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LONG SOARING FLIGHTS

Word has been received of many noteworthy soaring flights in recent weeks, as follows:

On May 16th, John Ryan soared 455 miles in the Sisu I from Kingman, Ariz., to Santa Fe, N.M., somewhat short of the record he was attempting. He took off at 10:30, was 100 miles out at 1:30, later did 205 miles in two hours including 75 miles straight at 120 mph losing only 2000 ft., used dry thermals with 17,500-foot tops, had a 15-18 knot tailwind, and arrived at Santa Fe at 6:00 P.M. with 12,000 feet in hand but landed to reduce the retrieve.

On May 5th, a Lt. Helmut Roemer of the German Air Force on temporary duty at Kirtland AFB, N.M., soared a Schweizer 1-26 375 miles from Albuquerque, N.M., to Garden City, Kansas. A month earlier he made a 1-26 flight of 308 miles and made a wave flight to 23,000 ft. to complete his Gold C. He has written an account of these flights for *Soaring* which will be published soon.

On May 2nd, John Slack flew his new Ka-6CR from Naperville, Ill., to Lima, Ohio, 213 miles in 4:35 hr., to earn Gold C distance and Diamond goal. The day was cold with a 30-mph wind.

On the same day, Rudy Mozer made a winch tow in his Ka-6CR at Adrian, Mich., and soared 304 miles to Somerset, Pa.

On May 19th, Bob Bauer of Toledo, Ohio, flew his Ka-6BR 186 miles, just a half mile short of his Gold C distance requirement.

On April 24th, Al Parker flew a Schweizer 2-22C about 176 miles in four hours from Odessa, Texas, to near Albany, Texas, using the leading edge of a cold front. On May 4th he flew the same ship 165 miles.

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Cover photo: Alex Aldott in Kit Drew's finely finished Schleicher Ka-6B sailplane near the Chicago Glider Club's soaring site at Naperville, Illinois. The winter was spent in cleaning up the fuselage and finishing it in a photogenic color scheme. Photo by Dita Aldott.

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