

was allowed to make his first solo airplane tow. Later in his BG-6 he won the award for the longest flight in sight of the field, 3 hrs. 4 min. His nearest contender was Harold Woodring of Fort Worth, 2 hrs. 35 min. Lambros also earned his Silver "C" altitude and distance legs.

A good contest would have been almost impossible without the coordinated efforts of those "backstage." To Jon D. Carsey, TSA President, goes a vote of thanks for a large portion of the planning and organization of the contest. E. W. Karzawa deserves special mention for obtaining the distinguished speaker, Dr. Lippisch.

Members of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce are due recognition and thanks for sponsoring the Southwestern Soaring Contest as an event of interest and value to their community. Grand Prairie, the home of Chance-Vought Aircraft and the Texas Engr. & Manufacturing Co. (TEMCO), has a real interest in soaring.

Our thanks also go to the many individuals and organizations for the awards, prizes, trophies and services to encourage the advancement of motorless flight.

The speed factor used in computing points was a controversial subject at pilot meetings. It was used with distance to differentiate the skills of the pilots. Speed is believed to give the better pilot the benefit of the

doubt, especially in set task events, and should be justly rewarded. This was challenged on the basis that the pilot with the better glider has the advantage. But the fact remains that a contestant cannot be penalized for having a superior sailplane if our sailplanes are to improve.

In closing let us say that all who come to the 17th National Soaring Contest in 1950 will find the best of good will and hospitality among the citizens of Grand Prairie, who are again to be your hosts.

STANDINGS AND AWARDS

RAY PARKER Calif.-Miss., Southwest Soaring Championship "Silvaire Trophy," Swiss Airman's watch (donated by Consolidated-Vultee) and 1st Place Plaque (McKinley Iron Works); 1st Place Aerobatic Trophy (Air Associates); Wichita Falls Goal Prize, \$150 (Wm. P. Glade, Contractor); Class I, 730 points; Class II, 657 pts.; total, 1387 pts.; total, 753 miles.

WALLY WIBERG Texas, Pioneer Parachute (Pioneer Parachute Co.) and 2nd Place Plaque (McKinley Iron Works.); Texas Soaring Champion; 3rd Longest Dist. Flight, goal-prize winners excluded, \$5 (Button's Studio); 2nd Aerobatics, four aircraft instruments (Sherman Mach. & Iron Wks.); Class I, 250 pts.; Class II, 707 pts.; total 957 pts.; total, 537 mi.

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