

# SNOWBIRD MEET

November 26-27-28, 1959

Harris Hill,

Elmira, New York

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Sanctioned by The Soaring  
Society of America, Inc.

Contest flights were scheduled from 12:00 noon until 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, and from 10:00 A.M. until 4:30 on Friday and Saturday, weather permitting. Contestants were allowed to use their best flights on any two of the three days as contest flights. Thursday, being a marginal day, a precision time flight of 1½ hour was the assigned task with 30 min. required for a contest flight. Several contest flights were made, with C. A. Moeller taking top honors in his 1-26 with a 1:01 flight and Gleb Derujinsky taking second place with a 1:00 hr. flight in his 1-23G.

Friday showed little promise, but with some possibility of some high altitude wave conditions. Howard Taylor and Gleb Derujinsky tried to find green air with several 5000' tows, but were not rewarded, and a no contest day was ruled.

Saturday cooperated with a steady but marginal northwest ridge wind with about a 600' ceiling. The results were surprising considering condi-



EASC President William Frutchy, left, presents Snowbird Trophies to (from left to right): C. A. Moeller, Gleb Derujinsky and Ev. Keeler.

tions, as a two hour precision time flight was the assigned task and many of the pilots completed the required task within minutes and seconds. Five pilots landed with a 90 second spread in their times and Howard I. Weiss-leader, Jr., completed his five hour Silver C duration in the Rochester Soaring Club's 1-26.

When the snow settled, the individual championship award was presented to Gleb Derujinsky of N.Y.C. at the gala awards banquet Saturday night at which 113 happy enthusiasts had a grand meal and heard a stimulating talk on European conditions by Richard Tobias of the Corning, New York, radio station WCLL.

To round out the awards, the team award went to Ev Keeler of Southbury, Conn., and C. A. Moeller of Orange, Conn., flying a 1-26. The Club award went to the Rochester Soaring Club. The Sargent award went to Maurice Whitney, General manager of Eclipse Machine Division of Bendix Aviation for his behind the scenes assistance to the Elmira Area Soaring Corp. The Schweizer 1-26 award was presented to Stanley Welles for his outstanding performance this year in the 1-26 sailplane.

With a total entry of 26 pilots and 18 ships making 26 winch tows and 23 airplane tows a total flight time of 45 hours and 54 minutes, a gala

Left: Stanley Welles, winner of the 1-26 Schweizer award, in the cockpit of the sailplane in which he completed his five hour duration flight. He had only shortly before soloed from the Schweizer Soaring School. Right: Maurice Whitney, left, receives his Sargent Trophy award from Paul Schweizer.

