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Cumulus clouds and soaring! Devotees of gliding are students of clouds. They like cumulus (those big, billowy, white clouds) because they know beneath every cumulus there is a rising current of air on which they may not only sail but also soar. Although many cumulus clouds are short-lived, that is exist for only a few minutes, many others have a life of several hours. They are formed on a warm day by thermal currents (air rising over a warm or hot ground); or, much less often by warm, moist wind blowing up a slope. Of course, there are rising currents before cumulus clouds are actually seen, or there may be no clouds at all if the moisture in the rising currents is low. -----