

U. S. SOARING RECORDS

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Official records as of August 31, 1950 are given below in capital letters; unofficial claims in lower case letters. (Ed. Note: Some record-breaking 1950 contest flights were not claimed by press time.)

SINGLE PLACE

ALTITUDE GAINED: 1-1-49 JOHN ROBINSON, BISHOP, CALIF., 24,200 FEET.

ALTITUDE, ABSOLUTE: 1-1-49 JOHN ROBINSON, BISHOP, CALIF., 33,500 FEET.

DISTANCE, STRAIGHT LINE: 7-19-47 JOHN ROBINSON, WICHITA FALLS-BARSTOW, TEXAS, 325.121 MILES.

DISTANCE, GOAL: E. J. REEVES, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS TO MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA, 8 10-49, 227.152 MILES. (New record pending approval—8-12-50, R. H. Johnson, Grand Prairie to Odessa, Texas, approx. 317.408 miles.)

DISTANCE, GOAL & RETURN: 7-16-47, PAUL B. MacREADY, Jr., WICHITA FALLS-ANSON, TEXAS AND RETURN, 229.189 MILES.

DURATION: 12-17 & 18-31, LT. WM. A. COCKE, JR., HONOLULU, T. H., 21 HOURS 34 MINUTES.

SPEED 100 KM: None Established.

MULTI-PLACE

ALTITUDE GAINED: 1-27-50, HARLAND C. ROSS and GEO. DEIBERT, BISHOP, CALIF., 24,300 FEET.

ALTITUDE, ABSOLUTE: 1-27-50, HARLAND C. ROSS and GEO. DEIBERT, BISHOP, CALIF., 36,000 FEET.

DISTANCE, STRAIGHT LINE: 9-8-46, RICHARD H. JOHNSON and R. SPARLING, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, TO NEAR GOVERNADOR, NEW MEXICO, 309.678 MILES.

DISTANCE, GOAL: NO OFFICIAL RECORD. Best unofficial claim is 207 miles, E. Yerian and Wm. Ordway, 7-13-47, Wichita Falls-Amarillo, Texas.

DISTANCE, GOAL & RETURN: NO OFFICIAL RECORD. Best unofficial claim is 155.16 miles, Dick Johnson and Jack Propp, 8-16-47, Bishop-Adamson, Calif and Return.

DURATION: NO OFFICIAL RECORD. Best unofficial claim 4-9-46, Franklin Hurtt and R. Powell, Elmira, N. Y. 10 hours, 09 minutes.

SPEED 100 KM: 8-12-49, WM. G. BRIEGLER and JACK LARMARE, EL MIRAGE DRY LAKE, CALIF., 27.873 M.P.H., 44-857 K.P.H.

FEMININE RECORDS: SINGLE-PLACE

ALTITUDE GAINED: 4-15-48, BETTY M. LOUFEK, BISHOP, CALIF., 14,496 FEET.

ALTITUDE, ABSOLUTE: NO OFFICIAL CLAIM.

DISTANCE, STRAIGHT LINE: NO OFFICIAL RECORD. Claim expected from Betty M. Loufek, 7-4-50, El Mirage to near Baker, Nev., approx. 123 mi.

DISTANCE, GOAL: 9-22-49, BETSY WOODWARD, EL MIRAGE TO 6-S RANCH, SAUGUS, CALIF., 54.086 MILES.

DISTANCE, GOAL & RETURN: CLAIM PENDING: 8-11-50, Margaret A. Downsborough, Grand Prairie, Texas to Cleburne Northwest Airport, Texas, and Return, approximately 68.834 miles.

DURATION: 9-4-38, HELEN MONTGOMERY, CRYSTAL DOWN BEACH, MICH., 7 hours, 28 min.

SPEED 100 KM: NO OFFICIAL RECORD.

FEMININE RECORDS, MULTI-PLACE

ALTITUDE GAINED: 4-7-50, BETSY WOODWARD and V. GERE, ADELANTO, CALIF., 10,797 FEET, 3291 METERS.

ALTITUDE, ABSOLUTE: 4-7-50, BETSY WOODWARD and V. GERE, ADELANTO, CALIF., 17,598 FEET, 5,364 METERS.

DISTANCE, STRAIGHT LINE: 8-12-49, BETTY McMILLEN LOUFEK and CLAIRE LEE McMILLEN, EL MIRAGE TO DAGGETT, CALIF., 50.248 MILES.

DISTANCE, GOAL: NO OFFICIAL RECORD.

DISTANCE, GOAL and RETURN: NO OFFICIAL RECORD.

DURATION: 8-12 49, BETTY McMILLEN LOUFEK and CLAIRE LEE McMILLEN, EL MIRAGE TO DAGGETT, CALIF., 3 HOURS 20 MINUTES.

SPEED 100 KM: NO OFFICIAL RECORD.

NOTE: Forms for official record claims may be obtained from S. S. A., Box 71, Elmira, N. Y. Pilots contemplating a record attempt should secure forms and instructions before attempting flight. Completed forms should be sent to SSA Record Committee, 2234 S.W. 23rd Terrace, Miami 45, Fla., for correlation and review. Record Committee will forward claim to N.A.A.

When an International Record flight is completed, pilot should wire approximate results and pertinent information to the Natinal Aeronautic Association, 1025 Conecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D. C., attention Mr. C. S. Logsdon. This wire must reach N.A.A. within 24 hours, as Federation Aeronautique Internationale requires that N.A.A. advise them of any international record flights within 48 hours, by wire. International Recrd flight forms must be in the hands of N.A.A. within 30 days.

When a National Record Flight is made, pilot should air mail approximate results and pertinent information to S.S.A. Record Committee, who will advise N.A.A. Reco'd claims forms should be in the hands of N.A.A. within 30 days, however, it is probable that this limit can be extended in cases where record claim delays are beyond claimant's control.