

SPAIN IN '52

Announcement that Spain is to be the host for the 1952 International Soaring Championship adds interest to the bid of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) held at Brussels, Belgium from 4 to 11 July, 1951. A comprehensive 12-page report of this conference was made for the SSA by Lawrence D. Ely, Lt. Colonel, USAF who attended and made a plea for the Internationale to come to Elmira in '52.

Following is the Spanish proposal as it appears in Col. Ely's report:

Spain proposed that the site be Montflorite. This is near Huesca (0°25' west, 42°9'N) at the foot of the Pyrenees. All competitors would be guests of the Royal Aero Club, airplanes would be provided for retrieving as well as launching and sailplanes would be available for pilots not able to bring their own. The weather was said to be 90% good for soaring from May to July. In subsequent discussion it was brought out that the OSTIV Congress could be held in conjunction with the soaring contest, and that they could handle as many as 70 gliders at the contest. There is some bad terrain for about 60 km southeast toward Barcelona, and also some bad terrain for 100 to 120 km south, but there is one good road through this area. Aircraft were proposed for retrieving in order to overcome the disadvantage of bad roads. In case a pilot landed in an area from which he could not be retrieved by aircraft it was proposed that he still be picked up by aircraft from the nearest landing strip, and the sailplane retrieved by the ground crew in the normal manner. This would provide the sailplane pilot with an amount of rest comparable to other pilots. It was stated that at least 12 Weihs and 50 Kranichs would be available with trailers. Pilots from overseas would be given priority. The Kranichs are all new, and all ships are equipped with radio but the range is limited to 20 km. In the event that a telephone was not available at the landing site, carrier pigeons could be used to carry back information as to the landing location. Each pilot would be provided with two pigeons. At the Montflorite site good hangars and repair facilities are available. Another site was mentioned near Madrid but this was thought to be too hot.

Anyone interested to read Col. Ely's full report of the Conference can borrow a copy from any one of the following: John Carsey, Capt. Ralph Barnaby, Dr. Wolfgang Klemperer, Paul Schweizer, Ted Nelson, C. S. Longsdon, Eugart Yerian.

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• Prizes and Awards

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and Return flights made during the 18th National Soaring Contest.

1st—Stanley Smith, Dansville, N. Y.—104 miles—July 10.

2nd—Richard Johnson, Campbell, N. Y.—34 miles—July 1.

3rd—Fritz Compton, Scranton, Pa.—74 miles out and almost back—July 7.

CLUB STANDINGS

Texas Soaring Association

FAI Awards--First Half 1951

C CERTIFICATES

Timothy Lucero	Edward James Robinett
Kenneth E. Erickson	Don C. Gaede
Lester E. Spicer	Leonard Y. Yerger, Jr.
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Leslie W. Cooper	Mitchell D. Berens
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Tom H. Barker	W. B. House
James K. LaFleur	Donald McLean
John William Schreiber	Lloyd Max Licher
Fred R. Kennedy	Albert T. Lewis
Alan F. Hendrickson	Earl Francis Brooks

SILVER C LEGS

Robert. C. Heidman, Alt.	Thomas W. Smith, Alt.
Ted Nelson, Dur.	Richard E. Seaman, Alt.
Dean McMillian, Dist.	& Dist.
& Alt.	Stephen G. Orban, Alt. & Dist.
Harry Perl, Dur.	Donald C. Ryon, Alt.
Adolph Schillberg, Alt.	Lawrence J. Gehrlein
& Dist.	Alt. & Dur.
Byron C. Baker, Alt.	Herbert Schlimbach, Alt.
Charles J. Smith, Dist.	Alan F. Hendrickson, Alt.
John E. Jednacz, Dist.	Hervin L. Hicks, Dist.
Warren H. Austin, Alt.	

SILVER C AWARDS

134—Earl O. Menefee	137—Robert E. Brown
135—Fred Ruble	138—Ted Nelson
136—Les Arnold	139—M. L. Daggett, Jr.

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DIAMOND C LEGS

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