

# LARGEST GLIDING ORGANIZATION

Britain's Air Training Corps now has the largest gliding organization in the world. France comes a close second, with its many civilian gliding clubs. The A.T.C.'s claim to be the largest is based on the number of pupils and instructors continuously engaged throughout the year at its numerous schools, the hours of flying and the number of launches.

Achievements for 1953, just compiled, include the following:

	1953	1952
Launches .....	97,114	92,584
Hours of flight .....	7,346	not recorded
Certificates issued ..	1,478	1,184
Cadets qualified proficient—		
B Certificates .....	1,403	1,130
Cadets qualified advanced—		
C Certificate .....	71	54

These figures show that with only a 4% increase in launches over the previous year, the number of proficient and advanced cadets increased by 24% and 29% respectively. Among the improvements made during the year which contributed to these results was the re-equipment of schools with two-seater gliders. There was a higher standard of instruction, and much hard work by gliding school staffs. Reasonable gliding weather during the year was another factor.

There are now 44 A.T.C. gliding schools in the country.

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pounds. Top speed was 169 MPH, and best cruise was an even 100 MPH for a range of 375 miles. Following the German lead, the U. S. Air Force added power to several of its own cargo models, and eventually abandoned gliders altogether in favor of "Assault Transports" that were actually powerplanes evolved from airframes that were originally designed as gliders. Presently existing examples are the Chase C-122 and C-123 series.

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where they can be seen by the public; to judge these items submitted and give an honorary plaque, no cash prizes. General idea of these awards is to stimulate new interest in soaring activities by groups inside and outside of soaring, and to recognize the photographic and art ability of many of

## REPORT FROM THE SCHWEIZERS

**The 1-23D:** We are running another batch of 1-23D's. One is for Captain Edward Butts of Washington State, another for Paul MacCready's use in England. Other deliveries can still be made in plenty of time for National Contest use.

**The 1-26:** The decision was made to go ahead on this project and we now have firm orders up to ship No. 23. It is quite likely that we will build several more prototypes to carry out some production changes, as well as to get more of these flying around the country. We think the potential of this ship as a high performance sailplane is very great and are very optimistic about its future.

**The 2-25:** Work is speeding along on the 2-25 prototype and the wings and fuselage are now in the jigs. It is hoped that it can be done in time for use in the International. However, there is still a great deal of work to be done and it is going to be close as to whether it can be ready in time to allow for suitable testing and practice. Other company work may also effect this so we are all just hoping.

**The 2-22:** The demand for this excellent trainer is growing and practically every ship is in active use with a club. As soon as sufficient orders are on hand, it is our plan to produce this ship again. This will probably not be until next year, at the earliest.

**The 1-19:** This ship will be replaced by the 1-26. We do not have any 1-19's left except our own company ship which we plan to keep. We do, however, have a few partial kits available.

these people who have skill and talents in these directions, and to allow these same persons, who live at great distances from Elsinore and cannot attend the contest, to send in the best of their works in the hopes that they will get national recognition for their arts and crafts which they have tried to express through the medium of soaring subjects.

### Events

1. Best still photograph of a glider or soaring event.
2. Best active photograph of a glider or soaring event.

Both black and white or color photographs can be entered and will be judged in separate events. Entry can be of any size, however, it is suggested that the entrant maintain a

## SOARING CALENDAR

- May 27-31  
Sixth Annual Wright Memorial Glider Meet  
South Dayton Airport  
Dayton, Ohio
- June 19-20  
New England Soaring Meet  
La Fleur Airport  
Northampton, Mass.
- July 2, 3, 4, 5  
Seventh Mid-West Soaring Contest  
Municipal Airport, Toledo, Ohio
- July 11-17  
Philadelphia Glider Council  
Summer Training Camp  
Philadelphia Gliderport  
Pennsylvania
- July 11-25  
Western Canada Soaring Meet and Contest
- July 21-August 5  
World Gliding Championships  
Derby & Lances Gliding Club  
Campbell, England  
5th OSTIV-Congress  
C Vs M (Gliding Commission Meeting)  
Buxton, Derbyshire, England
- July 27-August 5  
21st National Soaring Contest  
Elsinore Gliderport  
California
- Sept. 4-6  
Chicagoland Glider Council, Inc.  
Annual meet and contest  
Elgin, Illinois

minimum size of 8x10 for all photographs submitted.

### Art

1. The best oil painting, water color or sketch, of a glider or soaring subject.
2. Best cartoon.

Each contestant will be limited to three items each in any of the above classifications. Each entry requires \$1.00, for which the contestant will receive a sticker admitting him to the soaring contest.

In general, our planning and our results to date, have been very encouraging. The only restrictions which have been imposed upon us have been reasonable restrictions of flight operations, over and around the March Field Air Force Base, which is 23 air miles from Elsinore. These will not inflict any difficulty. The only other restriction to be imposed on us to date, has been that we do not fly over a Nudist Camp on top of a mountain about 2 air miles from our glider airport. We are endeavoring to make this a contest to your liking, therefore, if you have questions, wish hotel reservations, or need detailed information not given here, please write Elsinore Contest Committee, Elsinore, California.