

# 1960 SSA INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION



Photo: R. T. Allemann

Ed McClanahan flies his 1-26 off the left wing of Allemann's while soaring over CBSA's site.

turned from Idaho so did not try the task. Allemann won the task by flying first to Prosser and then to McNary Dam. Moore and McClanahan had trouble going the other way and McClanahan landed at an emergency field and was aero towed home.

Meanwhile, Don Neal made his C badge in his Dragonfly (which has a stewardess call button). Hard made it a clean sweep of Class II with a 2:27 flight. Many passengers were taken up in the TG-1 and the TG-3 by Arlen Moore and Al Wilson. Bob Fisher flew down from Moses Lake in his L-K, landed for awhile, then flew back again (just barely). Wally Goldfarb also made his own clean sweep by making his third landing away from the field and hitchhiked back to Vista. Ed Ward, Al Gregg, and Paul Pallmer had taken the trailer to pick him up, but they couldn't find the right road and Paul got out to look on foot. Goldfarb, Vallengourt, and Davis came out in another car, guided the trailer to the 2-22, and dismantled it. Then they traded cars and all went looking for Paul who was still wandering around somewhere. Finally they all managed to straggle back to the field, but Pallmer was blistered and not happy.

The contest turned out to be a success thanks to Tom Clark and Jim Hard who were contest directors, and to the Seattle Glider Council, which brought its towplane. It was also a success in that there were no accidents. Three C badges, one Silver C, and one Gold C badge were completed. Two gold C distance flights were made and six flights of over five hours were logged. Altitudes reached were somewhat over 10,000'. Most pilots returned home tired but happy, and that's the way one is supposed to return home, isn't it?

Various SSA members have suggested that they might be interested in visiting Europe with an SSA group at the time of the 1960 World Soaring Championships which will be held in Germany probably in June. If enough SSA members are interested, the trip could be made at a very reasonable price.

Many persons are not aware of the tremendous saving in fares which can be realized through the charter of an aircraft exclusively for one group. For example, the cheapest economy class round trip New York to Frankfurt is \$538.00 on regular scheduled airlines. If we could get 78 SSA members and their families to make the trip we could charter a DC-6B on a regular airline and the round trip cost per person from New York would only be \$240.00. Correspondingly large savings could be made based on a West Coast departure (\$746 vs. \$425). Since we would pay a flat rate for the airplane the saving would not be as great if we could not fill it, but with the tremendous interest in European travel on the part of Americans these days, some feel that SSA might be able to fill more than one airplane.

Our biggest problem at the moment is to find out the probable number of SSA members who would be interested in such a trip so we can

see if there is any point in considering the matter further. Our present thinking is that the SSA group would be flown to Frankfurt and would then be on their own for the 2 weeks of the Internationals and perhaps for a week or two thereafter, until the aircraft departed for the return trip from Frankfurt. Thus, everyone could do *what* they wanted and *when* they wanted and would not even have to attend the Internationals if they preferred to spend the time elsewhere. It is expected that SSA would deal directly with the airline involved and would do this as a service to its members. International air tariff regulations limit such charter rates to members of bonafide organizations, so only SSA members and their families could participate. Transportation for our International Team will be arranged separately and it is not expected that they would accompany this group.

This might be your chance to see Europe at a price you can afford and see some soaring as well. If you have any interest in this possibility please fill out the coupon below (or a reasonable facsimile) and return to SSA immediately. This trip will occur at the height of the tourist season next year so it will be necessary for us to get our arrangements made well in advance.

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Please put my name on the mailing list for further information on the proposed SSA 1960 International excursion. I understand this implies no obligation.

Name: .....

Street Address: .....

City: ..... Zone..... State.....

Probable number in my party: .....

We would like to join the trip at: Los Angeles ☐, New York ☐

We would prefer to return after 2 wks. ☐, 3 wks. ☐, 4 wks. ☐