

NCSA MEMORIAL DAY SOARING CONTEST

Dear Lloyd: June 11, 1958

'Just finished writing to Fred Mat-teson in Poland about our little N.C.S.A. meet and thought maybe I'd best copy down the same story for you for SOARING.

I'm awfully sorry to say I goofed as a photographer, though, I dragged my Speed Graphic around shooting black and white strictly for SOARING and when I developed the films—all blanks! I dunno, 'must have had one of the two shutters closed or sumpin'. I'm sorry.

Well to get back to the story —

Undoubtedly this meet proved our theory that our meets get better and better. I feel personally that it was a resounding success in that we seemed to hit our goal of everyone having a good time along with some soaring. This meet gave us our great-est participation both in number of sailplanes entered, and personnel in-volved. Fourteen sailplanes competed (last year 'twas only eight!). A few pretty fair cross-country flights were made though we'd hoped for more. Two Silver C duration legs were completed, one of which completed a Silver C. But to give a day to day summary—

May 30—Stan Hall and his Chero-kee II ended up in first place for the day with a duration flight of 7 hours 15 minutes. No cross-countries this day 'cause no one could get high enough to break loose over the local hill system. Several other long flights though — George Congdon in his newly acquired TG-2, "Cul-tured Vulture," completed his Silver C with a duration leg of 5 hours 20

minutes. Jeannie Arnold made 6 hours in her Dad's TG-3, "Redwing," Derrill Hansen 6 hours 40 minutes in his 1-26, "Lil One," Dr. John Saw-yer 4 hours 30 minutes in his Nim-bus II and Charles "Mac" Snyder 5 hours 30 minutes in his 1-26.

May 31—Things started popping when Dr. Sawyer completed the first-ever goal and return between our Hummingbird Haven and Buchanan Field, about 57 miles round trip. However, Bob Gomes ended up in first place, to date, with a goal flight to Eagle Field near Dos Palos. Bob flies a 1-26 called "Patches" or "Half Hatched" or the "Unfinished Symphony" or sumpin'! Third at this time was Vic Swierkowski from Sacramento with his Nimbus III when he came through with a straight distance flight to Chowchilla; about 84 miles.

June 1—Vic won the meet by be-ing the only contestant able to com-plete the task for the day, a Goal and Return from Hummingbird Ha-ven to Great Bushy Peak, about ten miles each way. The ground 'tween here and there was littered with sail-planes turned glider for the day. Stan Hall earned himself a little dis-tinction, likely to remain unchal-lenged, by landing up on the down-wind side of the hill. No damage ex-cept to his pride! Second for the meet was Bob Gomes and third was Dr. Sawyer. Fourth was Jeannie Arnold and fifth was George Cong-don. Newcomers, the Nevada Soaring Association from Reno, won the club competition — their first time at a meet!

We ended up the whole fracas with

our usual steak barbeque feed at the picnic grounds. Picture it — swim-ming pool, hot water showers (show me a glider pilot that doesn't appre-ciate this facet, or should I say faucet?), barbeque pit a-cooking about forty steaks at a crack, um—smell em? Tossed salad, French bread, hot coffee (for those as likes it) and end up with homemade cakes a-la Mrs. Ted Nelson, Mrs. La Verna Perl, and others. Ah, it's rough, I tell ye! What a way to have a contest. And so what happens the afternoon of the last day, when everybody is "packing their tents prior to stealing away"—the blooming sky fills up with the most gorgeous display of lenticulars you can imagine. Beauti-ful, but gosh you should have been here yesterday!

So that does it I guess, except for an added note—the following week-end Dr. Sawyer goes out for 132 miles. Now why couldn't he do that during the meet?

Sincerely
Earle Menefee
SSA Governor
Northern California

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1958 SOARING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Items listed in bold face type are to be sanctioned by SSA.

Last Weekend of Each Month.
Monthly Soaring Contest, Skylark Airport, Elsinore, Calif.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1. 4th Annual 1-26 One-Design Regatta, Harris Hill, Elmira, New York.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1. Great Lakes Glider Meet, Elberta, Mich.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1. 2nd Annual Illini Glider Meet, Illini Airport, Urbana, Ill.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1. NESFA 4th Annual Labor Day Meet, Hiller Airport, Barre, Mass.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Rocky Mountain Labor Day Soaring Meet, East Col-fax Airpark, 10 mi. E. of Denver, Colo. Write Mervin Hicks, 1345 Elmira St., Aurora, Colorado.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1. SCSA Labor Day Soaring Meet, El Mirage Field, 12 mi. W. of Adelanto, Calif.

Nov. 28 - 30. Snowbird Meet, Harris Hill, Elmira, N.Y.

December. NAA Annual Convention.

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