

4th MIDWEST CONTEST

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The Fourth Mid-West Soaring Contest held at the Toledo Municipal Airport on the weekend of June 29th, 30th and July 1st, was the largest and most successful of all of the contests held in Toledo. This year 13 sailplanes and 18 pilots participated, including one pilot and sailplane from Canada, thus giving this contest an international tinge.

While the number of hours flown this year was not as high as at previous contests, nevertheless, thanks to Dick Johnson, a new distance record for this area was established when Dick flew to Amsterdam, Ohio, 154 miles from Toledo. Other contest events did not equal records established in Toledo.

For the past four years we have been fortunate in having the same ground personnel and, as a result, operations have gone along very smoothly. The man responsible for this part of the contest was John Nowak, Contest Director and Master of Ceremonies Extraordinary. George Hauptkorn and Emerson Melhose were responsible for the line and R. E. Franklin was responsible for checking barographs and interpreting rules. Don Coleman was again in charge of weather forecasting and managed to unleash the thermals which we promised to all competitors in our bulletins.

While the weather was not completely perfect, we all got in a lot of soaring. For the third year in a row not a single goal prize was claimed though Dick Johnson came very close to reaching Wheeling, West Virginia, on his distance flight where one hundred dollars waited for the first one to reach that city.

Al Pow, from London, Ontario, did some excellent flying and returned to Canada with the latest addition to the list of perpetual trophies—The Ottawa River Paper Company Trophy for Altitude. Al won this after a flight of 5300 feet above the ground. He also won second place in duration with a flight of 2 hours 48 minutes. We hope that his success will bring him and many other Canadian pilots back to Toledo next year.

The annual Mid-West Soaring Contest dinner was held at the Carranor Club in Perrysburg, Ohio, Saturday night and was attended by all participants and their families. A total of fifty-five people enjoyed a good dinner and a few speeches from some of those present. Movies of previous soaring contests concluded a very pleasant evening.

This year we were fortunate in having the Soaring Society's president, Jon Carsey, and his wife, Mary, with us during the contest. While Ohio is not as big as Texas, Jon did admit that we know how to entertain and have fun at a contest. He even stated that there were a few thermals up here too.

This year's contest was marked by an accident which fortunately resulted in no personal harm but demolished a very nice sailplane. The accident occurred on Sunday when one of the pilots was being checked out. The check pilot allowed the sailplane to get too far from the airport and made a cross wind landing with a gusty wind up to 35 miles an hour. The wind picked up one wing just before landing with resultant major damage to the sailplane.

FINAL CONTEST RESULTS

MID-WEST CHAMPION—R. J. Johnson 353 Points
 2nd Place—Floyd Sweet 75 Points
 3rd Place—Marvin Frost 52 Points

DURATION

1st Place—Marvin Frost 3 hrs. 4 min.
 2nd Place—A. M. Pow 2 hrs. 48 min.
 3rd Place—E. F. Knight 2 hrs. 38 min.

ALTITUDE

1st Place—A. M. Pow 3300 Feet
 2nd Place—E. F. Knight 3185 Feet
 3rd Place—Marvin Frost 3050 Feet

DISTANCE

1st Place—R. J. Johnson 154 miles
 2nd Place—Floyd Sweet 56 miles

SPOT LANDING

1st Place—Chuck Kohls 2 ft. average
 2nd Place—Marvin Frost 5 ft. average
 3rd Place—E. F. Knight 6 ft. average

	June 29	June 30	July 1st	Totals
Total Time.....	13 hrs 11 min.	4 hrs 39 min.	23 hrs. 36 min.	41 hrs. 26 min.
Total Flights...	12	16	27	55

PILOTS ENTERED

Allen, Julian H.	Dayton, Ohio
Corcoran, R. Stanley	Joliet, Ill.
Detert, Walter O.	Wabash, Ind.
Flaglor, Kenneth E.	DesPlaines, Ill.
Frost, Marvin D.	Dayton, Ohio
Grabinski, J. J.	W. Lafayette, Ind.
Holcombe, Alan R.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Hopf, Julian G.	Detroit, Mich.
Johnson, Richard H.	Starkville, Miss.
Knight, E. F.	Perrysburg, Ohio
Kohls, Charles E.	Lincoln Park, Mich.
Lacey, Robert L.	W. Lafayette, Ind.
Perucci, Joseph S.	W. Lafayette, Ind.
Pow, Albert M.	London, Ontario
Stevenson, Wm. P.	Dayton, Ohio
Sweet, Floyd J.	Dayton, Ohio
Trefny, Joe	Chicago, Ill.
Wise, Dallas	Detroit, Mich.

SAILPLANES

5 LK10A Laister Kauffman
 1 RJ-5 Johnson Special
 2 TG-1A Cinema
 1 1-23 Schweizer
 1 SG-8 Schweizer
 1 TG-2 Schweizer
 1 TG-3 Schweizer
 1 2-22 Schweizer

13 Total

JULY/AUGUST ????

This is not an apology. This issue of Soaring was delayed intentionally to be able to include the contest results from the July events. It was delayed two weeks more while the editor went flying at the TSA sponsored Odessa Camp. (Wait till you see the complete report of that circus where the dubs flubbed out with Golden C distance!). Further complication was added by Sally, the brains of the office, leaving Soaring for more lucrative employment and the editor all alone again. Boo, hoo.