

24th NATIONALS AWARDS BANQUET

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The Awards Banquet began at 7 P.M. in the Mark Twain Hotel in downtown Elmira. About 200 people enjoyed a delectable turkey dinner prior to introductions of the honored guests, speeches and presentation of the awards. Major William Fuchs, newly installed SSA Secretary, gave a description of the recently inaugurated soaring program which he is in charge of at the Air Force Academy in Denver. A unique feature of their operation is the corral around the tiedown area, necessary to keep fabric-hungry cattle and antelope at a safe distance. They have a nice site to fly from and all the latest equipment, the only shortages being instructors and hanger space. A complete description of their program should form the subject of a future article in SOARING.

Lt. Col. Floyd Sweet, in one of his last official acts as retiring SSA President, presided over the presentations of the awards, calling on various appropriate people to make the actual presentations. A printed program describing each of the awards and naming the recipients was distributed to everyone present.

The SSA Awards were made first. The Warren E. Eaton Memorial Trophy for the most outstanding contribution to the art, sport or science of motorless flight was announced by Col. Sweet as being given to R. E. Franklin, who was not able to attend and receive the presentation in person.

The Lewin B. Barringer Memorial Trophy for the best distance flight of the previous calendar year from a launching other than airplane tow was awarded to Paul F. Bikle by Lewin Barringer, Jr., who was able to attend with this mother to make the presentation.

Ralph Barnaby announced that the Paul Tuntland Memorial Trophy for 1956 was awarded to Dr. Paul B. MacCready, Jr. for the paper he presented at the St. Yan, France, OSTIV meeting. Paul was unable to attend to receive the award. It is given to the person who is deemed to have made

a soaring flight yielding the most scientific information recorded or written by the pilot.

Floyd Sweet presented the Larissa Stroukoff Memorial Trophy with an associated \$125.00 check to Paul Schweizer for turning in the best goal and return attempt during the Nationals.

Ralph Barnaby presented the three Helms Soaring Hall of Fame certificates for this year to: Arthur B. Schultz (posthumously), received by his widow, Joy Schultz; Stanley W.

called upon to stand for recognition. Emil Lehecka, Chet Decker and Kempes Trager.

Other awards for performances during the contest followed. The Bendix Aviation Corporation distance trophies for the three longest distance flights were presented by Maurie Whitney of the Eclipse Machine Division in Elmira. First went to Fritz Compton for his 320 miles to Plymouth, Mass., a gold trophy. The silver second-place trophy was given to Dick Schreder for his 305½ miles to Boston, and the bronze third-place trophy went to Bob Smith as the first to land of four pilots who flew 244 miles to three different places on the two open days.

The Warren and Tom Eaton Awards were presented by Floyd Sweet to the first five places in the goal and return race to the Warren Eaton Airport at Norwich, N. Y. on the opening day: \$150.00 to Paul Schweizer; \$75.00 each to the three who tied for second, Bill Coverdale,



Photo: Elmira Star-Gazette
Lyle A. Maxey (left), 1956 National Champion, presenting the Richard C. duPont Memorial trophy to Stanley W. Smith, U. S. National Soaring Champion of 1957.

Smith, received in person; and R. E. Franklin, who was unable to attend the presentation.

The final SSA Award was the Richard C. duPont Memorial Trophy and plaque to the U. S. National Soaring Champion as determined in the contest just concluded. Stan Smith was present to receive the award which was presented to him by Lyle Maxey, last year's champion. Three other former champions were present and

Stan Smith and Bernie Carris; and \$25.00 to Dick Schreder.

Paul Schweizer announced Bill Hoverman as the winner of the Prizer Cooking Ware Award, a barbecue grille for first place in the goal race to Tri-Cities Airport on July 3. Bill was not present to receive the prize in person.

The Beech Aircraft Awards for the first three places in the goal race to Sidney, N. Y., on July 5 were made