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UNITED STATES SOARING RECORDS

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UNDER the terms of the Letter of Agreement concluded early in 1948 between the N.A.A. and the SSA, the SSA is authorized to homologate Official National Soaring Records, and forward them to the NAA Contest Board for final review and approval.

New record forms have been prepared and are available from the Contest Committee, General Manager, or Secretary of the SSA. The SSA will make no homologation charge, nor will the N.A.A. make any charge unless unusual expenses are incurred. The SSA will look to the record claimant for refund of any direct expenses incurred in homologation, and for refund of barograph calibration fees when calibration is done by the U. S. Bureau of Standards. The F.A.I. fee for International Records must be paid by the person claiming the International Record.

From 1939 to 1947 no record claims were presented to the NAA for approval as Official National Records, although many excelling flights were declared by the Society to be new "records." Thus we have had in the past both Official Records, and national excelling performances by and among the membership of the Soaring Society, not claiming recognition as Official Records.

Both these official and unofficial records are listed below. The Official National Records are in CAPITAL LETTERS, and the national excelling performances by and among the membership of the SSA are in lower case letters.

The question has been raised by west coast pilots interested, whether the Contest Committee will homologate official record claims that are in excess of the latest Official National Record, but less than the best national excelling performance. The Contest Committee is obligated to handle any claim for Official National Record exceeding the previous Official National Record, although, in this case, the west coast pilots agreed among themselves to attempt record

flights and submit claims for Official National Records only when they were in excess of either the latest Official Record or national excelling performance. It is hoped that everyone will do this.

We now have the set-up whereby SSA members can have their flights approved as Official National Records at little or no expense, and it is hoped that the pilots and observers of all future record flights will use these channels so that these flights may be approved as Official Records.

When a glider pilot contemplates making an attempt to break a National or International Record, he should first write and secure the new, printed NAA-SSA Record Forms, together with "General Information on Official Records."

Some of the most pertinent information of "General Information on Official Records" is printed here:

Designated Official Glider Timers are qualified to act as the supervising official for glider record attempts and sanctioned contests. If an Official Glider Timer is not available for a record attempt or sanctioned contest, an Official Observer may act in such capacity subject to approval by the Contest Committee of the Soaring Society.

Claims: The pilot is responsible for making a claim to the national official organization (The N.A.A., through the S.S.A.). Claims are to be submitted within eight days of landing unless there is good reason for delay.

Barographs: A barograph, sealed by an Official Glider Timer, must be carried in the glider. The barograph must be carried in a location where the position error is not likely to be serious. Barograph is required in the tow plane on glider altitude record flights.

Measure of Distances: Distances are measured by calculation of the great circle distance. For this purpose the globe is reckoned to be a sphere of radius 6,371,226 km.