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## 1961 GERMAN NATIONALS

Although held some time ago (May 20th - June 3rd) the 1961 German National Soaring Championships should be reported on for the record. Poor weather at the site near Braunschweig permitted only four tasks to be flown, the minimum required. Rolf Spanig won with 2,673 points, flying a Zugvogel. E. G. Haase, former World Champion, was second with 2,389 points, flying a Phoenix-T. Heinz Huth, present World Standard Class Champion, won the Standard Class with a Ka-6BR.

## 1962 NATIONALS SITE UNDECIDED

At press time, the site for the 1962 Nationals was still undecided. Originally there were four bids, from Adrian, Mich., Bishop, Calif., Elmira, New York, and El Mirage Field, Calif., for the 26 SSA Directors to choose between. However, Bishop withdrew when it learned that Argentina got the Internationals. None of the remaining sites received a clear majority so it was decided to take another vote between the two receiving the most votes, El Mirage and Elmira. The result will be announced as soon as known.

## TWO MORE LIFE MEMBERS

SSA has recently added more Life Members to its roster, two with one blow, so to speak. John J. Randall signed himself and son Will S. Randall up for a Christmas present. John is an airline pilot with a Silver soaring badge who has been a regular Nationals contestant in recent years. Will is a 15-year-old C pilot who now flies his Dad's Ka-6. He learned to fly from John in a Cessna 150, then went to Bernie Carris at Schweizer's for soaring instruction and checked out in the 1-26 and 1-23H. The Randalls make the 55th and 56th SSA Life Members.

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Cover photo: Bob Brown of Huntsville, Alabama, on tow during the 1961 Nationals at Wichita, Kansas, in his "Rebel" sailplane. Bob is one of 17 pilots who have been issued the Diamond soaring badge by the SSA. He had the all-metal "Rebel" assembled by mating the laminar wing of the "Jenny-Mae" to a Prue 215 fuselage and empennage, making it one of the highest performance sailplanes in the country. Photo by Henry M. Dittmer.

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