



Dick Johnson receives his nomination to the Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame from Captain Ralph S. Barnaby, USN (Ret).  
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further decreed that only contestants who reported back or down before 4:00 p.m. would be scored. Tough as the task was, twenty-nine sailplanes completed the course and a total of thirty-one of the forty-four starters received contest points for the day.

When the smoke had cleared away, Lyle Maxey was still on top with an average speed of a flat 50 miles an hour and a total point score of 8595. Graham Thomson turned in the second best time of 48.3 miles per hour, enough to jump him past Dick Schreder into second place. Harold Hutchinson once more topped his two-place rivals for the day to become the 1956 Two-Place Champion. A complete and detailed scoring of all contestants will be found elsewhere in this edition of "Soaring."

The cocktail party and Awards Banquet were held at the Hotel Hilton in Fort Worth. For the Cocktail Party, a delightful affair, held on the terrace overlooking the pool in which a water ballet was presented for the assembled party, Jim Simmons, E. J. Reeves and Jon Carsey were the hosts.

The banquet was presided over by Othmar (Oats) Schwarzenberger, Acting President of the Texas Soaring Association, with the able assistance of that master toastmaster, E. J. Reeves. Honored guests were Major General and Mrs. Johnson, Brigadier General and Mrs. Kerr and the Soaring Society of America's President, Lt. Colonel Floyd J. Sweet, USAF. Floyd was also the banquet's only speaker. He told of happenings at the World Championship Soaring Contest in France, from which he had recently returned and asked for continued and increased support through increased membership and active par-

ticipation in the affairs of the Society.

Captain Ralph Barnaby, as the Contest's Official SSA Representative, was called upon to lead off in the distribution of trophies and awards by naming the winners of those over which the Soaring Society has custody. The many additional trophies, prizes and awards were given by representatives of the donors or other appropriate persons. All in all it was a colorful and pleasant occasion, and a fitting conclusion to an outstanding competition.

Since the awards and their winners are listed elsewhere in this issue, we will not attempt to enumerate them here, nor will we go into the complete scoring, for the same reason.

It does seem fitting, however, to

close with some general statistics, which will to some extent indicate the magnitude of the accomplishments.

Total distance flown, 42,200 miles.

Two Diamonds attained.

Seventeen Diamond legs attained.

Eight Gold "C's" attained.

Eleven Gold "C" legs attained.

Ten National records broken (three U. S., two Swiss, three Canadian, one Argentine, one British).

Ten Silver "C's" attained.

One Silver "C" leg attained.

In addition to the above there were more than 15 flights of over 300 miles (one was 394 miles), five of which were goal flights.

More than 45 flights exceeded 200 miles, 21 of which were goals. Nine pilots completed a 200 km course on one day. Thirty-one pilots completed a 93-mile triangle on the last day.

Nor would the story be complete without a tribute to those dedicated souls whose efforts, unglamorous, tedious, and practically endless, made these achievements possible. Space just won't permit naming them all, but most of their names appear on the organization chart shown on page 6 of the July-August issue of SOARING. Under the able but benign guidance and leadership of E. J. Reeves they did a splendid job, and were the dominant factor in making this 23rd U. S. Annual National Soaring Competition the success it was.



Jon D. Carsey presents the Silvaire Trophy to Jack Forbes, the 1956 Southwestern States Soaring Champion.  
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