



Photo: Dave Whitaker

Dick Johnson's two-place Adastras sailplane just prior to its first aero tow on April 5th. Dick will fly it solo in the open class during the World Soaring Championships at Cologne, Germany, from June 4-19 as the U. S.'s number one pilot. Far from finished drag reductionwise, estimated initial L/D was 30 to 1, expected to be raised to 40 to 1 or more after refinement. Span, 58 ft.; airfoil, Eppler 146; solo W/S, 5.8 lb./sq. ft.; dive brake area, 10 sq. ft.; tip chord, 16"; root chord, 51.25" and wing area 164 sq. ft.

## 26 NATIONS ENTERED FOR 1960 WORLD SOARING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The German Aero Club has listed the following 26 nations as having submitted entries to compete in the forthcoming World Soaring Championships:

Australia	Iceland
Austria	Israel
Belgium	Italy
Brazil	Norway
Canada	Poland
Czechoslovakia	Rhodesia
Denmark	Rumania
England	Spain
Finland	Sweden
France	Switzerland
Germany	U. S. A.
Holland	U. S. S. R.
Hungary	Yugoslavia

The sailplane entries total 84, 23 of which are Open Class and 61 Standard Class. Some of the expected pilots and the sailplanes they will fly are: present World Champion Ernst-Günter Haase of Germany in a Phoenix FS-34; René Comte of Switzerland in an Elfe-M; and Harald Jensen representing Denmark in a LO-150.

## TEAM FUNDS STILL NEEDED

Although the time for the departure of the SSA International Soaring Team for Germany has arrived, funds are still needed to defray Team expenses. At least \$2000 more is required to put the Team in good financial shape. While the response of individual SSA members has been quite good and is certainly appreciated, relatively few clubs have participated. It has been found that "passing the helmet" at club membership meetings is very effective and we would like to suggest that

the clubs which have not yet contributed try this. It's fun and the Team needs your support. Of course, we would also welcome further contributions from individuals.

Checks may be made payable to "SSA International Fund" and sent to Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, California. Contributions to the SSA are deductible on Federal income tax returns.

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The Collins Radio Co. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the Telrex Laboratories of Asbury Park, N.J., have furnished equipment to the Team and J. Lynn Brown, of Skyrafters Aviation Radio, checked all the radio equipment that the Team will use, at no cost. In addition, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Klemperer donated an American flag for the Team's use.

## HEINI DITTMAR

The soaring world mourns the death of Heini Dittmar in the crash of a new type light plane in West Germany on April 28th. He was the holder of many early soaring records and participated in the South American soaring expedition organized by the late Wolf Hirth in the 1930's.

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Ann Pobtocki of Poland, at 15 months the youngest enthusiast of the Soaring Society of America, sports her cap with SSA insignia in the trunk of Daddy's (Bruno) Chevy. She was born while Bruno was crewing for Paul Bikle during the 1958 Internationals at Leszno, Poland.



Photo: Bruno Pobtocki