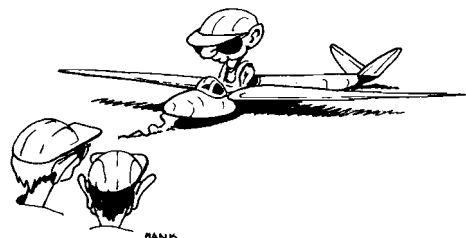


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THIRTEEN 1949



"If they get any smaller, we can hand-launch 'em!"

The next objective was White Mt. I thought if I reached there with sufficient altitude I'd attempt to continue up the ridge to Montgomery Peak, about 15 miles past White Mt. for the goal and return flight, otherwise continue out over the valley beyond Bishop for the last point in the triangular course. It was easier flying down wind, but I never was able to regain my high altitude. Consequently, when I did get to White Mt. the altimeter showed 13,500 feet. Deciding not to attempt the goal flight, I hunted around for some lift to gain just a little more altitude before heading out over the valley.

What I found was pretty rough, but it was "up" and that was most important. After a gain of about 1000 ft. I turned toward the valley and Bishop. This seemed like easy flying compared to the rugged mountain peaks to which I was unaccustomed. There was a down area where the Owens River meanders through, but gentle lift out over most of the valley, so having gone out beyond Bishop I finally headed back for the airport. The duration of the flight was 3 hours and 25 minutes, and I was tired, but happy indeed to have completed my goals.

If you ever get a chance to try your hand at soaring in the West we heartily recommend Bishop. In addition to the excellent soaring and friendly people we also enjoyed the weather. The sun really beats down and warms things up during the day time, but you do not get too uncomfortable. As soon as the sun sinks behind the mountains, the ground radiates its stored-up heat and cool air pours down the mountain side creating a fairly strong evening breeze. By dinner time it is very comfortable and every evening we slept under a woolen blanket.

**HAVE YOUR CONTEST SANCTIONED BY THE SSA.** To avoid confusion and to derive all the benefits the organizing officials should write to the SSA, 228 Boston Post Road, Weston 93, Mass. as early as possible, for a sanction for their event. (4 to 6 months ahead would be ideal.)

**BENEFITS OF A SANCTION:** Free Advertising in SOARING, Minimum of conflict with other soaring events with regard to dates, Standardization of Rules, Mailing lists furnished at cost, Write Up of event published in SOARING, Cooperation of the SSA on matters of publicity, Aid in the Distribution of Special Bulletins to the entire membership furnished at cost, Further Help by the SSA to aid in the success of the event in every way possible.

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