

1958 CENTRAL TEXAS SOARING MEET

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At various times there were 15 sailplanes on the field, with an appropriate array of tow planes, including a PT-22, a Waco UPF-7, an L-16 and a Luscombe Sedan. Among the sailplanes were 3 L-K's, two P-R's, two 1-26's two TG-2's and one each 1-23D, 1-19, TG-3A, Weihe and Minimoa. This is by far the best turnout we have had in our four years of soaring at Austin. Our thanks of course must go to those who made

Wiberg, though, for the fine job of scoring (June) and Meet Direction (Wally). Without them this meet would not have been the success they made it.

The task for July 4th was a triangle, Georgetown to Austin to Taylor to Georgetown, a total distance of 67 miles. This was a difficult task with the first 26.5 miles directly into a wind reported at 30 knots at 3000 feet, dropping off to 18 at 6000 feet.

the windward leg, with a 70 mile triangle; Round Rock, Thorndale, and return to Georgetown. Claybourn, Lincoln and Coder got around with Claybourn and Lincoln in a final race. Joe touched down at 4:07 with Marshall only 30 seconds behind. Dave Malkemus made a valiant try in the last thermal of the day only to land just a mile from the field. Coder made it all the way, landing at 5:46. John Boone made 39 miles and Pat Sherman 21.

July 6th brought more wind and fewer thermals. Wally wisely cut the course down to a 42 mile triangle to Round Rock, Taylor and return. Coder was one of only two pilots to make this one. Ned Snead also made it around in the TG-2 with partner Henry Wicks! A nice flight for a TG-2.

Dave Malkemus made 35 miles, John Boone made 26.5. Joe Lincoln 19 and Marshall Claybourn 12. Marshall returned for a second try and everybody pitched in to get him off. From trailer to take-off, ten minutes!! A TG-3 was never like this! Marshall was unable to break through the hole that developed between Round Rock and Taylor and so returned to Georgetown. The daily and final scores are tabulated below.

The Awards

Dave Malkemus . . . \$100.00 1st
Central Texas Soaring Champion
Marshall Claybourn . . \$ 75.00 2nd
Joe Lincoln . . . \$ 50.00 3rd
George Coder . . . \$ 25.00 4th

Many local flights were made and many passengers carried, yet we could not get all those who wanted rides a flight! Bill DeGinder alone made 18 flights in his L-K on the first two days. ADTSA's club TG-3A was kept busy carrying passengers as was the TSA TG-2 with Adrian Marx at the controls. Al Wyrick flew his L-K locally as did Al Backstrom and Jock Powell their P-R and Jerry White his Minimoa. Winch tows were demonstrated with the 1-19 and the TG-3A. Both Dave McNay and Marshall Claybourn got away from winch tows on Sunday morning before the contest and put on one of the
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From left to right: the DeGinder L-K, Contest Director Wally Wiberg, Jack Laister, June Wiberg, Dr. William DeGinder and Jack Laister's Aero Commander.

the meet possible and a success through their attendance and participation.

As most of you know, ADTSA was backed by the North Austin Civitan's, who donated our four awards. Further assistance was given by Mr. Cliff Green, Executive Director of the Texas Aeronautics Commission. (We were happy to see Cliff get a soaring flight of 1:20 in our club TG-3A). Mr. Jack Laister of "L-K" and Aero-Commander (Aero Design) dropped in for a short visit. Jack is trying to promote soaring through his company and will probably be attending a good many of the soaring meets in the future. Jack took over the front seat in Bill DeGinder's L-K for a nice flight. ADTSA's thanks must go to June and Wally

Cloud base in the later part of the day was around 5500 feet. In spite of these difficulties, both Dave Malkemus and Marshall Claybourn made it around the course and Joe Lincoln got within 5 miles of home base. Ned Snead and John Boone both landed in the Round Rock area, half way to Austin. Coder made Austin on the second try after landing south of round rock.

Due to continuing high winds, the task for July 5th was set to reduce

Pilot	Ship	July 4	July 5	July 6	Total
Dave Malkemus	P-R	1000	707	578	2285
Marshall Claybourn	1-26	928	1000	198	2126
Joe Lincoln	1-23D	898	880	314	2092
George Coder	Weihe	366	717	1000	2083
John Boone & D. McNay	1-26	205	400	438	1042
Snead Bros. & H. Wicks	TG-2	150	0	694	844