

SILVER C PILOTS

HOLDERS OF THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL

AMERICAN

J. K. O'MEARA

The first American to obtain the coveted Silver C, Jack O'Meara was also the first to soar at Elmira in 1929. His pioneering flights and efforts brought about the First National Soaring Contest held at Elmira the following year. Jack established an American distance record of 66 miles from Elmira to Wyalusing, Pa., as well as the former altitude record of 4,960 feet in the 1932 contest, in his Darmstadt sailplane "Chanute" which was built by him.



Wide World



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LEWIN B. BARRINGER

Lewin Barringer, General Manager of the S.S.A. and Editor of SOARING, lives in Philadelphia and is the president of the Wings Soaring Club. He won his Silver C during the summer of 1934 when he placed second in distance and altitude at the 5th Annual National Soaring Contest with flights of 77 miles and 4,784 feet in the "Albatross II". His longest flight, made in the same ship on April 2, 1935, was 154.54 miles from Ellenville, N. Y. to Picketown, Pa. He is flying the Göppingen 1, "Ibis", at this year's Contest.



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EMIL A. LEHECKA

Emil Lehecka, who lives in Garden City, Long Island, N. Y., is a member of the Airhoppers Gliding and Soaring Club of Brooklyn. He won his Silver C last year when he was flying a Cadet utility glider. This year he is flying a new Rhönsperber high performance sailplane.



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EMERSON MEHLHOSE

Emerson Mehlhose, who lives at Wyandotte, Michigan, where he is a member of the Wyandotte Gliding Club, made his distance requirement for his Silver C with a 76 mile flight with a Haller-Hawk sailplane in Virginia in 1933. His remaining qualifying flight for altitude was made at last year's contest when he established an unofficial altitude record of nearly 6,500 feet, also flying a Haller-Hawk sailplane.



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FOREIGN

PETER RIEDEL

Peter Riedel, a pioneer in motorless flight in Germany, is a pilot for Scadta Airlines, Bogota, Columbia. Among his outstanding flights was his goal flight record of 168 miles made on July 8, 1935 from Berlin to Hamburg. He is flying a new Rhönsperber sailplane at this year's contest.



Acme



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