

EL MIRAGE FIELD, HOME OF THE BG-12's



ADELANTO, CALIFORNIA (See classifieds)

NATIONALS NOTES

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A reminder that the 29th U.S. Nationals will be held from July 24th through August 2, 1962, at El Mirage Field near Adelanto, Calif. El Mirage will be dressed in green this summer as the Briegleb's "farm" flourishes. The monumental effort this family has expended over the years will come to fruition this July in both crops and the U.S. National Soaring Championships.

The people of El Mirage Valley and the Victorville Chamber of Commerce are combining forces with the Southern California Soaring Assn., the Douglas Soaring Club and the Antelope Valley Soaring Club to support this year's Meet financially and with their muscle power and ideas.

For example: Cool breezes will be wafted into cockpit vent holes while pilots wait for take-off. The usual tents, fencing, telephones, tie-down cables and other necessities for the contest are being brought together. Trailers for housing pilots and crews at or near the field and elsewhere in the vicinity are being arranged for.

Meanwhile, back in the city, the group in charge of flight operations is setting up shop, organizing their paper mill and getting together the required experts and gear for registration, launching and landing operations.

To simplify matters, it is best to direct correspondence to and about this Nationals to William G. Briegleb, El Mirage Field, Adelanto, Calif. We want to know if you are *thinking* of coming, surely coming, hope to make it, or whatever; as a competitor, crew member, observer, official or what-have-you, so we can provide you with information on available housing, transportation and similar amenities very necessary in the Mojave Desert.

And, if you plan to compete, please forward a glossy 8 x 10 photo of you and/or your sailplane for the very necessary public relations efforts that bring such contests to the attention of the public.

Shortly, *Soaring* will publish an article on the philosophy of the competition tasks and other pertinent information on the contest. Next month's issue will contain a list of what changes have been made in the

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rules for the Nationals over those used last year.

Other pilots who have indicated their intention of competing, in addition to those mentioned in previous issues, are: Gordon Wheeler, BG-12C; Dave Lobmaster, 1-23; Ross Briegleb, BG-12C; Joe Emons, HP-10; Dale May, 1-23H or Fauvette; George Moffat, HP-8; Bill Ivans, Sisu 1A or 1-23D; Lyle Maxey, BG-12C; John Williams, 1-23; and Dick Johnson, Adastral. This makes a total of 36 so far and more are bound to come.

Most encouraging is a long-range soaring weather forecast provided by the world-famous firm of Irving P. Krick Associates in Denver, Colo., especially for the Nationals. Their investigations indicated that there would be three intervals favorable for good soaring around the El Mirage area for many days in succession, the first of which was July 26th through August 10th. Around July 26th looks particularly good.

We are looking forward to seeing all the gang tie into the famous El Mirage soaring conditions at a magnificent Championships.

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