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Carsey Re-Elected By Soaring Group

Joe D. Carsey was re-elected president of the Soaring Society of America, Inc., at the organization's annual business meeting at Elmer, N. Y. Mr. Carsey is a vice president of the National Aeronautics Association, with which the SSA is affiliated.

Other officers of the soaring group are: Dr. Wolfgang Klumppert, honorary vice president; Ted Nelson, vice president; Capt. Ralph E. Bursley, vice president; and Capt. A. Schwartz, secretary.

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Major expenses of the show included: military participation, \$42,175; insurance, \$18,125; printing, \$14,145; sales, \$12,477; seating, \$12,000; food and canteen for the exhibitor area, \$12,170; advertising, \$10,511; labor, \$8,195; miscellaneous, \$6,575; and special guests, \$4,150.

Two-year directors are: Dr. August Raper, Mississippi State College; Don Shoup, Malvern, N. Y.; Gus Douglas, Atlanta, Ga.; Fritz Casperson, Miami, Fla.; Dr. Klumppert and Capt. Bursley.

Honored as one-year terms were: William B. Corcoran, Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn.; August Evans, Memphis, Tenn.; Lt. Col. Ford J. Brown, Arlington, Va.; William S. Brown, Jr., St. Mrs. Cull; and Steven Schenck and Nelson.

Demonstration group are: P. Huxley, Iowa, Nevada, Wash.; Fred Duggan, Denver, Pa.; J. S. Chiles, Atlanta, Ga.; and Pat Malley, Fort, Miss.

New England Club Re-Elects Art Riley

Arthur Riley, Boston aviation writer, is re-elected president of the Aero Club of New England. Other officers elected were: Lt. v.p., Richard Bassett; treasurer (re-elected), Ralph Eastman; secretary (re-elected), Mr. Charles Kelle; program v.p., Richard Macaulay; public relations v.p., Charles Collins; membership v.p., Eugene Kelly; and annual dinner v.p., John Donnelly.



TYPICAL SCENE at the National Model Airplane Championships at Willow Grove, Pa., in August is this photo showing three contestants from the south advising Larry Parkinson (with visored cap) of Galesburg, N. C., as he finishes the model which he later flew at 113 miles per hour in one third place in the A Speed Junior event. In foreground are, left to right, Harry Goleson, Bob McGonigall, and Bob Elliot, all of Atlanta, Ga.

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Directors elected to three-year terms are: Messrs. Carsey and Reeves, Howard E. Burr of Elmira, N.Y.; Dr. Paul B. MacCready of New Haven, Conn.; Lawrence Gehrlein, Sr. of Erie, Pa.; and Paul F. Bikle of Edwards, California.

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Directors-at-large are: P. Heasley Entz, Seattle, Wash.; Lynd Daggett, Drexel Hill, Pa.; J. S. Charles, Atlanta, Ga., and Pat Mulloy, Laurel, Miss.

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