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## TRY FOR STATE RECORDS

Many soaring pilots are probably unaware that SSA-recognized state soaring records exist for them to try and exceed. An effort is being made to give these records more publicity so that they may help bring proper recognition to noteworthy local flights and provide more incentive for cross-country and performance soaring. Soaring club publications might publish accounts of all new state records in their areas and periodically list all current records. State records offer another means to make public news, also. Records are news. Tell the newspapers about it whenever a new record is set. *Soaring* magazine will try to publish notices of noteworthy new state records and an annual summary of all records in all states.

State records are administered by the SSA State Governors, who have supplies of rules and application forms. Whenever a new state record is set, they will issue to the pilot a certificate suitable for framing.

There are three classes of state records, open, senior (less than Gold Badge) and junior (less than 21), each of which has single-place and multiplace sub-classes. For each class/sub-class, all 8 records recognized by F.A.I. are recognized by SSA. Records are for the state over which release from tow is made and pilots need not be residents of that state. Barographs must be carried on all flights, no exceptions. To establish a record, the flight must exceed the previous record by 10 km. (6.214 mi.) for records measured by distance, by 3% for altitude records (absolute altitude records must have a gain of at least 7000 ft.), and by 2 kmph (1.24 mph) for speed records. State records must comply with the FAI rules for national and world soaring records, except as noted in SSA Item #39—"State Soaring Records Rules & Application Form." Contact your SSA State Governor for further details and copies of SSA Item #39 or order from SSA.

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Cover photo: Dick Johnson's Adastra, which he flew to second place in the 29th Nationals at El Mirage, California. Dick missed John Ryan's first place standing by just 17 points. The black specks on the wing and fuselage are not defects in the photograph; they're filler showing through holes in the paint. Dick says he has about another year's work to do on the wings. Photo by George Uveges.

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