



The brand-new, all-metal GT-2 sailplane, an original design of Frank Green and George Tweed of La Mesa, Calif., which first flew on March 1st. It was originally conceived half-way through the 1960 Nationals at Odessa, Texas, when George was flying his GT-1 and realized he needed more span to stay with the hot rods. The result is a three-piece, 60-ft. wing with an area of 150 sq. ft., giving an aspect ratio of 24. This, together with a 65(3)-618 laminar airfoil, gives a maximum glide ratio of approximately 35 to 1 in the initial, "dirty" condition. Empty weight is 590 lb. and gross weight is 850 lb., at a wing loading of 5.7 lb./sq. ft. Stalling speed is 43 mph. Plans call for taking it to Texas this summer for Diamond distance attempts.

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