

A College HOLIDAY

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Thirteen members of the Purdue Glider Club made their annual spring trip to Frankfort, Michigan. Braving the open roads, exceptional time was not made on the trip up, which is about 400 miles. We took both of our ships—the newly acquired Baby Albatross "La Paloma," and the recently completed two-place PGC-2. The two cars and winch were the old faithful Model A Ford—God's gift to the Glider Club. The trip was commanded by president Craig Miller and flying started the day we arrived.

The first part of the week we flew from Crystal Lake which was completely frozen over and offered an excellent operation site. This lake is surrounded by high bluffs, and a good wind from any direction afforded opportunity for slope soaring. By putting the winch out in the middle of the lake, a lot of work was eliminated when the wind changed.

When the wind was exceptionally strong, we could tow right up over a bluff and in this way many soaring flights were made. As a result of these excellent conditions, Bill Kane, Fred Sarginson, Fred Adams, and Jay Craddock,



"Weighted Out" for the Night

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ships had no trouble in staying up. Craig Miller and "Red" Atkinson went up in the two-place for two hours and came down at dark. Miller dove the ship at close to 130 miles an hour to get down. Stan Corcoren, and the Frankfort ships were out flying with us several times.

At the end of the week warmer weather and lack of wind put an end to an eventful week of soaring and gliding and we packed up and left Saturday.

A sad mistake was made in not providing spare tires enough for our tow car, winch, and two-place trailer, resulting in fifteen flat tires in the 400 miles. I think every possible combination of tires on different cars was tried and when you are playing with fourteen wheels that runs into some wholesale tire changing. The windshield in the tow car was also washed out by a bird who hit a down draft while flying over us, but luckily no one was hurt.

All in all it was a most successful trip and enjoyed by everyone who made it. Quite a few pictures were taken including that of the club's favorite waitress at Beagles Cafe, and the landlady's only daughter. Fred Adams got some fine colored prints, and also some more movies to add to our collection.



The Cavalcade

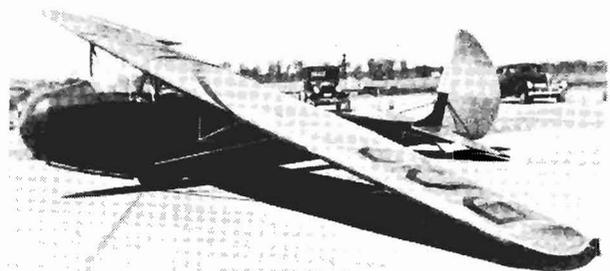
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made 15 to 20 minute flights thus adding four more "C" pilots to our list.

The "La Paloma" was given its first real soaring test, and we were very much satisfied with the results. Craig Miller, Arvis Hilpert, Don Caffee, and Bill Kane made many long flights in the Albatross and it seemed no trouble at all to stay up for an hour or so. Before our return, all of the fellows who made the trip had soloed, including Bill Thompson, John Scott, Roger Atkinson, Dave Hooley, Fred Eade, and Edward Manning.

The weather held out perfectly, and we flew from early morning till the sun went down on Crystal Lake. The ice was strong enough to drive our cars on, and the ships did not need to be torn down at night which was an ideal situation.

A good wind picked up Thursday and the ships were taken over to Benson's Field for some work on the slopes of Lake Michigan. The lifts were very strong and the two



PGC-2 "Super Flying Boilermaker"

Eade