

REPORT OF RECORDS COMMITTEE

AUGUST RASPET, *Chairman*

If American soaring for the year 1946 were to be judged solely by the records, we have definitely exceeded our pre-war activity. The international two-place altitude record has been challenged and may prove to have been broken. Several national records have fallen by a comfortable margin; the women's distance record, the single-place goal and return, and the two-place distance record which now exceeds the single-place record set in 1940.

One Golden "C", eleven Silver "C" and 49 "C" awards have been earned. It is interesting to note that more "C"

awards were earned by our troops in Germany than by our enthusiasts at home. The inspiration for all this activity in Germany came from Lt. Jesse James, who lost his life in a jeep accident while on a mission for his soaring friends. This group of "C" pilots will be a constant reminder of and serve as a lasting memorial to Jesse James.

The following glider pilots partially met the requirements for the Silver "C": John Brookhart, duration; Richard Comey, altitude and distance; Jesse James, altitude and duration; Ralph Royce, distance; Paul Souder, altitude and distance.

"B" CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA DURING 1946

Name	Location of Flight
Harry A. Deitschman	Lake City, Minn.
Edward W. Geller	Elmira, N. Y.
Amos L. Wood, Jr.	Detroit, Mich.
Kurt Rosner	Mastic, N. Y.
Karl H. Pech	Elmira, N. Y.
John B. Jessup	Mastic, N. Y.
Richard N. Jessup	Mastic, N. Y.
Carlyle Meierdiercks, Jr.	Mastic, N. Y.
Henry B. Tonking	Mastic, N. Y.

"C" CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA DURING 1946

John M. Clark, Jr.	Bishop, Cal.
Jesse L. James	Kirchheim, Germany
Harold H. Taylor	Elmira, N. Y.
Hasson Calloway	Atlanta, Ga.
John Wilson	Kirchheim, Germany
Gale Griswold	Elmira, N. Y.
Zenas Savage, Jr.	Denver, Col.
George E. Congdon	Mt. Diablo, Cal.
Charles F. Light	Elmira, N. Y.
Francis B. Compton	Kendall, Flor.

Name	Location of Flight
William P. Withers	Kirchheim, Ger'ny
Roscoe K. Christman	Philadelphia, Pa.
Norman D. Reece	Kirchheim, Germany
Lloyd L. Beebe	Kirchheim, Germany
Irby C. Lightner, Jr.	Kirchheim, Germany
Charles M. Stine	Kirchheim, Germany
John R. Perusek	Kirchheim, Germany
Noel W. Cunnyngnam	Kirchheim, Gy.
Paul W. Souder	Columbus, Ohio
Edward W. Ludwig	Kirchheim, Gy.
Virgil D. Evans	Kirchheim, Germany
Louis B. Feirabend	Elmira, N. Y.
Eckhart A. Jacobsen	Elmira, N. Y.
William A. Gunn	Columbus, Ohio
Dwight W. Pierce	Twentynine Palms, Cal.
Robert C. Kidder	Tonowanda, N. Y.
Paul B. MacCready, Jr.	Essex, Conn.
Alberta A. Brown	Elmira, N. Y.
Lewis D. Stethem	Columbus, Ohio
Francis E. Muller	Twentynine Palms, Cal.
Michael R. Paine	Elmira, N. Y.
Teddy F. Walkowicz	Elmira, N. Y.
Alfred L. Smith	Elmira, N. Y.
Kempes F. Trager	Elmira, N. Y.
William H. Coverdale, Jr.	Kingston, Ontario
Harry L. Stafford	Kirchheim, Germany

Name	Location of Flight
Robert B. Barrie	Kirchheim, Germany
John R. Gregg	Kirchheim, Germany
Frederick W. Drury, Jr.	Kirchheim, Gy.
Paul F. Taggart	Kirchheim, Germany
Myron L. Daggett, Jr.	Columbus, O.
Willard Rankin	Tulare, Cal.
Frank A. Daley	Kirchheim, Germany
Sophia M. Peters	Columbus, Ohio
Paul L. Cromelin	Augusta, Ga.
Dennis C. Downing	Kirchheim, Gy.
Vincent A. Savona	Kirchheim, Gy.
Orville L. Coil	Kirchheim, Gy.
Maxwell P. Farnsworth	Amarillo, Tex.

SILVER "C" PILOTS

50. Laurence D. Montgomery
51. Theodore Pfeiffer
52. Stephen J. Bennis
53. Richard V. Lyon
54. Howard E. Burr
55. Richard Powell
56. Winthrop R. Block
58. Francis B. Compton
59. Charles Kohls
60. Owen L. Creighton
61. Maurice L. Waters

GOLDEN "C" PILOT

6. Raymon Parker

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD

FRANKLIN E. HURTT and RICHARD POWELL

Established a National Endurance Record for Two-place Gliders, flying a Schweizer 2-22 at Elmira, New York, April 10, 1946. Time: 10 hours and 9 minutes.

PAUL TUNTLAND

Flying with 182 pounds of ballast established a National Altitude Record for Two-place Gliders in a Pratt-Read at Orlando, Florida, July 25, 1946. Altitude: 18,830 feet.

VIRGINIA BENNIS

Established a National Distance Single-place Record for Women flying a Kirby Kite, at Elmira, New York, August 4, 1946. Distance: 47 miles.

RICHARD JOHNSON and ROBERT A. SPARLING

Established a National Distance Record for Two-place Gliders, flying a Schweizer TG-2 at Prescott, Arizona, September 8, 1946. Distance: 314 miles.