

29th Annual U.S. National Soaring C

		JULY 24			JULY 25			JULY 26				
		DISTANCE TASK			191.2 MI. G & R			DISTANCE TASK				
FINAL STANDING — PILOT	SAILPLANE	DIST. MILES	DAILY SCORE	SPEED MPH	DAILY SCORE	CUM. SCORE	DIST. MILES	DAILY SCORE	CUM. SCORE	SPEED MPH		
1. Ryan, John D.	Sisu-1	446.8	1000 (1)	144.2*	542 (27)	1542 (7)	267.1	982 (2)	2524 (4)	51.3	100	
2. Johnson, Richard	RHJ-6	376.0	842 (7)	48.5	920 (3)	1762 (4)	272.1	1000 (1)	2762 (1)	38.1	83	
3. Schreder, Richard E.	HP-11	406.1	909 (3)	51.2	966 (2)	1875 (1)	144.4	531 (19)	2406 (6)	128.5*	61	
4. Mears, Carleton M.	Prue Std.	353.5	791 (8)	53.2	1000 (1)	1791 (3)	232.4	854 (5)	2645 (2)	38.8	84	
5. Bikle, Paul F.	Prue Std.	431.8	966 (2)	43.0	827 (5)	1793 (2)	212.2	780 (11)	2573 (3)	37.8	83	
6. Thomson, Graham	Ka-6CR	385.1	862 (5)	39.7	818 (6)	1680 (5)	225.0	827 (6)	2507 (5)	129.5*	62	
7. Lambie, Jack H.	BG-12A	341.0	763 (9)	175.7*	662 (9)	1425 (9)	214.4	788 (10)	2213 (8)	113.9*	54	
8. Parker, Raymon H.	RP-9	284.2	636 (20)	165.1*	622 (15)	1258 (19)	191.4	703 (13)	1961 (16)	32.5	82	
9. Klemmedson, Robert	MG-23	341.0	763 (9)	161.2*	607 (18)	1370 (12)	191.4	703 (13)	2073 (12)	119.4*	57	
10. Smith, Andrew J.	LO-150	406.1	909 (3)	177.0*	667 (7)	1576 (6)	225.0	827 (6)	2403 (7)	58.5*	28	
** Ivans, Jr., William	1-23D	283.4	634 (22)	43.6	838 (4)	1472 (8)	191.4	703 (13)	2175 (10)	129.5*	62	
11. Moore, Robert Lee	1-21	236.5	529 (25)	176.4*	664 (8)	1193 (21)	196.9	724 (12)	1917 (17)	126.0*	60	
12. Moffat, George B.	HP-8	385.1	862 (5)	DNC		862 (29)	107.0	393 (21)	1255 (29)	124.3*	59	
13. McClanahan, Edwin	1-23H-15	298.6	624 (3)	137.0*	516 (28)	1140 (25)	54.1	199 (26)	1339 (27)	133.4*	64	
14. Benis, Leslie J.	Std. Aus.	299.5	670 (16)	172.1*	648 (11)	1318 (16)	95.4	351 (22)	1669 (19)	122.7*	58	
15. Proenneke, Raymond	Jenny Mae	175.1	392 (30)	169.7*	639 (14)	1031 (27)	257.4	946 (3)	1977 (14)	0		
16. Briegleb, Ross	BG-12B	332.8	745 (14)	161.2*	607 (18)	1352 (14)	51.6	190 (27)	1542 (22)	56.0*	26	
17. McNay, David	BG-12C	341.0	763 (9)	172.1*	648 (11)	1411 (10)	43.6	160 (28)	1571 (20)	36.6*	17	
18. Pallmer, Paul G.	1-23H-15	298.4	668 (17)	27.1*	102 (31)	770 (30)	43.6	160 (28)	930 (31)	156.2*	72	
19. Jensen, Harald	LO-150	332.8	745 (14)	161.2*	607 (18)	1352 (14)	191.4	703 (13)	2055 (13)	37.5*	18	
20. Robertson, Joseph	Ka-6BR	236.5	529 (25)	165.1*	622 (15)	1151 (23)	146.7	539 (18)	1690 (18)	105.5*	50	
21. Emons, Joe F.	HP-10	242.9	544 (24)	159.4*	600 (24)	1144 (24)	109.4	402 (20)	1546 (21)	38.6*	18	
22. Oldershaw, Vernon	O-2	236.5	529 (25)	171.2*	645 (13)	1174 (22)	217.3	799 (8)	1973 (15)	36.6*	17	
23. Allemann, Rudolph	Ka-6CR	298.4	668 (17)	160.5*	604 (22)	1272 (18)	248.4	913 (4)	2185 (9)	56.3*	27	
24. Little, Robert F.	Ka-6CR	290.1	649 (19)	172.6*	650 (10)	1299 (17)	55.0	202 (25)	1501 (23)	129.9*	62	
25. Kohler, Joseph E.	Prue 215A	63.8	143 (32)	146.4*	551 (26)	694 (32)	25.4	93 (31)	787 (32)	126.8*	60	
26. Coder, Jr., George	Ka-6BR	284.2	636 (20)	161.2*	607 (18)	1243 (20)	58.6	215 (24)	1458 (24)	54.9*	26	
27. Fisher, Robert H.	1-23H	341.0	763 (9)	160.5*	604 (22)	1367 (13)	217.3	799 (8)	2166 (11)	DNC		
28. Gravance, John R.	1-26	205.6	460 (29)	134.6*	507 (29)	967 (28)	92.0	338 (23)	1305 (28)	31.2*	15	
29. Bennett, Jr., Geo.	1-26	222.0	497 (28)	149.8*	564 (25)	1061 (26)	34.1	125 (30)	1186 (30)	40.8*	19	
30. Hutchinson, Vernon	H-127	100.5	225 (31)	125.1*	471 (30)	696 (31)	191.4	703 (13)	1399 (25)	39.1*	18	
31. Comte, Rene	PM-3	341.0	763 (9)	165.1*	622 (15)	1385 (11)	DNC		1385 (26)	DNC		
32. Asdel, George D.	1-26	15.3	34 (33)	137.0*	516 (28)	550 (33)	18.9	69 (32)	619 (33)	4.1*	20	
Total task miles flown each day:		9612.9 miles		5155.9 miles			4822.3 miles			2916.9 miles		
*Indicates miles flown instead of mph.		Figures in parentheses indicate daily and cumulative standings.				DNC indicates did not compete						

