

OSTIV CONGRESS

The Sixth Ostiv Congress is being organized at St. Yan in France in conjunction with the World Gliding Championships. The Congress will convene its first session on July 6 and will end with a general session on July 13.

There will be various technical sessions and presentation of papers on four of the eight days, with meetings of the Board, an excursion to Vichy, a general conference and a visit to the gliding championships scheduled for the remaining days.

Technical papers will be presented on the following subjects:

1. Design & Construction of Sailplanes.
2. Training & Maintenance.
3. Aerodynamics.
4. Structures.
5. Instruments & Equipment.
6. Airworthiness.

Offers of papers on meteorological subjects are being received by Dr. Joachim Kuettner.

The SSA delegates to this meeting will be Ralph S. Barnaby, Fred Matteson, Floyd J. Sweet, Betsy Woodward and Ray Young. Miss Woodward will represent Dr. W. B. Klemperer, a vice-president of OSTIV.

PHYSICAL STANDARDS

The Civil Aeronautics Board has published CAR Draft Release #56-6 dated February 29, 1956, subject: Physical Standards for Airmen (Medical Certificates).

The release has been passed to the Technical Committee for comment and recommendations, if any.

Any Members wishing to comment on this release should contact Robert C. Kidder, Chairman, SSA Technical Committee.

FAI MEETING

A meeting of the FAI Gliding Commission is to be held at St. Yan, June 28 and 29, 1956. Our SSA Vice-President, Ralph S. Barnaby is a Vice-President of FAI Gliding Commission and is planning to attend.

The subject which will be proposed by the SSA is the elimination of the two-place category at the World Championships. Under the present rules, it is impossible for the two-

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A. Country: United States of America

Name of National Aero Club:

National Aeronautic Association of the United States, Inc.

Address: 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Founded: October 14, 1922 (Successor to the Aero Club of America, founded October 16, 1905)

Divisional or Affiliated Organizations: The Professional Race Pilots Association, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the Soaring Society of America, Inc., the National Parachute Jumpers-Riggers, Inc., the Air Transport Association, the Civil Air Patrol, the National Aviation Education Council and the University Aviation Association.

B. Publications:

The National Aeronautic Association publishes "National Aeronautics" each month.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics, NAA's specialized division in the model aviation field, publishes "Model Aviation" each month.

place entry to be named world champion regardless of his performance.

This additional class also interferes with the proper conduct of the single place category as far as launching procedure is concerned. It will be recalled that during the 1954 championships in England, this was the case.

DIAMOND "C's"

The Society has been furnished by Mr. H. R. Gillman of the FAI, an up-to-date list of holders of the Gold Badge with three diamonds.

The following are the standings of U. S. pilots: 1. John Robinson; 4. J. Shelley Charles; 7. Paul Bikle; 8. Raymond Parker; 9. W. S. Ivans, Jr.; 10. Paul Rudolf Opitz; 23. Joachim Kuettner, Germany; and 42. H. C. N. Goodhart, Great Britain.

World wide, there are a total of 49 Gold Badges with three diamonds, as of the last award on September 7, 1955. It appears there should be a greater number of U. S. pilots qualified in this respect.

The Soaring Society of America, Inc., NAA's specialized affiliate in the gliding field publishes "Soaring" bi-monthly. The National Parachute Jumpers-Riggers, Inc., NAA's specialized affiliate in the parachuting field, publishes a monthly "newsletter." The Air Transport Association publishes "Air Transport Facts and Figures" annually.

C. Governmental Assistance to U. S. Aviation (Calendar 1955)

1. **Power Flying**—During the calendar year 1955, elementary and advanced flight training was given an estimated 8,600 war veterans. Estimated costs were reported as \$6,880,000.
2. **Gliding**—No government financial assistance was given in 1955.
3. **Model Flying**—NAA, and its modelling division, Academy of Model Aeronautics, received excellent cooperation from the U. S. Navy during the calendar year 1955. Navy controlled flying fields, housing and restaurant facilities and personnel were made available for the National Model Contest and several local events. In addition, the U. S. Air Force maintained its active interest in AMA's modelling program during 1955. The USAF provided MATS transportation for U.S. modelling teams to Germany for participation in the FAI World Aeromodeling Championships and made its U. S. base facilities and personnel available for a number of aeromodeling competitions in the United States. The USAF continues its development of a model aviation program for its personnel.
4. **For Other Purposes**—U.S. government grants to states, counties and municipal governments during fiscal 1956 (July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1956) for the development or improvement of airports will amount to \$63,000,000.

U. S. governmental appropriation

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