks goes out to all of you who attended this gala event. You're the life-blood of this Southwest Soaring Museum.

Some of us became somewhat impatient with the catering service. We have discussed this matter thoroughly and have come to the conclusion that the vast majority of food problems were not their fault. Our facilities were just not adequate to cater a large, sit-down dinner. My own opinion was that the food was very good, if not always hot. A buffet-style dinner would have been better and faster, giving us more time to visit and dance. Let's call this a learning experience.

We hope to do better at the next gala event. It would be fun to do it yearly. What do you think? Comments and suggestions are welcome.



Joe Edwards, retired astronaut and featured speaker of the evening, and USSSM President George Applebay Diane Jackson photo



The Dukes of Albuquerque Diane Jackson photo.



Diane Jackson photo



Diane Jackson photo

## Raffle

By Allene Lindstrom

*This is a copy of a press release sent to the Albuquerque Journal and Los Alamos Monitor.*

### New Mexico Residents Win Prizes at Southwest Soaring Museum

The proceeds of this raffle were used to speed completion of the Southwest Soaring Museum in Moriarty, NM. Upon the formal opening in September (?), this museum will be one of only a handful world wide to display powerless aircraft. The museum is located just forty miles East of Albuquerque on old US 66 in Moriarty. The museum has a unique collection of antique and vintage gliders, artifacts, and memorabilia that will provide youngsters of all ages with an aviation learning experience.

Marilyn Doolin was the lucky recipient of a Series EE U.S. Savings Bond donated by the First National Bank of Santa Fe, Los Alamos Branch. Ron Hyer of Albuquerque was awarded a Collector's Piggy Bank donated by Wells Fargo Bank, and Gary Sullivan of Santa Fe won an Aircraft Inspection, donated by Applebay Aviation in Moriarty, NM.

A glider ride donated by Sundance Aviation, Inc., also of Moriarty, was won by G.C. Johnson of Albuquerque. Clare Wade-Callihan donated a balloon ride for two persons and the winner was Lynda Haack of Albuquerque. Ron Rymarz of Albuquerque won a hot water dispenser given by Metzger Do-It-Best Hardware in Los Alamos.

The Southwest Soaring Museum is a 501(c)(3) organization. The museum has been built by private donations and volunteer labor. Kathy Taylor and Allene Lindstrom, Los Alamos residents, serve on the Board of Directors of this museum.

Our thanks to everyone who has supported the Southwest Soaring Museum.



Linda Haack (left), winner of a balloon ride for two, with donor Clare Wade-Callihan. Allene Lindstrom photo



Ron Rymarz, winner of the hot water dispenser, with his beautiful show-quality '55 Chevy. Allene Lindstrom photo



G.C. Johnson of Albuquerque was the lucky winner of the glider ride. Allene Lindstrom photo

## **SW Soaring Museum Presents Program to Balloon Club**

By Allene Lindstrom

Southwest Soaring Museum representatives were invited to talk to the “Quad A” Balloon Club at Garduno’s on the Green in Albuquerque. Kathy Taylor, with pictures provided by Bob Leonard, put on an extemporaneous slide show about the museum. Allene Lindstrom provided some Southwest Soaring Museum history and basic aspects of the glider sport.

Blair Kaufman, Vice President for Programs, extended the invitation, which allowed an open handshake to both groups to expand on potential mutual interests. Our basic joint interests are aviation and aviation museums.

The “Quad A” balloon club is a prime supporter of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta which is held usually the first week of October, annually. Their museum interest is the impressive Abruzzo-Anderson Balloon Museum on the balloon launching grounds. It is hoped that we can mutually support the museum interests.

## **George Applebay Wins EAA Award**

By Lynn Buckingham

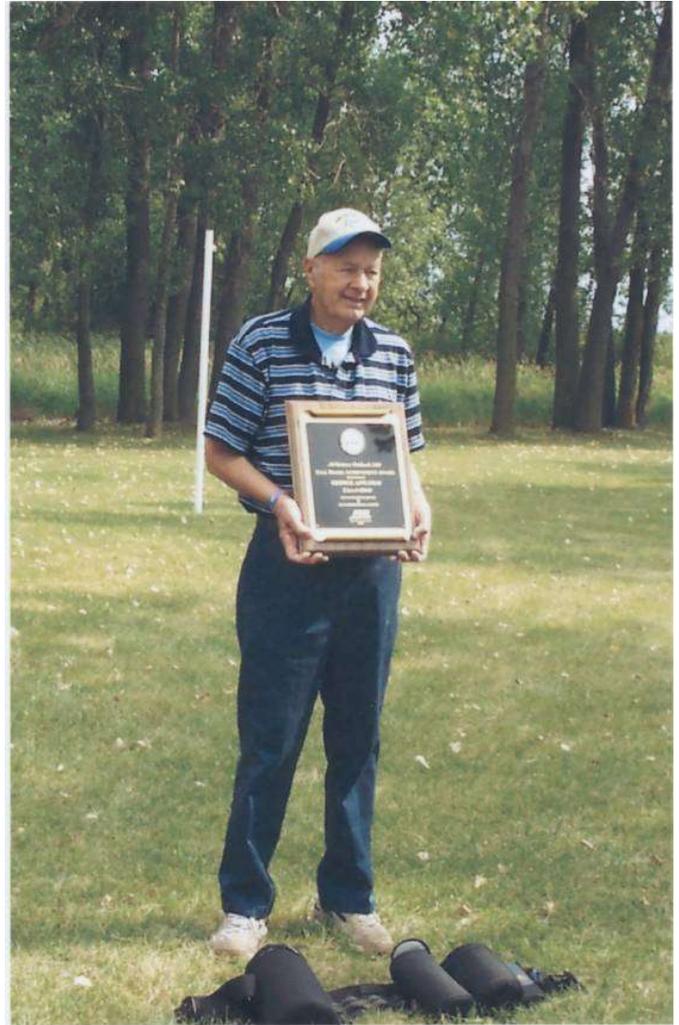
Southwest Soaring Museum President George Applebay won an Experimental Aircraft Association Major Achievement Award, presented annually, at a special awards breakfast at the 2005 convention in Oshkosh, WI. These coveted, prestigious awards are given to EAA members for outstanding achievements in aviation. One more honor to add to a long, well-deserved list!

## **Southwest Soaring Museum Foundation**

By Allene Lindstrom

Progress in setting up the Southwest Soaring Museum foundation is currently sitting on a desk awaiting the final IRS decision in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Foundation has a minimal board working to set up operations so that we can attract additional board members and investment funds. The goal is to invest the capital so that the returns from these investments can be used to support the U.S. Southwest Soaring Museum.

For those of you in the process of estate planning, your consideration of remembering the Southwest Soaring Museum Foundation will provide for the preservation of soaring history so that we can entice the younger generations to continue to enjoy what we have found so enjoyable.



Southwest Soaring Museum President George Applebay with the EAA Major Achievement Award, July 30, 2005. Lynn Buckingham photo



# USSSM Membership Application

Benefits of memberships include:

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