

COURSE SYLLABUS

SOARING HISTORY 0126

Class Section 001c

(By Correspondence Only)

Spring Semester, 2010

BACKGROUND: The soaring contest sponsored annually by the 1-26 Association since 1965 has been referred to by several different names during its existence, most of them incorrectly. This has sometimes caused confusion and misunderstanding as to the sponsoring organization and to the purposes of this contest.

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. The original name of the contest was “North American 1-26 Championships”. We shall see that it was named in order to include Canadian participants who were often known to fly in meets at Harris Hill where the first of these contests was held.
2. The contest was sometimes improperly referred to as the “1-26 Nationals” or just “Nationals”, even in the 1-26 Association’s own publications and by its officers. This sometimes led to confusion.
3. During the 1977 annual meeting of the 1-26 Association at Black Forest Glider Port – site of the 1977 contest – on the 25th of June, the name of the contest came up for discussion. A motion was made by Charles Shaw, seconded by Tom Cooper, to change the name of the contest from the “North American 1-26 Championships” to the “1-26 Championships”. The motion passed with only two votes opposed out of the approximately 86 Members present.
4. It can be shown that the minutes of the meeting as published in the October, 1977, 1-26 Association Newsletter support the information of #3 above.
5. These same minutes also indicate that two other important decisions were voted upon and approved:
 - A. The Association shall seek a formal affiliation with The Soaring Society of America. (There were only two opposing votes. The affiliation as the first SSA Division was completed in 1978.)
 - B. New By-Laws were adopted which have been enlarged but otherwise have been left virtually unchanged to the present.

COURSE CREDIT: For proper use of the name “**1-26 Championships**” in the future, one semester hour credit is available to both Members and non-members of the 1-26 Association.

REGISTRATION: None required.

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