

Soaring over Stanton: The Early Years



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How did Soaring get started at Stanton?

Answer: **Malcolm Manuels** flew exhibition gliders out of Stanton in the 1950s



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How did MSC get started at Stanton?

- Organized in late 1959; closed membership of 25 (15 are Engineers)

Early 1960 Roster (20)

Harold Atkins

Lee Bradshaw

Robert Clark

Robert Crane

Roy Dale

John Edwards (CFIG)

George Ellison (S/T)

Howard Glaefke

William Handsaker

Harris Holler(Tow)

Wells Hovreid

Jack Horner

Ken Kneen

Harry Meline

Douglas Olson

Ken Perkins

George Shallbetter (VP)

Don Ullevig

John Wastvedt

Charles Whitmore(P)(CFIG)

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Our first Glider: Schweizer TG-2



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First MSC President, Chuck Whitmore, at the controls

MSC's TG-2

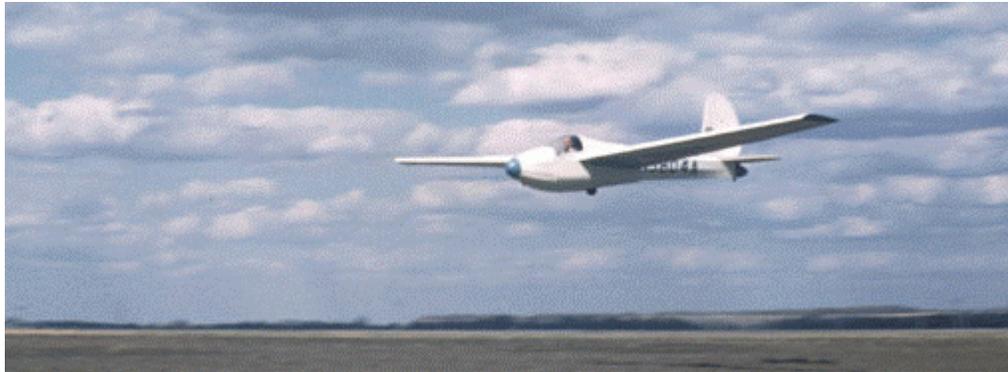
- \$1250 in Jan 1960
- Purchased in Chicago
- WWII Surplus
- Last flown in 1944
- Restored by members
- 1500 hrs to restore
- **First Flight 9/2/60**
- All Metal #465
- 23:1
- Supercub Tow 125 hp
- Stanton tow; \$4

Flew 300 flights
in the year 1960

- **John Edwards** - 1960 Chief of Operations; ex marine with 1000 glider flights, also an instructor
- **Rusty Bringentoff** - operated a glider school in Germany before WW II

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Our second Glider: Schweizer 1-26B



MSC's SGS 1-26B

(3804A)

- \$2250 in April 5, **1961**
- Purchased from Dallas club
- **First Flight 4/61**
- 23:1
- Sold to RWSA in Sept 1963

First Private Ship: Schweizer 1-26B



MSC's Harry Meline

(3803A)

- **1961**; factory new !
- 1962; XC to Cedar Rapids(190m)
- 1962; 28,060 ft in Calif wave
- 1962; L. Ohman 6hr 30m ride
- Sold to MSC in Sept 1963

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1961

Ginny Mayer, moved here from Texas.

Women's Altitude and Distance Record holder.

Future Mrs. Paul Schweizer



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 Roy Dale
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 Howard Glaefke
 William Handsaker
 Harris Holler(Tow)
 Wells Hovereid
 Jack Horner
 Ken Kneen
 Harry Meline
 Douglas Olson
 Ken Perkins
 George Shallbetter (VP)
 Don Ullevig
 John Wastvedt
 Charles Whitmore(P)(CFIG)

Aug 1960 (24)

Russ Christiansen
 Robert Clark
 Robert Crane
 Roy Dale
 William Dean
 John Edwards
 George Ellison
 Howard Glaefke
 Frank Hetznecker
 Harris Holler
 Wells Hovereid
 Jack Horner
 Ken Kneen
 Harry Meline
 Edward Oconner
Lachlan Ohman
 Douglas Olson
 Ken Perkins
 George Shallbetter
 Larry Timmons
 Ell Torrence
 Don Ullevig
 John Wastvedt
 Charles Whitmore

