

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SOARING EVENTS

Canadian Nationals July 20 - 26, August 3 - 9 Brantford, Ontario, Canada

The 1958 Canadian National Soaring Contest will be conducted over the period of the above two separate weeks. Hosts are the Southern Ontario Soaring Association and the Brant-Norfolk Aero Club.

Pilots may compete in one or both weeks, but only one week's score will count. This scheme allows pilots whose vacation periods are fixed by their employers a much better chance to compete. It also enables both partners of sailplanes owned by two people to compete, which includes most of Canada's top pilots.

It should be noted that U. S. citizens are eligible to earn the title of Canadian National Soaring Champion. A cordial invitation is extended to possible entrants from the U. S.

Aero tows will cost \$2.50 for 2000 feet.

Dormitory accommodation is \$1.00 per night. Bring your own blankets.

Last year the competing sailplanes included a Skylark III, a Skylark II, an Air 100, an Olympia, two 1-23D's, two 1-23's, three 1-26's and two L-K's. This year another Skylark III and two more 1-26's are expected. Total cross-country mileage at the 1957 Nationals was 5,856.

Summer Soaring Week(s) July 27 - August 2 Brantford, Ontario, Canada

During the above week and, if there is sufficient demand, from August 10 - 16, the Southern Ontario Soaring Ass'n. will hold at Brantford a summer vacation soaring week for S.O.S.A. members and also for others from Canada and the U.S. Depending on demand, elementary and advanced dual training may be available. Inquiries are invited, c/o S.O.S.A., P.O. Box 145, Brantford, Ontario, Canada.

The S.O.S.A. operates two Tiger Moths and a Waco UPF-7 as tow-planes and has seven sailplanes; a 1-19, a 2-22, a 1-26, a TG-3A, two dual L-K's and one single-place flat-top L-K. Eight privately owned sailplanes are also based at Brantford; a Skylark III, a 1-23D, two 1-23's, an L-K, an Olympia, a Baby Bowlus, and a 1-19.

P.G.C. Open House Week July 26 - August 3 Hilltown, Pennsylvania

The Philadelphia Glider Council is having its annual week-long open house the last week in July at the P.G.C. Gliderport near Hilltown, Pa. Members have prepared their cabins and campsites along one edge of the field for the present soaring season; while waiting rather impatiently for the runways to dry off enough to use the mower and start operations.

The swimming pond has received some attention to insure its availability for those people unfortunate enough not to gain their relief from the summer's heat by rising above it.

As has been the custom in the past, an informal contest will be conducted during the week with points awarded for duration, triangular course, altitude gained, cross-country and goal flights.

It is hoped that the eight sailplanes based at the field will be joined by visitors so that the club's Super Cub will be kept busy towing. Along with the soaring, swimming and picnics, there are summer stock theaters and a music circus nearby for those interested in attending these performances in the evenings. Camping accommodations will be provided for visitors at the field.

Texas Soaring Contest August 25 - 31 Grand Prairie, Texas

Gypsies in sailplanes instead of colorful wagons will take to the air from the Grand Prairie, Texas, airport on August 25th as the 1958 Texas and Southwestern Soaring Contest gets underway.

The first four days of the seven-day competition will be a "gypsy tour" west from Grand Prairie; 98 miles to Ranger the first day, 104 miles from Ranger to Sweetwater the second day and returning via the same route on the third and fourth days. Scoring of flights will be based on elapsed time.

Triangular courses and out-and-back tasks will be held at Grand Prairie Airport on the remaining three days of the contest, August 29, 30 and 31.

Sponsored by the Texas Soaring

Association, the contest is the second of its kind to be held by TSA, the first being held in 1953 over the same route. An early example of this type of contest is found in the 1937 "Wandersegelflug" in Germany and a similar contest in Yugoslavia in 1955.

The 1953 TSA gypsy tour proved to be quite popular and provided a lot of fun for the contestants, in that pilots, crews and families were together each night for dinner and entertainment.

No entry fee will be charged contestants, and all tows will be charged for at the standard TSA rates of \$3.00 per 2000 foot tow.

Rules for that contest, formulated by a committee headed by Wally Wiberg and including Contest Chairman Marion Griffith and Othmar Schwarzenberger, follow the general line of scoring and entry requirements that have been employed in past regional contests.

Pilots planning to enter the contest should notify June Wiberg, contest registrar, Flying W Ranch, Cedar Hill, Texas.

Great Lakes Glider Meet August 30 - September 1 Elberta, Michigan

The Annual informal Great Lakes Glider Meet will be conducted again this year over the Labor Day weekend.

The program will consist of ridge soaring, spot landing and such with prizes for the winners. There is no entry fee and all winch tows will be free. Aero tows will be available at \$3.00 each.

A broiled trout dinner will be conducted on the Elberta beach for the pilots and their families, the pilots being served free.

Rocky Mountain Soaring Meet August 30 - September 1 Denver, Colorado

The Denver Soaring Club is sponsoring the Rocky Mountain Labor Day Soaring Meet over the Labor Day weekend at the East Colfax Airport, 10 miles east of Denver, Colorado.

Both winch and aero tow will be available. This is the organizer's first experience with a local soaring contest so they would appreciate a good turnout by all who can attend.

Mervin Hicks, SSA Governor for Colorado, has been appointed Contest Director. For further details on the Meet and accommodations, write to him at 1345 Elmira St., Aurora, Colorado.