

S. S. A. Executive News

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL NATIONAL SOARING CONTEST

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Up to May 18, 1937, the following prizes and awards of the Eighth Annual National Soaring Contest were approved.

1. **THE PRIZE OF THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**
\$2000.00
Under the point award system (Compare SOARING, May 1937)
2. **THE MRS. WARREN E. EATON CONTEST FOR NEW GLIDERS**
(Compare SOARING, April 1937)
 - (a) First prize for glider with highest rating, \$1000.00.
 - (b) Second prize for glider with second highest rating, \$500.00.
 - (c) A third prize of \$300.00 is available if the first prize winner does not attain an A.T.C. within six months.
3. **THE BENDIX GLIDER TROPHY**
 - (a) Gold trophy for greatest distance of the Contest, accompanied by \$500.00. The cash award is \$1000.00 if a new American distance record is established.
 - (b) Silver trophy for second greatest distance.
 - (c) Bronze trophy for third greatest distance.
4. **THE A. FELIX DU PONT ALTITUDE TROPHY**
 - (a) Gold trophy for greatest altitude above point of release, accompanied by \$500.00. The cash award is \$1000.00 if a new American Altitude record is established.
 - (b) Silver trophy for second greatest altitudes.
 - (c) Bronze trophy for third greatest altitudes.
5. **EDWARD S. EVANS AMERICAN SOARING CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**
Trophy to the holder of the highest number of points.
6. **LIEUTENANT HENRY HARRIS MEMORIAL TROPHY**
For the New England Champion.
7. **SHERMAN M. FAIRCHILD TROPHY**
To the group which compiles the highest number of points.
8. **EDWARD S. EVANS BAROGRAPH AWARDS**
Glider barographs in the equivalent of \$200.00, probably four barographs to the groups whose gliders compile the highest number of points.
9. **GAS MODEL PRIZE OF THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**
\$300.00
Under the point award system of the Gas Model Contest. (Compare SOARING April and May 1937)
10. **RICHARD C. DU PONT TROPHY**
 - (a) Bronze trophy to the holder of the highest number of points in the Gas Model Contest.
 - (b) Small bronze trophy to the holder of the second highest number of points in the Gas Model Contest.
 - (c) Small chromium trophy to the holder of the third highest number of points in the Gas Model Contest.
11. **EDWARD ROBERTS TROPHY**
Trophy for first place of the special event of the Gas Model Contest.

CHANGE IN RULES

By decision of the Contest Board the following change is announced:

Paragraph 13 (SOARING, May 1937) now reads:

Any flight has to surpass certain minimum performances in order to count. This distance must exceed 7 (seven) miles to be counted. Duration must exceed 60 (sixty) minutes and altitude exceed 1000 (one thousand) feet. That part of the graph which is under these performances will be disregarded except for "C" flights. "C" flights must last at least 5 (five) minutes. Together with a thirty minute credit for a "C" license this represents thirty-five minutes, thus giving four points for the pilot and two points for the ship.

ACCOMMODATIONS ON HARRIS HILL PILOTS' CABINS

The pilots' cabins are being equipped with beds and mattresses. Contestants are advised to bring their own bed clothes, blankets, pillows, and towels. Plenty of shower baths will be available to all contestants and crew members who register at the office of the Contest Board.

All prospective participants of the Contest who are in a position to use their own camping equipment are urged to give up their cabin reservations for the benefit of other contestants.

HANGAR SPACE

Already more ships are entered in the Eighth Annual National Soaring Contest than in any previous Contest. It is unlikely that adequate hangar facilities for all ships can be provided. Contestants are urged to take this into account when preparing their trailer equipment.

BAROGRAPHS

Preparations are being made for a well organized barograph service. All barographs will be checked, calibrated, and serviced without charge by Mr. Victor Saudek and assistants of the Contest Weather Station.

A sincere effort will be made to obtain a number of barographs which can be loaned to contestants. However, the only way of being assured of a barograph for all flights, is to bring your own instrument.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the S.S.A. was held at 2:30 P. M., Saturday, May 15th, at the Hotel Weylin in New York City. Members of the Committee attending were: Richard C. duPont, Karl O. Lange, Charles H. Gale, Arthur L. Lawrence, Mrs. Warren E. Eaton and William R. Enyart. Guests attending were: R. E. Franklin, Milton Stoughton, Percy Pierce and Lewin B. Barringer.

Disposition of the prize money for the Contest was decided, as is published elsewhere in this issue. Steps were also taken to speed the completion of the two manuals. It is hoped that Milton Stoughton will have his Glider Construction Manual ready for presentation to the Bureau of Air Commerce by June 15th and that Arthur Lawrence will bring his Glider Operations Manual up to date by June 1st. It was agreed to postpone any action on a plan for group membership until after the publication of these manuals.

Probably the most important business completed at the meeting was the adoption of a plan of joint cooperation between the Soaring Society and the National Aeronautic Association, which secures for the Society the position of the representative body in the United States for motorless flight and guarantees to the Society control of the National Soaring Contest and any international or regional contest organized by the S.S.A. It also gains for it specific advantages regarding issuance of licenses, etc., as follows:

An N.A.A. National Chapter Charter will be obtained by the S.S.A. and this is based upon the Directors of the S.S.A. and Presidents of affiliated glider clubs maintaining individual memberships in the N.A.A.

Chief benefits to be derived from this agreement are as follows:

- (a) Sanction for national and international contests and any regional contests issued by N.A.A. Contest Board without charge.
- (b) Any official glider record made by a participant at any of these contests will be registered officially without charge.
- (c) Members of the S.S.A. who also become members of the N.A.A. (a special \$2.00 rate for S.S.A. members includes a N.A.A. emblem and subscription to *The National Aeronautic Magazine*) are eligible for the annual sporting license without charge.