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FISHER SOARS ACROSS U. S. IN 59 DAYS

Bob Fisher of Moses Lake, Wash., completed his 2,800 mile transcontinental soaring trip on Sunday, Aug. 27th, at Zahn's Airport, Amityville, N. Y., on Long Island, 59 days after leaving from the Pacific coast. His last leg was 90 miles from Stroudsburg, Pa. The trip took a total of 29 flights, the shortest only 25 miles and the longest was 345 miles on July 12th from Pocatello, Idaho to Laramie Wyo., which should qualify for Bob's Diamond C distance leg. Sailplane used was a Schweizer 1-23H. He had hoped to beat the time of the first *airplane* crossing of the continent (49 days) 50 years ago but the weather did not cooperate.

LONG SOARING FLIGHTS

In addition to the many fine flights made during the Nationals and described elsewhere in this issue, there have been a number of notable soaring flights made in recent months not previously reported.

On Tues., July 4th, Clyde S. "Buzz" Averill, President of the Albuquerque (N.M.) Soaring Club, flew the club's Schweizer 1-26 207 mi. from Albuquerque to Clayton, N.M. to claim Gold C distance and Diamond C goal.

On Sun., July 9th, two from Adrian, Mich., went straight out: Winston J. Smith, 203 mi. to Chillicothe, Ohio, in a Briegleb BG-12A to claim Diamond C goal; and John Bierens, 318 mi. to Bedford, Pa., in a Ka-6CR for Diamond distance.

On Sat., July 15th, Jim Meckoll flew his L-K 199 miles from El Mirage Field, Calif., to Dry Lake, Nev., to claim Diamond C goal.

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Cover Photo: The Airmate HP-10 sailplane of Joe Emons on tow during the Nationals at Wichita. Of all-metal construction, the design is unique in that it features a laminar, constant chord wing of honeycomb sandwich construction. Another HP-10 was also flown in the contest by the designer, Richard E. Schreder. Photo by Henry M. Dittmer.

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