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MORE RECORDS SURPASSED

A number of world soaring records have recently been surpassed in Europe, according to notices received by F.A.I. All are subject to later formal approval by F.A.I. before becoming official.

Most noteworthy was a 560 mile flight by Vladislav Zejda of Czechoslovakia in an L-21 Spartak sailplane from Zamberk Airfield in Czechoslovakia to Sighisoara, Rumania. It was a goal flight, also, so sets a mark for both distance and goal that will be difficult to match. The existing distance record of 535 miles was set nine years ago by Dick Johnson of the U.S. The goal record of 421 miles has been held by the French for four years.

On June 18th, Mikhael Vieretennikov of Russia flew a V/Verso A-15 sailplane 435 miles to a goal. This may become a new goal record if the Czech flight does not qualify for some reason.

On the same date, another Russian, Victor Ilchenko, flew an A-10 sailplane 373 miles to a goal for a new two-place goal mark.

The other flights were all in the feminine categories. On June 5th,

Palagia Majewska of Poland flew a 300 km. triangle at 32.9 mph; on June 26th Lucyna Bajewska of Poland flew a Mucha Standard sailplane on a 240 mile goal and return flight; and on June 27th a Russian named Samosodova flew a 100 km. triangle at 54 mph.

LINCOLN SOARS 459 MILES

SSA vice president Joseph C. Lincoln soared his Schweizer 1-23D sailplane "Cirro-Q" 459 miles on July 2, 1960, from Prescott, Arizona, to Varadero, New Mexico. Varadero is about 45 miles WNW of Tucumcari, N.M. The flight set a new Arizona state soaring record of course and threatened the existing world record of 535 miles.

It is believed that with this achievement Lincoln becomes the second U.S. pilot to have exceeded 400 miles on a soaring flight, the other being Dick Johnson who has done it two or three times. Anyone knowing of other 400 mile pilots please advise SSA.

Lincoln holds U.S. Diamond C number 15 (international number 117) and expects to compete in the National Championships at Odessa.

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ELSINORE CONTEST RESULTS

The SSA sanctioned Elsinore (Calif.) Soaring Contest over the July 4th weekend was won by Sterling Starr of San Diego with 2323 points, flying a Schweizer 1-23D sailplane. The contest was sponsored by the Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California, Ltd., and attracted 17 competing pilots.

In second place was Graham Thomson of Los Angeles with 2276 points, flying a Ka-6CR sailplane, and third was Raymond W. Proenneke of Huntington Park with 1779 points, flying a Cherokee II sailplane.

Soaring weather was not spectacular over the weekend but permitted some creditable flights. Three pilots completed the Saturday task, a 78 mile goal and return: John Williams, Starr and Thomson. Sunday was an open day producing two flights of about 110 miles by Starr and Thomson which exactly tied their cumulative scores. Monday was a 34 mile triangle which only Proenneke in the Cherokee II completed. Starr and Thomson attempted the triangle in opposite directions, both going down on the second leg without meeting. With each mile worth 30 points, Starr edged out Thomson by 1½ miles for his 47 point margin.

NAA TO SPONSOR NATIONAL AIR RALLY

The National Aeronautic Assn. has voted to sponsor this country's first National Air Rally over the Labor Day Weekend at Orange, Mass. With emphasis on civilian and sporting aviation, exhibitions and displays will be put on by all aviation organizations affiliated with NAA, including the Soaring Society of America, Professional Race Pilots Assn., Parachute Club of America, Academy of Model Aeronautics, and National Pilots Assn., besides others such as the Experimental Aircraft Assn. and Antique Aircraft Assn. All in all, it appears to be shaping up as a very complete, well-rounded air rally that should provide ample opportunity for all participating organizations to show what their particular phase of aviation has to offer. Plan to attend if you can.

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