283 flights

May 1961(28)

Rusty Bringentoff
 Russ Christiansen
 Robert Clark
 Robert Crane
 Roy Dale
 William Dean
 John Edwards
 George Ellison
 Howard Glaefke
 Ken Handcock
 Frank Hetznecker
 Harris Holler
 Wells Hovereid
 Ed Howaczek
 Ken Kneen
Virginia Mayer
 Harry Meline
 Edward Oconner
 Lachlan Ohman
 Douglas Olson
 Ken Perkins
 Eugen Sandburg
 George Shallbetter
Jim Struthers
 Ell Torrence
 Don Ullevig
 John Wastvedt (S)
 Charles Whitmore

669 flights

May 1961(28)

Glenn Artsinger
 Rusty Bringentoff
 Robert Clark
 Robert Crane
 Roy Dale
 William Dean
 John Edwards
 Ken Handcock
 Frank Hetznecker
 Harris Holler
 Wells Hovereid
 Ed Howaczek
 Ken Kneen
 Virginia Mayer
 Harry Meline
 Elmer Miller
 Ed Nowaczek
 Edward Oconner
 Lachlan Ohman
 Ken Perkins
 Eugen Sandburg
 George Shallbetter
 Jim Struthers
 Ell Torrence
 Ed Trautwein
 Don Ullevig
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Interesting Trivia:

May 1961 TG-2 flips over in wind while being towed back to the line major damage, canopy, and tail.

Dec 1962 - club broke; wants to sell the 1-26 but decides to raise membership from 27 to 40. It worked !

May 1963 - Ground dent by Ed Trautwein in TG-2 wing (tow vehicle stopped)

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Fees: 1962

Full Share; \$220; with \$165 refund

Dues; \$5.50/month (\$66/yr)

TG-2; \$.04/minute

MSC Tow \$.30/minute (strange !)

Stanton Tow \$3 to 2000'

Sept 1970 Share value=\$320

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Oct 1964: K-7 Replaces the TG-2



- **\$4500 factory fresh**

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More Interesting Trivia:

May 1965 - (2) Ka-6 private ships were in the club. Harry M. plus a syndicate

1966 - Harry Meline flew to Freeport Ill, 228 Miles in his Ka-6

1966 - Jim Struthers, 16,800' over Stanton

June 1968 - MSC's ASK-13 arrives from Germany

June 1968 - Larry Rogers flies his kit HP-14 for the first time

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From SSA List

Gliders in Minnesota Feb 1971

TG-3A **Blooming Prairie Soaring club** Hayfield MN
SC-2 **Motorless Flight Program** St. Paul
BG-12A Ken Clunis Stillwater MN
BB-1 Robert Norlander Hudson Wis
2-22C **New Ulm club**
UMG-3 **Northwest Soaring Society** Minneapolis
L-K10 Wells Hovereid Minnetonka
BG-12A Walter Payne Rochester
AV-361 Mike Langer St, Paul
1-26 **RWSA**
2-22E RWSA
1-26 **MSC**
Ka-7 MSC
ASK-13 MSC
K-6CR Harry Meline Minneapolis
HP-14 Larry Rodgers Minneapolis
L-K10 Al Tschida St. Paul
Baly B.Wiplinger St. Paul

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1971 adders

(Jim Struthers list)

2-32 Jeff Van Alstine Minneapolis

1-26 **Valley Sailplanes** Southport Airport Rosemount

2-22 Valley Sailplanes Southport Airport Rosemount

TG-3 Valley Sailplanes Southport Airport Rosemount

2-22 **CAP** Ironton MN

BG-12 RWSA

2-22 John Edwards Excelsior MN

Blanik Jim Struthers Minneapolis

BB-1 John Larsen Minneapolis

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Some more glimpses from Loch Ohman's slides



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Harry Meline 1961

