

## SNOW BIRD MEET (continued)

at many altitudes, for the benefit of spectators.

There was one wild maverick in the bunch, however. The skyscape at the time was splendid, with massive cloud formations streaming their ten mile curtain of snow across a sunny landscape. We were getting up to 30 knot gusts on the anemometer and it was running over 40 at altitude. The "green pastures" downwind beckoned for many miles, and this maverick bolted. Big Larry and the 1-23C took off in a bee line along the face of a snowfall like the traditional big-tailed bird. Just kept shrinking out of sight and vanished into the distance at an apparent speed ground speed of 110 to 120 at least. We never could figure just where he landed, except that it was in Pennsylvania, and probably on a farm with good food.

It must have been a satisfying celebration of this contest win. As sponsor of the Gehrlein 1952-1953 Distance Marathon from Harris Hill, Larry was setting a good example for the actual contestants.

The rest of the flock either didn't see Larry go, or didn't heed the call. Flying for the others kept on through until sundown, with the two-seaters doing passenger work and everyone enjoying life. It was a happy way to wind up the 1952 season.

Here is the field of entries:

### CANADA:

#### TORONTO GLIDING CLUB

J. W. Ames

Donald Pounder

ship: Loudon UTG-1

#### SHERBROOKE GLIDING CLUB

Jack Codere

Guy Auger

ship: TG-2

### UNITED STATES:

#### INDIVIDUALS

Del Miller, Millersburg, Pa.

ship: 1-23

Reynald Hartman, New York City

#### MOHAWK SOARING CLUB

H. P. Bovenkerk

James F. Norton

Francis P. Bundy

Wm. G. Hoverman

Robert F. Stearns

Thomas Norton

Norman Lipstein

ship: 2-22

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SOARING CLUB

Nathan J. Frank

#### ROCHESTER SOARING CLUB, [N.C.]

Don Ryon

ship: TG-3

John L. Mitchell

#### ELMIRA AREA SOARING CORPORATION

C. J. Smith, TG-2

Wm. E. Frutchy, 1-23

Paul A. Schweitzer, 1-23

Dale Gustin, Pratt-Reed

Tom Smith, L-K modified

Burt Eldridge, 1-19

Howie Burr, P.A.S.'s 1-23

Joe Perrucci, 1-19, flew C.J.S.'s TG-2

# NEW CESSNA 310

FIRST of a SERIES  
OF FIRSTS in SOARING



Mr. Dwane L. Wallace, President of Cessna Aircraft Co., announces the initial successful flight of the new Cessna 310, by Henry (Hank) Waring, Chief Test Pilot. The model includes many aviation "firsts" which makes it a fitting item for SOARING's new feature.

Many new "jet" features, including wing tip tanks make for increased performance, safety, speed and beauty. Cessna engineers found that wing tip tanks allowed reduction of span three feet without decreasing wing efficiency. Power is two 225 h.p. Continentals. Seating is four passengers and pilot.

## 1954 INTERNATIONALS

It has been announced by Mr. A. (Pirat) Gehriger, Chairman of CVsM (Committee du Vol Sans Moteur, — the Gliding Commission of FAI) that the commission will meet in May 1953, probably in Monte Carlo to select the site for the 1954 World Soaring Championships.

Proposals to be hosts are being accepted, from National Aero Clubs now, and must be in the hands of the commission by the end of March. EASC, the Elmira Soaring Group plans to submit Americas bid (thru SSA and NAA), to be hosts at Elmira, following agreement of the SSA Board last summer.

Walt Richardson

Bernie Carris, L-K modified

Bob Smith, L-K

Larry Gehrlein, Sr., 1-23C

Larry Gehrlein, Jr., 1-19

#### METROPOLITAN AIRHOPPERS SOARING ASS'N.

Ted Pfeiffer

ship: L-K

Per Meulengracht, flew 1-23 and L-K

Emil Lehecka

TOTAL SHIPS ENTERED ..... 17

TOTAL PILOTS ENTERED ..... 32

Final standing for point winners:

Name	Points
1. Larry Gehrlein, Sr.....	1,908
2. Bernie Carris.....	1,332
3. Jack Ames.....	1,200
4. Bill Frutchy.....	1,066
5. Del Miller.....	862

## A FRIEND OF SOARING PASSES AWAY

The Rhodes Farm along side Harris Hill will not be quite the same since on December 8, 1952, J. Thomas Rhodes passed away. Most soaring people who have flown at Elmira will remember the late Mr. & Mrs. Rhodes, and those old timers who flew there in the 30's will remember their daughter, Barbara, in connection with the early struggles of soaring in the Elmira area.

They were the farm-folks who encouraged eager pilots to use their farm lands which have since become Harris Hill Soaring Site. It will long be remembered that the "Rhodes" hospitality knew no limits.

Their son, Frank, a long time SSA Member and a glider pilot for many years, with his wonderful wife, Mavis, carry on at the old home-stead and plan to continue to provide lodgings for soaring enthusiasts the year around.

6. Bob Smith.....	816
7. Tom Smith.....	622
8. Joe Perrucci.....	608
9. Ted Pfeiffer.....	484
10. Per Meulengracht.....	438
11. Jacques Codere.....	379
12. Dale Gustin.....	329
13. Chuck Smith.....	191
14. Larry Gehrlein, Jr.....	161