



## TROPHY HONORS MAJOR BARRINGER

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The late Major Lewin B. Barringer of Washington, D. C., was awarded posthumously the Herbert J. Sargent, Jr., Memorial Trophy in recognition of his "sincere efforts devoted to the advancement of motorless flight."

The presentation was made to his wife, Mrs. Helen M. Barringer, during June of this year.

Sponsored by the Hudson Valley Glider Club, this trophy, a national rotating award, open each year to all members of the Soaring Society of America, is awarded to the person who had put forth outstanding effort to advance motorless flight.

Well known nationally and loved by all of the gliding and soaring fraternity, Major Barringer has been missing since January 24, 1943, while on a special mission for the Army Air Forces. A Princeton University graduate, Major Barringer became chief of the Army Air Forces' Glider Section and was also awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his part in developing the military glider program.

A pioneer in soaring flight and a power pilot and glider pilot of long experience, he has set up numerous flight records. Among the most recent being an International Altitude Record for Two-Place Gliders, flying a Schweizer Sailplane at Sun Valley, Idaho, August 12, 1940, when he reached an official altitude of 14,960 feet.

He is the author of numerous articles and books on

the science of motorless flight and has contributed to the movement in other important ways.

The trophy shown in the photograph honors the memory of the late Herbert J. Sargent, Jr., of Jersey City, New Jersey, also one of the pioneers in soaring flight, who succumbed June 7, 1940, to injuries sustained while piloting an airplane near Wurtsboro, New York. "Herb", a charter member, instructor and executive of the Hudson Valley Glider Club and the Eastern States Soaring Association, was noted for his own hard work and sincere effort in the cause of gliding.

The yearly awards to date of the Herbert J. Sargent, Jr., Memorial Trophy are as follows:

1940 to Captain Floyd J. Sweet, Army Air Forces.

1941 to Alexis Dawydoff, Editor and Writer.

1942 to Major Lewin B. Barringer, Army Air Forces.



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found elsewhere. It has long been my fond hope that steps might be taken in this country to make a thorough study of these two phases of motorless flight and that this information could be made easily available to all interested in the subject. I would not attempt to suggest how this should be accomplished; however, I do want to point out to you that among those interested in the subject of motorless flight, there is a real need for such information.

It is not amiss to reiterate now, that disregarding the sport aspects of soaring, the principles governing the flying of sailplanes and power planes are identical. A participation in soaring on a national scale by our youth will have a profound influence on the airmindedness of our nation and the air readiness of our country. Official encouragement and assistance for the gliding movement can provide the youth of our nation with training in the fundamentals of flying and practical meteorology. From this selected group we can rapidly build our military and civilian air power, sure that we are giving further training to those who have already proved their aptitude for flying.