

of California for the highest score amongst those concerned.

Contest performance prizes were presented as follows: A ceramic sea gull trophy, donated by Anna Sauddek, to John Slack for the 2nd best score by a first-time entry, 2838 points; a parachute, donated by Midwest Parachute Co., to Gale Abels for the best score by a first-time entry, 3470 points; a travel alarm clock donated by Zales Jewelers to A. J. Smith for the 5th best distance, 276.5 mi.; a pen and pencil set, donated by Lynch Jewelers, to Rudy Allemann for the 4th best distance, 278.2 mi.; a stopwatch, donated by Garwin Instruments, to Paul Bikle for the 3rd best distance, 278.5 mi.; a parachute, donated by McElfish Parachute Service, to Dick Schreder for the 2nd best distance, 280 mi.; a trophy, donated by the S. A. Long Co., and a "Navigator" radio, donated by the Zenith Radio Corp., to John Ryan for the best distance, 333.2 mi.; a Zep oxygen set, donated by Zep Aero, to Paul Bikle for the 2nd best goal and return performance, 32.9 mph for the first day's task; a microphone, donated by Sky-crafters Radio, to Graham Thomson for 7th place; a pair of cowboy boots, donated by the Harry Shepler Store, to Dick Johnson for 6th place; carved wooden Kansas Centennial Buffalos to each of the first five pilots as follows: 5th, donated by the Kansas Soaring Assn., to Kit Drew; 4th, donated by Don Flower Associates, to Paul Bikle; 3rd, donated by Steffen's Dairy Foods, to Rudy Allemann; 2nd and 1st, donated by the Wichita Frontier Exposition, to Bill Ivans and A. J. Smith, respectively.

The perpetual, SSA-administered Larissa Stroukoff Memorial Trophy, associated cash award and mounted certificate were presented to Dick Schreder for the fourth year in a row, for the best goal-and-return performance during the Nationals, his 35.5 mph on the first contest day.

The final and most important contest prize, the perpetual, SSA-administered Richard C. duPont Memorial Trophy, associated cash award and engraved bronze medallion of the trophy were then presented to the 1961 U.S. National Soaring Champion, A. J. Smith of Tecumseh, Mich., who soared his LO-150 sailplane into first place on the last contest day.

In conclusion, it was announced that the perpetual, SSA-administered Warren E. Eaton Memorial Trophy and associated cash award, presented each year to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the art, sport or science of soaring flight in the U.S., had been awarded to Capt. Ralph S. Barnaby, USN (Ret.). Unfortunately, Ralph was unable to attend the banquet but he had written a letter of thanks and appreciation which was read to those present.

And so the 28th Annual U.S. National Soaring Championships was adjourned.

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SSA NEWS

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SSA's Annual General Meeting of the membership, as required in the bylaws, was held during the evening of Aug. 6, 1961, at the Triangle Motel in Wichita, Kansas, as scheduled. Attendance was affected by the fact that many Nationals pilots and crews were unable to return in time from a distance task that day. Nevertheless, over 25 members were present to hear a report on the activities of the Society by the Executive Secretary and give their views on various subjects of general interest. These were noted and will be transmitted to those concerned.

OLD SOARINGS FOUND

A number of copies of seven out of stock issues of *Soaring* magazine have recently been turned over to SSA for resale, as follows: 10 J-A

56, 1 N-D 56, 4 M-A 57, 4 J-F 58, seven M-A 58 and three S-O 58. These will sell for the regular price, 35c each or, if four or more are purchased, 25c each, on a first come, first served basis. In order to avoid numerous refunds, specify alternate available issues (see classified ad) or merchandise.

1962 NATIONAL BIDS

Although the 1961 Nationals are only a month past, it is time to remind all who are interested in hosting the 1962 Nationals that the deadline for bids in November 1, 1961. The SSA Contest Board will soon mail invitations to bid, with instructions, to many soaring clubs, Chambers of Commerce, etc. Any organization desiring to be added to this mailing list should write to William S. Ivans, Jr., Chairman, SSA Contest Board, 2905 Bayside Lane, San Diego 8, Calif.

\$200 PHOTO CONTEST

One last reminder to enter SSA's current photo contest which runs until Oct. 1, 1961. Any 8" x 10" black and white glossy photo of a sailplane in flight not previously submitted or used in *Soaring* magazine or on a soaring calendar may be entered. If the entrant did not take the photo, he must submit a release from the photographer. All entries become the property of SSA and none will be returned. Weight in judging will be given to sailplanes currently flying. Eight cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$100, \$50, \$25 and five awards of \$5 each. Send photos to SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.

The SSA Directors take time out for a portrait during their August 11th Board meeting. Seated, L to R: Dr. Harner Selvidge, Bill Ivans, Harland Ross, Fritz Compton and John Ryan. Standing, L to R: Executive Secretary Lloyd Licher, E. J. Reeves, Paul Schweizer, Gus Briegleb, Lin Bachtell, Bob Moore, Otto Zauner, President Paul Bikle, Bill Coverdale, Tom Page, John Nawak and Ben Cohen.

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