



*An aerial view of the facilities at Harris Hill. Apart from the wonderful soaring available at this site the year round, there are all the enjoyable activities associated with a holiday resort and all the members of the family will enjoy themselves here.*

lawn party, a dance, a pancake supper, and other attractions.

Rich in scenic beauty and in general appeal—historically and otherwise—are the points of interest in Elmira area which visitors to the Soaring Contest may enjoy as side-trips this year. One of these focal points is the world-famous Corning Glass Center with the original giant disc, facsimile of the one made here for the telescope at UCLA's Mt. Palomar observatory; demonstrations in glass-blowing and exhibits of the exquisite Steubenware.

Another is Hammondsport, birthplace of Glenn Curtiss' pioneer manufacturing and flying of some of the earliest planes to take wing in America, and famous for its grape vineyards and wineries. To one of the latter—the Pleasant Valley Winery, its general manager, Jeff Heath, a soaring enthusiast has invited all Contest personnel for a guided tour (with samples).

Internationally famed Watkins Glen provides another opportunity for the sightseers; and also at the Glen, over the course of the Grand Prix, sports car racing will take place on July 5 and 6 this year.

Among the many awards to be made at the 24th National, the three Bendix Aviation Corp. trophies again will go to the three pilots making best distance flights. Bendix, which has a branch—the Eclipse Machine Division—at Elmira has made these trophies available every year the Nationals have been held at Harris Hill.

Cabins on Harris Hill will accommodate more than 120 pilots, crew members, and other Contest personnel, while many fine hotels, motels, and tourist homes in the vicinity will be available also during the meet. Participants and visitors wishing reservations should contact the Contest Committee, Box 147, Elmira, N. Y. two weeks in advance if possible, stating what type of lodging is desired.

Arrangements are being made for a fly-over of Air Force B-47's, one of which will be flown by a native Elmiran, Lt. Dick McPherson, who par-

ticipated in the EASC Youth Training program, who is an alumnus of the Schweizer Glider School, and who soloed at the age of 14. Dick is a nephew of former Soaring Champion Dick Comey of Massachusetts.

Another stellar attraction will be the expected visit of Radio and TV's Arthur Godfrey, who has written EASC President Howie Burr that he "will make every effort" to get up to the meet for a day or two. The Red-head writes: "I have never done any soaring, but in 1929 and '30, I managed to get in about 15 hours in a Franklin Primary glider and I have never forgotten the thrilling pleasure it afforded me. I have always wanted to go back to it and learn something about the more advanced art of soaring, and I am looking forward to flying with some of you this year."

Spearheading the Society's observance of its 25th anniversary will be Stan Smith, Earl Southee, Capt. Ralph Barnaby, and others of the old-timers who were in the forefront of motorless flight activities in the early days.

Barney Wiggin, veteran weatherman at many National Contests, and Chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau in Buffalo, N. Y. again will be our Meteorologist, and he promises to dish up some mighty thermals.

So, hit the trail for Harris Hill, Elmira for the biggest time ever at the 24th National Soaring Contest, from July 2, over the Glorious Fourth, and on to the great awards banquet the night of July 11!

*In the valley below Harris Hill Soaring Site is Chemung County Airport, a safe refuge for the ones who cannot make the landing area back on top of the hill.*