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E. J. Reeves made the first presentations: the Texas flag went to Dick Johnson and the California ensign

John Ryan stands before the head banquet table with the Richard C. duPont Memorial Trophy signifying his new standing as National Soaring Champion.

Photo by J. F. Tierney



went to Bud Mears; these pilots made the top standings from their respective states.

Floyd Sweet presented the Lewin B. Barringer Memorial Trophy to John Ryan for his 454-mile flight of May 16, 1961, and a special SSA Award to Bob Fisher (received for him by Bob Moore) for his transcontinental soaring flight. The Paul E. Tuntland Memorial Award was not given this year.

Jack Wolfe awarded medallions as a memento of the contest to each pilot. He next presented five identical trophies for five outstanding contest flights: Ryan, best triangle (1st day); Mears, best speed, goal and return (2nd day); Schreder, best distance (6th day); and Johnson and Moffat, tie for best goal and return distance (5th day). Jack then presented four trophies to the pilots placing 2nd thru 5th: Bikle, 5th (given by A. J. Smith); Mears, 4th (given by Dale Vannorsdel); Schreder, 3rd (given by the Antelope Valley Soaring Club); and Johnson, 2nd (given by General Aviation News).

Next Rene Comte presented a spe-

cial award which he brought from Switzerland to the youngest competing pilot: Ross Briegleb.

SSA Competition Director Oats Schwarzenberger then awarded the Larissa Stroukoff Perpetual Trophy for the best goal and return flight of the meet to Bud Mears (2nd day); and finally, the Richard C. duPont Memorial Trophy to the new U. S. Soaring Champion: John D. Ryan.

Paul Bikle announced the SSA's highest award, the Warren E. Eaton Memorial Trophy, to Dr. Harner Selvidge. The presentation was made by the world's number one C Badge pilot, Dr. Wolfgang B. Klemperer.

Bikle finally presented an interesting statistic: the average age of pilots in the 29th Nationals was 46 years.

It was generally felt that the 29th Nationals were a tremendous success; the contest was exciting and keenly competitive, if somewhat arduous. The complaint heard most frequently from weary pilots and crews was that there was too much flying, and not enough time for rest and relaxation. Perhaps that was because of the pilots' ages, mentioned above.