

visibility to the danger point. The mountains below and clouds to the south were hidden from view. Through the haze, I could glimpse



Map showing track of Sterling Starr's flight from Inyokern to Lee Vining, Calif., and return.

cumulus still forming over the Inyo Mountains east of Lone Pine, so the Owens Valley was again crossed, and lift was found right at the mountain tops, 11,000 ft. at 6:15. This climb terminated near cloud base at almost 19,000 ft. at 6:45. Maximum possible altitude was attained because it looked like the last lift of the day and Inyokern was 70 miles away.

The final glide was very pleasant, watching the Sierra shadows lengthen on the valley floor. A small thermal over Little Lake in the evening dusk was circled in for additional insurance, to 11,000 ft., and spoilers were opened at 9,000 ft. as Inyokern was approached. A touchdown at 8:00 P.M. in the fading light brought completion to a very slow, but very satisfactory record attempt.

(Note: At the time of this writing the official distance of the flight has not been certified. It is approximately 347 miles, perhaps exceeding by the required 10 kilometers (6.214 miles) R. Schreder's record set in Texas last year of 339.86 miles. The present world goal and return record of 351.38 miles was set in South Africa by Dennis Burns, of England.)

(Editor's note: At press time, official confirmation of the flight as a new U.S. national record had just been received from NAA. The distance: 348.24 mi. or 560.42 km.)

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