

The Best One Yet

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ments was excellent. Vic Saudek, John Peterson, Tom Dickey and Warren Eaton, Jr. looked after the instruments—of which there were plenty, (practically every contestant brought his own)—while a newcomer, Bob McDowell, handled the records. These latter were kept on individual cards on a 30-ft. wall board and the new system was simple and as nearly fool-proof as could be made.

We were able to get some idea of what the Army Air Corps observers thought of soaring when Captain Bob Losey announced at the banquet that he expected Soaring to replace baseball as the national sport. He and Captain Walt Lee both soared in the Schweizers, Captain Losey going up solo after being checked out by Emil and making his "C" with a flight of almost an hour. They both lived on the Hill in one of the cabins and absorbed lots of soaring in addition to sun. They are to write a report to their Chief, General H. H. Arnold on their conclusions.

The Civil Aeronautics Authority was there in force, including Grove Webster, Earl Southee, Jack Sommers, Ted Hammen, Milt Girton, and Jack Cram. They were not only interested in the contest itself but also, of course, in the experimental soaring training program that Hank Wightman conducted. Ted Hammen interested himself in design problems, in connection with his duties in the Airworthiness Division.

Eastman Jacobs and Bob Platt of N. A. C. A. have become enthusiastic soaring pilots. Bob bought the Ross IBIS, learned to fly it, and then turned it over to Stanley on the last day for a final crack at the Na-

tional Sailplane Derby. Bob obtained the ship so that he could alter several minor design features in order to improve the stability and obtain a type certificate. The results of his work will be available to the soaring society.

Just how significant the Decennial celebration Soaring Contest has been to the future of the Soaring movement in the United States, time alone will demonstrate. We can all agree that it was a fitting climax to the ten years that motorless flight has been called an organized sport in this country, and everyone who shared in making it successful can be proud of his contribution. Most important of all, and in keeping with the spirit of the contest and of our sport, we all had fun. Let's have an even better one next year.

Famous Pilot Tries Soaring

Smiling Jack and Zack Mosley.



During the Decennial contest, Smiling Jack, nationally known for his skill and daring, tried some high performance soaring. He was represented by his creator, Zack Mosley, author of the famous comic strip. Mr. Mosley made a flight of an hour with Lewin Barringer in the Airhopper's Schweitzer. Later he had a taste of student training in a Franklin. Lack of time prevented his progressing any further than straight flights, but he said that he and Jack would be back for more at the first opportunity.

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