



Co-queens June Anderson and Jeanne Wolfe present the Lane Trophy to Rudolph Opitz at Wright Memorial Contest.

• 1952 Championships

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sider this point on a par with the actual flying competitions. Future Internationals should stress this more than the past two have.

The fact that so many SSA members attended the '52 Championships serves the additional purpose that any thoughts or plans we may have regarding an International in the States will be advantageously conditioned by the experiences of our group in Spain. The latter will certainly admit a scaled-up National will fall far short of the requirements of a World Championship.

At all soaring meets the pilots are respectively praised—or damned—depending on their performances. Crewmen are all-to-often neglected. This was a particularly tough meet, not only for pilots but equally so for crews. They did an excellent job. Crew chiefs Earl Bailey, Tom Eaton, Doc MacCready, Hugh Whitney and Kirk Harris deserve particular mention. Dick Ball, with his overwhelming radio problems, never gave up in spite of a virtual absence of assistance necessitated by our shortage in manpower. Ernie Schweizer and Doug Craig kept up their good spirits and hard work throughout days and nights of practically no rest. Our two Austrians, Hans Stollberger and Ervin Anthofer, with their limitless energy and excellent knowledge of sailplanes served us to good advantage. Our five Spanish Unimog drivers hung on nobly despite a pace that would have bushed any G.I.

As Team Captain I am particularly proud of our Team. Due to my position I was exposed to a maximum in relations between ourselves, the Spanish Or-



Above is emblem of the American Team in Spain. It was designed by Frank Hurtt and was used on all of the American entries in the International Contest in Spain. It is printed in red, white and blue and makes a striking appearance. The officers of SSA would like to have an expression from SSA members about whether they would like to have this emblem adopted as the official Soaring Society of America emblem. If you have an opinion on the subject address a postcard to Paul Schweizer, secretary of SSA, Box 71, Elmira, New York.

ganization and the other Teams. Both in and out of meetings I heard only complimentary statements of our personnel. We were somewhat short of the Championship level in flight performance but the SSA is not only recognized but highly esteemed in the thoughts and minds of the World soaring fraternity.

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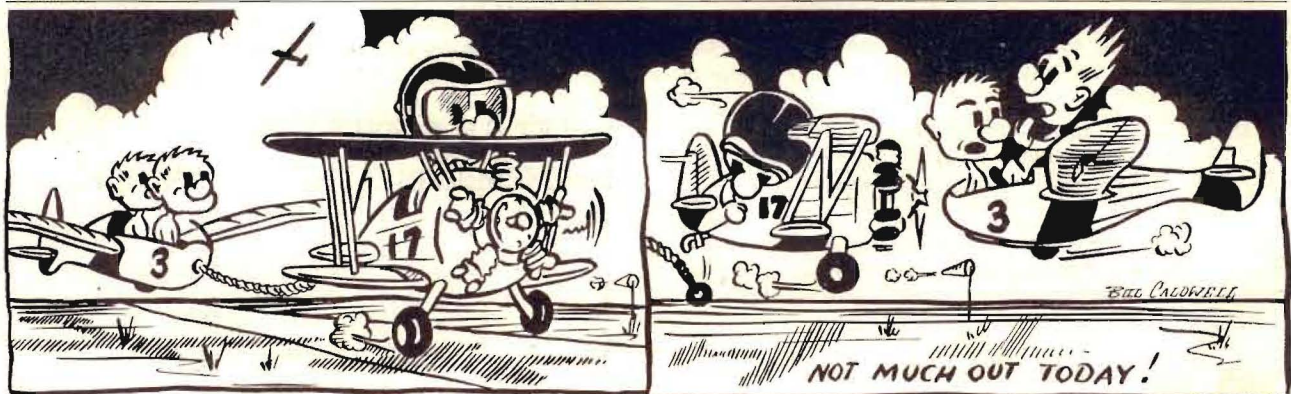
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