

# West Coast Soaring Championship

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The 11th Annual West Coast Soaring Championship Contest was held at El Mirage, California, Friday, July 4 through Sunday, July 13. John Loufek was the director of the meet.

The 10-day meet was attended by 16 pilots flying 12 sailplanes. The weather was considered moderately good.

One record was established—a feminine international two-place goal distance flight was made by Betsy Woodward and Anna Saudek in Mrs. Saudek's Pratt-Read. They also broke the national feminine two-place duration record. Betsy and Anna flew from El Mirage to Las Vegas, Nevada, a total of 170 miles.

Several long flights were made. Paul Bikle made 6 flights—71 miles, 187 Miles, 173 miles, 144 miles goal-and-return, 258 miles, and 201 miles. Bill Ivans made 5 flights—249 miles, 108 miles, 123 miles, 199 miles, and 143 miles goal-and-return. Herman Stiglmeier and Dave Boone each made Diamond C goal flights to Bishop, a distance of 193 miles. Lyle Maxey flew 182 miles.

Louis Mass flying a TG-3, made 138 miles on his first cross-country flight.

Paul Bikle made the best altitude of the meet with a total of 14,100 feet above release. There were 13 flights made with altitudes over 10,000 feet above release.

There were 13 flights of over five hours duration.

Vic Saudek remained aloft for 5 hours and 32 minutes to get his Silver C duration leg. Richard

Gardner flew a 34-mile triangular course to get the Silver C distance.

Paul Bikle took first place with 1197 points. He received the Helms State Championship Trophy, and trophies for the best altitude, the best distance, and duration. Bill Ivans was in second place with 978 points. He took home two trophies.

Third was Herman Stiglmeier. Fourth, Lyle Maxey. Fifth, Dave Boone. Sixth, John C. Ziler. Seventh, Betsy Woodward. Eighth, Vic Saudek. Ninth, Louis Mass. Tenth, Ed Minghelli.

Others participating were Bill Bowmar, Larry Edgar, Gus Briegleb, Betty Loufek, Richard Gardner, and William Aiken.



Jon Carsey gets a fond goodbye from E. J. Reeves, president of Texas Soaring Association, as Jon, president of Soaring Society of America, takes off from Love Field, Dallas, for Spain. Jon made a spectacular connection with the American Airlines DC-6 by flying from TSA headquarters at Grand Prairie to Love Field in the Pratt-Read pictured alongside the DC-6. TSA members gave Jon Carsey a handsome gold engraved leather brief case as a going-away present on his trip.

## 11th Annual West Coast Soaring Championship Contest Results

PILOT	Type of Ship	POINTS BY DAYS										Total Points (Best 5 Days)
		July 4	July 5	July 6	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13		
Paul Bikle .....	Schweizer 1-23.....	94	227	208		226	298		238		1,197	
W. S. Ivans, Jr.....	Schweizer 1-23 .....	286	134	143					226	189	978	
Herman Stiglmeier .....	Super Albatross .....		265					48	196		509	
Lyle Maxey .....	Prue 160 .....	135	211							17	363	
Dave Boone .....	LK .....		268								268	
John C. Ziler .....	LK .....	149	19	12					63	9	252	
Betsy Woodward .....	Pratt-Read .....							229			229	
Vic Saudek .....	Pratt-Read .....		86		72					14	172	
Louis Mass, Jr. ....	Schweizer TG-3 .....	169									169	
Ed Minghelli .....	Prue 215.....	73	72	23							168	
Betty Loufek .....	LK .....								73		73	
William Bowmar .....	Rigid Midget .....	66									66	
Richard Gardner .....	Cinema .....						47				47	
William Briegleb .....	Cinema .....			11							11	
W. S. Aiken .....	Pratt-Read .....								10		10	
Laurence Edgar .....	LK .....		4								4	