

REPORT ON CVSM MEETING

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The FAI Gliding Committee (Commission Internationale du vol sans moteur — CVSM for short) met in Paris on April 15, 1961, to discuss possible sites for a 1962 World Gliding Championships. Other agenda items included proposals for rule changes and adoption of new record categories. U. S. representation included W. S. Ivans and Floyd J. Sweet, plus H. E. "Tony" Mahlman, Secretary of the NAA Contest Board. Sixteen nations had delegates present. CVSM President A. "Pirat" Gehriger presided.

No satisfactory bids for the 1962 Championships had been received by the Committee, although Argentina, Italy, Switzerland, and the U.S. indicated continued interest. After some discussion, a decision was made to postpone the Championships until 1963. A deadline for receipt of firm proposals was fixed as October 31, 1961. The CVSM will meet on November 23, 1961, to consider such proposals and make a choice.

As another agenda item, the SSA had proposed combining the Standard and Open Class contestants in World Championships in order to provide direct comparison of performance and an opportunity for a Standard Class pilot to win both Standard and Open championships. An almost complete spectrum of opinion was expressed relative to this proposal, ranging from complete support to complete opposition, with intermediates favoring some points and objecting to others. The final outcome was a vote to strongly recommend to future organizers of championships that equal starting opportunities and identical tasks continue to be granted the two classes, as in the preceding two world championships. If the classes continue to turn in nearly identical performances, the full SSA proposal will gain support.

A corollary discussion centered upon the definition of Standard Class Gliders. All agreed that the present rules permit exotic, expensive machines to be built, possibly for the express purpose of winning competitions. This is in direct contradiction of the original

intent to encourage design of inexpensive, easily handled equipment which would nonetheless have "adequate" performance for sport and inter-class competition. Means for further restricting the class were discussed, such as further reduction of span, fixing a maximum selling price, decision by a committee on exotic vs. acceptable, etc. None of these appeared to have merit, as they would undoubtedly raise even more vexing problems and lead to certain controversy. There was general agreement that development of exotic types could be minimized if prototypes were barred from Standard Class world competition; no vote was taken, however.

A discussion of radio usage in world competition revealed a strong sentiment favoring some form of restriction, aimed at eliminating ground control (or assistance) and team flying. Measures to control or eliminate use of radio are to be proposed at a subsequent meeting.

Proposals by USSR for establishment of new record categories for 400 km. and 500 km. triangles and cumulative distance (minimum of 300 km. flights, successive days) were deferred until 1962, per a previous CVSM decision to make a general review or records during that year. Aero clubs of member countries were requested to submit recommendations by December, 1961.

At the end of the meeting, President Gehriger expressed his opinion that the CVSM, through FAI, should make a determined effort to assure freedom of airspace for gliders, in the face of increasingly restrictive legislation. This is to be a principal agenda item at the November meeting, along with choice of site for 1963 World Championships and election of officers.

A nearly complete list of participants follows, in no particular order:

Committee Members & Alternates

Finland . . .	Kurt Hedström
Bulgaria . . .	Ivan Karapantchev
Great Britain . . .	Philip A. Wills
Poland . . .	J. Bojanowski
Austria . . .	Hans Wolfe
Belgium . . .	W. Grandjean

Czechoslovakia . . .	E. Kder
Germany . . .	Seff Kunz
Holland . . .	H. F. V. M. Schwing
Italy . . .	H. Nannini
Jugoslavia . . .	Serenjanski
Spain . . .	M. Tauler
Switzerland . . .	K. Ruckstuhl
USSR . . .	Simonov, Pavlov
France . . .	M. Eyraud
USA . . .	W. Ivans, F. J. Sweet, H. E. Mahlman
OSTIV representative .	L. de Lange

CVSM Officials

President . . .	A. Gehriger
Vice Presidents . . .	P. A. Wills, J. Bojanowski
Secretary . . .	R. Cartier

FAI Officers

President . . .	J. Allez
Director General . . .	H. R. Gillman

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373 MILES IN A 1-26

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wind hit the field.

The distance covered was 373 mi., or 600 km. with a ground speed of 51 mph., almost what I had figured before. The flight crossed the states of New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas. The first and the last 100 km. were flown without circling at all. Ridge lift, wave lift and thermals were all used and the frontal lift of the cold front could have extended the flight beyond the world record mark, but the flight had to be terminated because of the late hour in the day.

I have to fly home to Germany on May 16th but during my short stay at Albuquerque I was able to complete my Gold C with an altitude leg and earn a second diamond (already holding the 300 km. distance and goal from Munich, Bavaria to Basel, Switzerland).

With the Albuquerque Soaring Club I have flown 33 hours and perhaps set some marks to arouse the spirit of competition. The 373 mile flight stands as the longest in the 1-26, I believe. I want to say many thanks to the Albuquerque Soaring Club and especially to Capt. Moore and his wife for the long retrieve of 1006 miles on the road.

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