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## NAA CONVENTION PLANS

The National Aeronautic Assn. has scheduled the biggest, most exciting and stimulating annual convention in its history for November 14-16, 1960, at Indio, California. Members of SSA, an affiliate of NAA, are encouraged to attend and participate in this really worthwhile promotion of aviation.

Indio is in the famous Coachella Valley near the north end of the Salton Sea. It is there that NAA president Jacqueline Cochran has her Cochran-Odlum ranch, at which a barbecue will be held the first evening of the convention.

Business meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 14th and 15th, at the Coachella Valley Union High School. For Wednesday there is scheduled a tour of the Valley and that evening Dr. Edward

Teller will be guest speaker at a big civic dinner in honor of NAA.

Entire cost of the convention, including luncheons, Monday barbecue, Tuesday buffet dinner, Wednesday civic dinner, local transportation and bus tour but excluding lodging and other transportation, will be covered in the registration fee of \$25 per person. Fees for spouses will be \$15 each. Over 280 rooms in nearby motels and hotels have been reserved for conventioners at reasonable off-season rates of from \$4 to \$14 per night. Make your reservations early. Write: NAA Convention Headquarters, Indio, Calif.

## DR. AUGUST W. RASPET

It is with regret that we report the death of Dr. August W. Raspet on April 27th. He was killed in the crash of a light plane near the runway of the airport at Mississippi State College. There were no witnesses. A tribute to his life and contributions to soaring will appear in a future issue of *Soaring*.

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## NEW SOARING RECORDS

The latest FAI listing of world soaring records shows four that have not previously been mentioned in *Soaring*:

Single-place goal and return, 331.6 mi. (533.6 km.) by Ludwik Misiek of Poland in a Jaskolka sailplane on July 6, 1959, from Kobylnica to Olsztyn and return. The U. S. record of 310.7 mi. is held by Lylé A. Maxey.

Multi-place goal and return, 321.8 mi. (517.8 km.) by Henryk Zydorczak and Jerzy Lesniorowski of Poland in a Bocian sailplane on July 6, 1959, from Krotoszyn to Warsaw and return. The U.S. record of 234.7 mi. is held by Harland C. Ross.

Feminine single-place goal, 349.6 mi. (562.6 km) by Pelagia Majewska of Poland in a Jaskolka sailplane on August 30, 1959, from Lgin to Oszczow. The U.S. record of 96.4 mi. is held by Jean (Arnold) Harrison.

Feminine single-place speed for 100 kilometers over a triangular speed course, 50.309 mph (80.961 kmph) by Danuta Zachara of Poland in a Jaskolka sailplane on July 14, 1959, around a course from Leszno to Wroniawy to Kotla and return. The U.S. record of 28.635 mph is held by Betsy Woodward.

Since the above mentioned listing, dated January 1, 1960, Russia has set a new record in the single-place category of speed for 100 kilometers over a triangular course, subject to homologation by FAI. On May 6, 1960, the U.S.S.R. pilot, Veretennikov, flew an A-15 sailplane at an average speed of 110 kmph (68.3 mph) around a 100 km. triangle. This exceeded the mark of 107.04 kmph (66.51 mph) set by the U.S.'s Dick Schreder on August 11, 1959, at Odessa, Texas, which will remain only the U.S. National record should the U.S.S.R. record be officially approved.

Also subject to FAI approval is a feminine single-place record for speed for 200 kilometers over a triangular course of 67 kmph (42 mph) set on May 6, 1960, by the Polish pilot, Madame Mksimiliana Czmielowna Paszyo, in a Jaskolka sailplane.

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