

# SOARING MODELING

## 1959 MODEL NATIONALS

The 28th Annual U. S. National Model Airplane Championships will be held at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, Long Beach, Calif., from July 27th through August 2nd. Sal Taibi has agreed to be Contest Director, as he was in 1955 when the Nationals were last held at Los Alamitos. Male contestants will be provided housing and meals aboard the air station at very nominal rates, although they must provide their own sheets and blankets.

Only modelers that register in advance will be allowed to compete in the Nationals. Postmark deadline for entries is July 6th. Official entry blanks are scheduled to be mailed to all AMA members on or about May 1st.

The Nationals will include competition in all categories of model gliders, three age groups in each category. The SSA has provided funds for an award to the best competitor in model glider events at the Nationals, to be administered by AMA. In addition, an SSA Student Membership will form part of the award.

## NORDIC ELIMINATIONS SET

The Free Flight International Competition Committee of the Academy of Model Aeronautics has outlined the procedures to be used in selecting the U. S. team for the World Championships of A-2 Nordic towline gliders. The Championships are to be held in Belgium on August 22-23, 1959.

The three-man U.S. team will be selected by a two-stage elimination procedure. Everyone may compete in the first stage, known as the Local Elimination, but a modeler must be among the top 20 per cent or have a flight total of at least 10 minutes in his Local Elimination to qualify for entry in the next and last stage, the Semi-Final.

Local Eliminations are to be held over the June 13-14 weekend in approximately 25 locations throughout the country: EAST: Boston; Watertown, N. Y.; New York City-Philadelphia; Baltimore; Norfolk, Va.; Miami; Knoxville, Tenn. and Cleveland. CENTRAL: Bloomington, Ill.; Galesburg, Ill.; Chicago; Detroit;

Minneapolis; Omaha; Kansas City; Wichita; Tulsa; and Dallas-Ft. Worth. WEST: Denver; Salt Lake City; Seattle; Marysville, Calif.; Santa Barbara, Calif.; Los Angeles; and Phoenix. If none is scheduled in an area where there is sufficient interest to warrant holding one, a petition to the committee can establish and recognize one in that area. Five flights will be flown, just as is provided in the official competition rules.

Semi-Finals are scheduled for July 4-5 in three locations, expected to be near Baltimore, Md., Kansas City, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. The top modeler from each Semi-Final will form the U. S. team for the Championships. The Semi-Finals this year will require five flights on each day, thus insuring the selection of consistent modelers, so necessary for top placing in the World Championships. Flying will be by the round system, two hours being allotted for each round, requiring flying during all parts of the day. Modelers who qualify for entry in a Semi-Final must fly in the Semi-Final of their area, as designated by the committee. The western area's eastern boundary includes Mont., Wyo., Utah and N. M. The midwestern area's eastern boundary includes Wis., Ind., Ill., Mo., Ark. and La.

## M.A.N.'s HLG SERIES

MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS is currently featuring a very excellent three-part series of articles on hand-launched gliders by expert William Dunwoody. Beginning in the April M.A.N., the series covers in some detail the design, construction and flying of these "simple" chuck gliders. They are highly recommended to all who are interested in this fascinating phase of modeling that offers such satisfying returns for very little expense.

## 1959-1960 AMA RULES CHANGES

The AMA Contest Board has announced the following changes to the 1957-1958 rules as of Jan. 1, 1959.

Outdoor hand-launched gliders: the number of flights is reduced from 9 to 6; the maximum scored flight duration is reduced to 4 minutes. For indoor gliders, the number of flights permitted will remain at 9.

Proxy flying is specifically prohibited for indoor and outdoor hand-launched glider and radio control glider events.

## AMA Sanctioned Contests Having Model Glider Events

Key to Events and Scope: TLG—Towline Glider; OHLG—Outdoor Hand-launched Glider; IHLG—Indoor Hand-launched Glider; (AAA)—state or regional meet with at least eight competitive events, at least two age classifications in the majority of events and prizes through three or more placings in the majority of events; (AA)—meet with unrestricted entry in which awards are presented through two or more placings; (A)—either a meet with a restricted entry, a meet with unrestricted entry but with token awards, or an organized get-together with no formal competition; (RT)—record trials, no prizes. Contest Director's name and address is given for contact on details and exact location of each contest.

### APRIL

26—Visalia, Cal. (A) TLG, OHLG. Fred Hover, 1000 N. Jacob St.

### MAY

2—Cleveland, Miss. (AAA) TLG, OHLG. Tanner, Box 2518, State College, Miss.

2-3—Hammond, La. (AAA) TLG, OHLG. J. Maders, 822 N. Broad, New Orleans.

9-10—Anderson, S. C. (AAA) OHLG, TLG. Carl Trego, 20 Alice Dr., Sumter, S. C.

10—Dallas, Texas. (AA) OHLG, Wm. T. White, 2930 Kingston, Dallas 11, Texas.

17—Chicago, Ill. (RT) TLG, OHLG. Peter Sotich, 3851 W. 62nd Pl., Chicago 29.

17—Tulare, Calif. (A) TLG, OHLG. Fred Hover, 1000 N. Jacob, Visalia, Cal.

17—E. St. Louis, Ill. (AA) TLG, OHLG. Peter Soule, 825 Robinwood Dr., Florissant, Mo.

23—Chicago, Ill. (AA) IHLG, Peter Sotich, 3851 W. 62nd Pl., Chicago 29.

24—Sacramento, Calif. (AA) TLG, W. Barton, Box 37, Danville, Calif.

31—Boulder, Colo. (AA) TLG, OHLG. Billy Fox, 2245 Floral Dr.

### JUNE

7—Cedar Rapids, Ia. (AAA) TLG, OHLG. L. Conover, 1632 First Ave., N.W.

7—St. Louis, Mo. (AAA) TLG, Parnell Schoenky, 125 E. Maple Ave., Kirkwood 22, Mo.

13-14—Pensacola, Fla. OHLG. L. Lindenborn, 1620 Barrancas Ave., Warrington.

14—Deer Park, N. Y. (AA) OHLG. John Giovine, 1009 Morris Av., Bronx 56, N.Y.

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