

# CBSA MEMORIAL DAY SOARING MEET

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This contest was held at Vista Field, near Kennewick, Wn., and was sponsored by the Columbia Basin Soaring Association with sanction from the Soaring Society of America.

## First Day, Friday

Most of the contestants had arrived during the night. Early Friday morning Don Santee took some practice auto tows in his newly reconstructed TG-1, with the help of some early rising CBSA members. The task for the open class was an 80-mile goal and return to Walla Walla.

High cloudiness caused contestants to delay takeoffs until noon. Allemann was first back, but his ship was on the trailer. A strong downdraft had dropped him two miles short of Vista on the return leg. Robertson in the Olympia had similar luck and landed at Walla Walla. Moore streaked across the finish line after 2½ hours. Peter Riedel flying Pete Bowers' Weihe completed the task in 3:09 while McClanahan made a conservative 3:26 in his 1-26. Ed Ward in the L-K had not been able to get away. The lift was good on the way to Walla Walla and most pilots made it down in about one hour. The trip back was slowed by a large dead area and a head wind at intermediate altitude. Cloud base was about 7000-8000 ft.

The task for Class II was duration. Clyde Nofsinger was first off in the Boeing club TG-3 and made his C Badge. Later Al Wilson flew it for 20 minutes. Tom Davis flew the Cascade 2-22 but landed in summer fallow field. Jim Hard flew his newly-acquired 1-19 for his Silver C duration and altitude. He had forgotten to turn on the barograph but his 5:18 flight was observed from the field.

A spaghetti feed was eaten at a local Italian restaurant in the evening. It was pointed out that Allemann had made the Kennewick headlines by landing in town, where the papers proclaimed:

"MONKEYS RETURN SAFELY  
FROM OUTER SPACE!"

## Second Day, Saturday

The soaring day seemed to be starting slowly, but an open day was declared for Open Class and a Silver C triangle for the Class II ships.

Since a light northwest wind was predicted, Allemann, Riedel, and Robertson declared Boise as their goal. Allemann fell out shortly after passing Pendleton, Riedel detoured south of the course and made Emmett, Idaho, and Robertson was only 1½ miles short of his goal but made his Gold C distance. Pallmer landed near Connell after turning at Touchet Valley and Ritzville. Bob Moore completed a goal and return of 162 miles to sew up the contest by winning two out of three contest days.

For Class II, duration and altitude were also counted in Silver C triangle task scoring. Only Jim Hard

completed the triangle, peeling the fabric off his wings with a blistering 9.5 mph average speed and completing his Silver C. He has been soaring for one month. Wally Goldfarb made 10 miles in the 2-22. Nofsinger went down in the Baby Bowlus after taking off too early. Al Wilson checked Tom Clark out in the TG-3A while staying up for over four hours. Ed Ward won his C badge in the Dragonfly, which he flew after fixing the landing gear for Don Neal. People at the field were entertained by calls coming in from pilots in wheat fields, indian reservations, etc. The pilots who went southeast did not return until the next day.

## Third Day, Sunday

Since a cloudless bright blue bowl of sky covered the field, a short 76 mile triangle was set as the open task and duration was set for Class II. Riedel and Robertson had not re-



Rudy Allemann tries out the cockpit of Joe Robertson's Olympia as Joe looks on. This ship was built in Washington over the past several years by Ray Lunger.

## TABLE OF SCORES — CBSA MEET

Contestant	Sail-plane	Friday 29 May 59	Saturday 30 May 59	Sunday 31 May 59	Two Day Total
<b>Open Class</b>		<b>80 Mile G&amp;R</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>76 Mile Tri.</b>	
		Speed pts.	dist. pts.	Speed pts.	
1. Robert Moore	1-21	32.4 1000	162+30% 940	22.5 885	1940
2. Peter Riedel	Weihe	25.3 896	210 935	—	1831
3. Pallmer	1-26	23.3 864	187 730	59 mi. 259	1594
McClanahan					
4. Rudy Allemann	1-26	79 mi. 491	63 281	27.1 1000	1491
5. Joe Robertson	Olympia	40 mi. 250	224 1000	—	1250
6. Ward	L-K	0 0	—	5 mi. 22	22
Vaillencourt					
<b>Class II</b>		<b>Duration</b>	<b>Speed, Dist., Alt., Dur., Pts.</b>	<b>Duration</b>	
1. Jim Hard	1-19	5:18 1000	9.5 mph, 42 mi. 9400', 4:27, 981	2:27 1000	2000
2. Don Neal	Dragonfly	—	8100', 2:25, 452	1:15 550	1002
3. Don Santee	TG-1	—	10,000', 2:20, 507	—	507
4. Goldfarb	2-22	—	10 mi., 3800' :45, 245	:27 184	429
5. Nofsinger	Bowlus	—	3000', :40, 150	:11 75	225
Ward					