



The "Zanonia" comes in close to the cliffs at Torrey Pines.

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## CALIFORNIA COMPETITIONS

### San Diego Contest

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**T**HE Second Annual Pacific Coast Midwinter Soaring Contest held at Torrey Pines Gliderport, Southern California, was one of the greatest motorless flight shows ever offered in the Southwest.

Fifteen contestants, aided by their crews, flew the most admired sailplanes before more than 12,000 fans—who were admitted free—in two days of excellent soaring performances. Eight competitive events were held.

Hollywood newsreelmen ground away thousands of feet of film capturing the great thrills of the meet for all the country to see and enjoy on the screen.

Sponsored by the Associated Glider Club of Southern California and the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce, the contest was sanctioned by the Soaring Society of America.

The new Hultgren aerobatic trophy stirred up competition that won wide acclaim. Never before in the San Diego area had fans seen such thrills as were performed by California's own Golden "C" pilots.

The winning performance by Paul Tuntland, flying a Pratt-Read sailplane, set a new high for motorless aerobatics in San Diego. As one observer commented, "It was plenty to see everything in the book performed by others. But, to see the book done upside down—

well, that's something for a revised edition."

MacCready, Robinson and Johnson did the unpredictable by flying to Julian and back, to Alpine City and Tecate, Mexico. The flight to Mexico by Johnson won him the Championship Trophy and set a new record for glider competition. It was the first time in American gliding history that a glider had flown from a contest site to a point outside the boundary of the United States.

All types of launching methods were demonstrated—auto, winch, and airplane.

Results of the contest follow:

Altitude: Paul B. MacCready, San Marino, 5,500 feet, Orlik.

Duration: J. S. Stasneck, Santa Monica, 3 hours, 33 minutes, TG-2.

Distance: Single-place—John Robinson, Pasadena, 30 miles, Zanonia.

Spot Landing: Herman J. Stiglmeier, Inglewood, 7 inches, Pratt-Read.

Bomb Drop: William G. Briegleb, El Mirage, 2 feet, BG-7.

Distance, Two-Place: Richard Johnson, Palm Springs, 45 miles, to Tecate, Mexico, TG-2.

### THE COVER

Myron Wells in his "Bowhus Super" and John Robinson in his "Zanonia" soaring on Torrey Pines Cliff during the San Diego Contest.