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American Claims World Goal Record From Russia

Ben Greene of Elizabethtown, N.C., made a 456-mile flight in his Standard Austria sailplane on August 7th for which a new world soaring goal record is being claimed. He flew from Marfa, Texas, to Boise City in the Panhandle of Oklahoma, repeating a flight he had made just a few days earlier. An accurate calculation of the distance covered on the first flight found it to be one-half mile short of that necessary to establish a new record so the release for the second flight was made further south. Substantiating evidence and documentation must be approved by the National Aeronautic Assn., and the Federation Aeronautique in Paris before the flight may be considered an official record.

The current record is 443.672 mi., made in 1960 by Mikhail Vierietnikov of Russia in an A-15 sailplane. If approved, Greene's flight will be a U.S. national record, also, superceding the present one of 340.52 mi. set in 1956 by Lyle Maxey flying the Jenny Mae sailplane.

Lyle Maxey Wins NW Regional Championship

Lyle Maxey, former National Soaring Champion (1956) from Dana Point, Calif., won the Northwest Regional Soaring Championship held at Sun Valley/Hailey, Idaho, from July 22-26. He earned a total of 3445 points for the four contest days, flying the Prue Super Standard sailplane. Paul Bikle was 2nd with 3182 and Bob Moore 3rd with 3130. Rose Marie Licher was 1st in Class B with 3027 points, flying a 1-26. The highlight of the contest was the free distance day on the 24th when six pilots soared over 300 miles, including Paul Bikle's unofficial record distance of 557 miles. It is expected that a complete story on the contest will be included in the next issue of *Soaring*.

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Cover photo: The "new" RJ-5 sailplane being flown by Bernie Carris who placed second with it in the Nationals, only eight points back. The ship is still owned by Brad Straus, who bought it from Graham Thomson in 1960; however, it now has an all-metal fuselage and empennage. Photo by Alex Aldott.

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