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LONG SOARING FLIGHTS

The following are notable soaring
flights made in 1961 not previously
mentioned in *Soaring*.

On July 8th, Richard T. Coapman
flew an L-Spatz-55 212 miles from
Big Beaver, Mich., to the Richmond,
Ind., Airport to claim Gold C dis-
tance and Diamond C goal.

Bill Ivans landed one good thermal
short of a new world goal and re-
turn record of just over 400 mi. on
July 22nd. He flew Evan Stover's
1-23H-15 from Inyokern, Calif.,
north to Hawthorne, Nev., and back
to Olancho, Calif., in 7 hr., a total
of 365 mi.

On July 30th, George Coder soar-
ed 315 mi. on his way to the Na-
tionals, from the TSA gliderport, 7
mi. S. of Grand Prairie, Tex., due
north to Strother Field at Winfield,
Kansas, thereby earning his distance
diamond.

On Aug. 5th, Marion S. Griffith,

Jr., earned Gold C distance with a
195-mi., 6:55-hr. flight in an L-K
from the TSA gliderport, 7 mi. S. of
Grand Prairie, Tex., SSW to Stone-
wall, Tex.

RADIOS TO BE REQUIRED AT AIRPORTS WITH TOWERS

FAA has announced that, effective
December 26, 1961, new air traffic
control rules will require that all air-
craft operating on or around airports
with federally-operated towers must
maintain two-way radio contact with
the towers, unless otherwise author-
ized by the appropriate air traffic
control facility. In addition, enroute
aircraft will be restricted from flying
through the "airport traffic area"
of any controlled airport without
authorization from ATC. This area
is defined as the airspace within a
five-mile radius from the center of
the airport and extending up to 2000
feet above the surface. These rule
changes are included in amendment
60-24 to Part 60 of the Civil Air
Regulations.

FAA PROPOSES GLIDER PILOT MEDICALS

SSA has received from FAA's
Civil Air Surgeon a request for com-
ment on a proposed requirement that
all glider pilots have Class III Medi-
cal Certificates. SSA's response re-
quested additional information and
asked to have until February 15th to
make official comment on the pro-
posal. This would allow the subject
to be discussed at the next SSA Di-
rector's meeting after thorough study
of all pertinent factors.

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