

SOME OF THOSE WHO WILL COMPETE AT THE 23rd

With the opening day of the Twenty-third Annual U. S. National Soaring Championships just a month away, sailplane pilots across the country are readying their birds for the jaunt to Texas—that last bit of smoothing of leading edges, or overhauling trailers for the trip.

Still others are no doubt “sweating out” whether the boss will let them take their vacations to coincide with the Contest.

Then there are those—and quite a few—for whom the 23rd will be their first taste of soaring competition; not the usual, tame “airport-type” soaring, but real, honest-to-goodness contesting where you can’t afford to “fall on your face.” For these entrants, the whole prospect of the contest is one of mixed anticipation and of conjecture as to how they will fare when the final score is tallied.

Of course, there is always that blase group of old-timers for whom contests are old hat, but from wisdom gained in previous contests they don’t let themselves become too overconfident of victory. Too many young upstarts have knocked the score standings into a cocked hat in the past.

As with pilots, the sailplanes coming to Texas run the gamut from the latest in laminar-flow, high-penetration machines to classic sailplanes bordering on antiquity.

Following is a listing of the pilots who have signified their intention of competing in the 23rd Nationals. Some entries will depend upon completion of ships, vacations, etc.

Charles F. Abel, Coral Gables, Fla.; Schweizer 1-26.
Al Backstrom, Fort Worth, Texas; “Flying Plank.”
Don Barnard, Phoenix, Ariz.; LK-10A.
Paul F. Bickle, Lancaster, Calif.; Briegleb BG-12.
John C. Boone, Abilene AFB, Texas; Schweizer 1-26.
Ross Briegleb, Adelanta, Calif.; Briegleb BG-12.
Bob Brown, Grand Prairie, Texas; DFS Weihe.
Dorman R. Brown, Tulsa, Okla.; TG-2.
Marshall Claybourn, Fort Worth, Texas; Schweizer 1-26.

Ben Cohen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Schweizer 1-26.
William Coverdale, Devon, Pa.; Slingsby Skylark II.
George Downsborough, Butler, N. J.; Nelson Hummingbird.

Ken Flaglor, Des Plaines, Ill.; Schweizer 1-23.
R. C. “Jock” Forbes, Dallas, Texas; DFS Weihe.
Lawrence Gehrlein, Erie, Pa.; Schweizer 1-23C.
Willis Troy Gray, Tulsa, Okla.; TG-3.
Stanley Hall, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cherokee II.
Harold D. Hutchinson, Gardena, Calif.; LK-10a.
Ray W. Jackson, Dearborn, Mich.; Schweizer 1-23.
Dave Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; LK Flattop.
Charles Kohls, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Schweizer 1-26.
Lloyd M. Licher, Los Angeles, Calif.; SGU-1-7.
Timothy Lucero, Denver, Colo.; LK-10a Flattop.
Dave Malkemus, Austin, Texas; Pratt-Read.
D. J. Mancuso, San Diego, Calif.; ship unspecified.
Lyle Maxey, Downey, Calif.; “Jenny Mae.”
Dave McNay, Indianapolis, Ind.; LK Flattop.
Memphis Soaring Society (team), Tennessee; Schweizer 1-26.

Arthur B. Millay, Chester, Pa.; Schweizer 1-26.
S. S. Montgomery, Irving, Texas; Schweizer 1-23.
Robert Lee Moore, Richmond, Wash.; LK-10a.
Ruth M. Petry, Cleveland, Ohio; LK-10a.
Ted Pfeiffer, Long Island, N. Y.; LK-10a.
James A. Planck, Glendale, Calif.; Schweizer 1-26.
Jack Perrine, Rockville, Maryland; Schweizer 1-26.
James L. Rhine, Tulsa, Okla.; TG-3a.
Harland C. Ross, Wichita, Kan.; Ross R-6.
William T. Royce, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; Cherokee II.

Don C. Ryon, Rochester, N. Y.; Schweizer 1-26.
John B. Sawyer, El Centro, Calif.; Mitchell “Nimbus.”
Robert A. Schnelker, Torrance, Calif.; Cherokee II.
Paul A. Schweizer, Elmira, N. Y.; Schweizer 1-23D.
Frank M. Scott, Tulsa, Okla.; Schweizer 1-26.
Pat Sherman, Fort Worth, Texas; LK Flattop.
James W. Simmons, Jr., Dallas, Texas; Nelson Hummingbird.

Stanley Smith, Buffalo, N. Y.; Schweizer 1-21.
Pete “Superclot” Stickland, Toronto, Canada, alternating with A. C. Thompson, Glenshaw, Pa.; DFS Olympia-Meise.

Herman Stiglmeier, Inglewood, Calif.; Bowlus Super Albatross.

Victor Swierkowski, Sacramento, Calif.; “Nimbus III.”

Texas Soaring Association (team), Dallas, Texas; DFS Weihe.

Graham Thomson, Pacific Palisades, Calif.; RJ-5.
Terry White, Dallas, Texas; “Minimoa.”
Wally Wiberg, Cedar Hill, Texas; “Lil’ Dogie.”
John W. Williams, San Diego, Calif.; LK Flattop.
Jack A. Wilkins, Elmira, N. Y.; Schweizer 1-26A.
Albert Wyrick, Austin, Texas; LK-10a.
Otto Zauner, Vineland, N. J.; Schweizer 2-26.

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