

YOU WERE THE  
ONES WHO MADE  
THE 21st NATIONAL  
THE SUCCESS IT WAS

by

E. J. REEVES

The pilots do not a soaring contest make. The greater portion of the material contained in this issue of SOARING tells of the flights, scoring, ships, pilots and crews. All of the prizes and praises seem to go in that same direction—and properly so. But—behind these scenes was a small army of men and women all of whom labored mightily during the entire contest period, some seven weeks prior thereto, and some will continue for days thereafter. We think therefore we, as Editors of this journal, would be remiss in our duties as reporters—that we will not have told the 21st story—unless we mentioned something of these hard working and thoroughly devoted folk.

Number one man and prime mover for the 21st National—the one man without whom a contest would probably not have been organized in California, was as everyone must know—Mr. L. A. 'Pete' Bonataux. Mr. Hal Smith, a grand gentleman and Elsinore businessman, sparked the local community in its effort successfully to bid and finance the event. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hudson, publishers of the Valley Sun, along with their young son and daughter made every visitor feel glad they came. Les Hiebert, the Contest Business Manager, is one of California's leading young educators. His management of this whole complex affair was superb. The State of California's Aeronautics Commission and our Department of Commerce's Civil Aeronautics Authority had their officials on hand, and their cooperation was magnificent. The California Wing of Civil Air Patrol sent members of their squadrons—including their splendid young Cadet Corps. Mr. Jim Plank who superintended the launching and timing, aided by Mr. Elwood Glassford who after launch-

ing the line, took charge of communications—did a job unequaled by any two men at any contest. Gus Briegleb of Adalanto fame and one of the world's greatest soaring enthusiasts, performed like the master he is in operating the towing. Bill Royce filled a double role, officiating, and at the

This scoreboard told the whole story as computed by the Licher family and their water-cooled slide-rule.

Staff Photo

same time acting as crewman for one of the pilots. Victor Saudek, well known to American soaring, could and did fill any slot if a man was missing—and in addition handled all barographs plus assisting the official scorers—what a man. Mr. John Aldrich of the U. S. Weather Bureau now joins the ranks of Barney Wiggan and Ted Lang, as one of America's greatest soaring meteorologists.

America's grand family of Soaring, the Klemperers, contributed as usual, so very, very much to the great 21st National. The suave and charming Mia acted as Contest Hostess. 'Hollywood starlet like' Elanore directed crew calls and that brilliant and lovable man the Doctor, directed the technical sessions. The Carl Ziler family—he was a stellar performer in the flying, Mrs. Z. created the headquarters and banquet decoration, and

beautiful little blonde daughter, perhaps ten years of age, was the only person present who knew all the words to that famous song 'California Here I Come.' Jim Spurgeon, Mrs. S., son and daughter were a delightful foursome—Jim handled the PA system at the field and MC'd the awards banquet ceremonies. Jack Wolfe, youthful president of SCSA helped organize many events including the Helms Hall function when six of America's soaring greats were nominated to 'Soaring's Hall of Fame.' Lloyd Licher and his charming Mrs. organized the model competitions, also computed and posted the daily scores—given a slide-rule the Lichers are a calculating machine of no mean ability.

The March AFB commander sent members of his staff for each day's flight briefing. No soaring event would be the same without SSA's great immediate past President Jon Carsey and the ever charming Mary. Jon thinks of all those important little things that need doing and not finding

# 21<sup>ST</sup>. NATIONAL SOARING CONTEST

## SINGLE PLACE CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN COMPETITION

PILOT SHIP NO. SCORE

1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28			
29			
30			
31			
32			
33			
34			
35			
36			
37			
38			
39			
40			
41			
42			
43			
44			
45			
46			
47			
48			
49			
50			
51			
52			
53			
54			
55			
56			
57			
58			
59			
60			
61			
62			
63			
64			
65			
66			
67			
68			
69			
70			
71			
72			
73			
74			
75			
76			
77			
78			
79			
80			
81			
82			
83			
84			
85			
86			
87			
88			
89			
90			
91			
92			
93			
94			
95			
96			
97			
98			
99			
100			

## CLASS COMPETITION SCORES

CLASS PILOT SHIP NO. SCORE

1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28			
29			
30			
31			
32			
33			
34			
35			
36			
37			
38			
39			
40			
41			
42			
43			
44			
45			
46			
47			
48			
49			
50			
51			
52			
53			
54			
55			
56			
57			
58			
59			
60			
61			
62			
63			
64			
65			
66			
67			
68			
69			
70			
71			
72			
73			
74			
75			
76			
77			
78			
79			
80			
81			
82			
83			
84			
85			
86			
87			
88			
89			
90			
91			
92			
93			
94			
95			
96			
97			
98			
99			
100			

## SPECIAL COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIPS

CLUB COMPETITION

CLUB SHIP SCORE

1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28			
29			
30			
31			
32			
33			
34			
35			
36			
37			
38			
39			
40			
41			
42			
43			
44			
45			
46			
47			
48			
49			
50			
51			
52			
53			
54			
55			
56			
57			
58			
59			
60			
61			
62			
63			
64			
65			
66			
67			
68			
69			
70			
71			
72			
73			
74			
75			
76			
77			
78			
79			
80			
81			
82			
83			
84			
85			
86			
87			
88			
89			
90			
91			
92			
93			
94			
95			
96			
97			
98			
99			
100			

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

PILOT SHIP NO. SCORE

1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28			
29			
30			
31			
32			
33			
34			
35			
36			
37			
38			
39			
40			
41			
42			
43			
44			
45			
46			
47			
48			
49			
50			
51			
52			
53			
54			
55			
56			
57			
58			
59			
60			
61			
62			
63			
64			
65			
66			
67			
68			
69			
70			
71			
72			
73			
74			
75			
76			
77			
78			
79			
80			
81			
82			
83			
84			
85			
86			
87			
88			
89			
90			
91			
92			
93			
94			
95			
96			
97			
98			
99			
100			

## WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP

PILOT SHIP NO. SCORE

1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28			
29			
30			
31			
32			
33			
34			
35			
36			
37			
38			
39			
40			
41			
42			
43			
44			
45			
46			
47			
48			
49			
50			
51			
52			
53			
54			
55			
56			
57			
58			
59			
60			
61			
62			
63			
64			
65			
66			
67			
68			
69			
70			
71			
72			
73			
74			
75			
76			
77			
78			
79			
80			
81			
82			
83			
84			
85			
86			
87			
88			
89			
90			
91			
92			
93			
94			
95			
96			
97			
98			
99			
100			

SCORES CORRECTED TO P.M.

RECORD FLIGHTS CLAIMED  
AT MEET TO DATE

anyone handy to do them—carries out the assignment himself. Ted Nelson, SSA West Coast V.P., and family, added much to the enjoyment—to say nothing of Ted's posting of some of the largest cash prizes. Robert Symons and family—he of the Bishop Wave Workers—flew in for several meetings. Herman Stiglmier and family—he was the organizer of the airshow and glider demonstration exhibit. So very many cute youngsters—Glenn, young son of Vic and Anna Saudek is exactly what a typical American boy of eight should look like—he likes to be called an old 'desert rat.' The kids of Larry and Grace Gherlein and their dog 'Ming Toy'—Paul Bikle's young son showed great skill in his management of a 'Yo Yo' top. All of these, young, old and older—and many more—made the 21st a great event.