

## EAA INVITES SOARING PILOTS TO ANNUAL FLY-IN

As the National Soaring Championships draws to a close in early August the Experimental Aircraft Association will open it's Annual Fly-In (August 1st through August 5th) at the Greater Rockford Airport, Rockford, Illinois. In recent years a few sailplanes and their pilots have been represented at the annual EAA Fly-In but this year a supreme effort is being put forth to make the soaring participation the best ever.

The airport has excellent facilities for the 200 homebuilts expected to arrive from every state in the union and some will be coming from foreign countries. It is excellent as a soaring site and possesses long and wide grass areas which will be specially set aside for the participating sailplanes.

Part of each day has been planned as a side contest for those who can attend for the week end only. If you can't attend the SSA Nationals in California and this opportunity

The Greatest Rockford (Illinois) Airport, site of the EAA's Annual Fly-In, August 1-5, and associated soaring contest.

Photo by  
Dick Stouffer



sounds good to you, you have only to get your registration in by July 25th to gain free entrance to the grounds. Your preregistration in the form of a card or letter can be sent to Dale May, 608 S. Can Dota, Mount Prospect, Illinois, telling him that you have marked your calendar and will be attending this great event planned for the first five days in August.

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## IDEA ITEM

Dale May, SSA Membership Chairman, has contacted his local ABC TV station to arrange for periodic soaring weather forecasts on the evening weather program. The meteorologist and Dale have discussed the ideal conditions for soaring pilots. Dale suggests that other soaring clubs might also contact their local weather broadcasters to request spot announcements on possible good soaring days, perhaps the night before. He feels this would accomplish two things: Help soarsers, and publicize soaring, as the meteorologist would have to make some soaring explanation with his announcement. When the contact is made, some explanation of what constitutes good soaring conditions might be helpful, as not all meteorologists are aware of what we are looking for.

## ANOTHER PHOTO CONTEST

As for 1961, \$200 has been contributed to SSA for the purpose of conducting another contest for photos of sailplanes in flight. The new contest will run until October 1, 1962. Prize money will be awarded as follows: \$100, \$50, \$25 and five awards of \$5 each. Any person may enter in the contest any photo of a sailplane in flight not previously submitted or used in *Soaring* magazine or a soaring calendar. If the entrant did not take the photograph, he must submit a release from the photographer. All entries must be 8" x 10" black and white glossy prints marked "contest" and become the property of SSA. None will be returned.

Entries will be judged by four members of the SSA Publications Committee. Weight in judging will be given to sailplanes currently flying in order to promote modern, up-to-date soaring. Send photos to SSA, Box 66071, Los Angeles 66, Calif.