

Paul Bikle Selected to Receive Lilienthal Medal

Paul F. Bikle has been selected as the 1962 recipient of the coveted Lilienthal Medal, the soaring world's highest honor. This award was established by FAI in 1938 and is now given to reward a particularly remarkable performance in soaring or eminent services over a long period of time on behalf of soaring. Bikle set two world soaring altitude records on one flight, an absolute altitude of 46,267 feet, and an altitude gain of 42,303 feet. Both records still stand. In addition, he has competed in two World and ten U.S. National Soaring Championships and served as president of the Soaring Society of America for the years of 1961 and 1962. His occupation is Director of the NASA Flight Research Center at Edwards AFB, Calif., where the flight testing

of the X-15 rocket plane is one of his responsibilities.

The Lilienthal Medal will be presented to Paul at the 1963 FAI General Conference, to be held in October in Mexico City, Mexico.

Other Americans who have received the Lilienthal Medal are John Robinson (1949), William Ivans (1950), Paul MacCready, Jr. (1956) and Richard Schreder (1959).

Long Soaring Flights

Information received by SSA indicates that the following soaring flights of over 150 miles have been made in the recent past:

May 30; Stanley Smith; 175 mi.; dog-legged contest flight from Westminster, Md.; 1-21; earned 1000 points.

May 31; 8 flights over 150 mi. on free distance day of Mid-Atlantic

Regional Championships at Westminster, Md.; Stan Smith, Lanier Frantz and Ben Greene, 202 mi. ea.; Del Miller, 192 mi. to claim Dia. goal and Md. state open goal record; Otto Zauner, 188 mi.; Guenther Christiansen, 179 mi.; Bill Holbrook, 169 mi.; and Wilburn/Church, 152 mi.

June 21; William Stewart; 190 mi.; from Wurtsboro, N.Y., to Snickers, Pa., and return; Ka-6; 5:05; to claim Dia. goal, Gold dist. and completion of Gold badge.

June 22; Giles Gianelloni; 196 miles; from Wurtsboro, N.Y., to Plymouth, Mass.; Ka-8B; 4:22 hr.; to earn Dia. goal and Gold dist.

June 23; Donald Brockhurst; 190 mi.; from Livermore to Porterville, Calif.; 1-26; 6:47 hr.; to earn Dia. goal and Gold dist.

June 23; Richard Cook; 189 mi.; from Livermore to Porterville, Calif.; Skylark 3F; 4:40 hr.; to earn Dia. goal, Gold dist. and complete Gold badge.

June 23; Richard N. Sisley; 190 mi.; from Fremont to Porterville, Calif.; Ka-8B; 5:45 hr.; to earn Dia. goal, Gold dist. and complete Gold badge.

June 29; James W. Leland; 218 mi.; from Colorado Springs, Colo. to Ogallala, Neb., L-K; 5:15 hr.; to claim Dia. goal, Gold dist. and completion of Gold badge.

July 2; Frances J. M. Farley; 210 mi.; from Odessa, Texas, to Fort Sumner, N.M.; 1-26; 5:09; to claim Dia. goal and Gold dist.

June 30; James LeSueur; 191 mi.; from Winfield to Scandia, Kansas; L-K; 5:00 hr.; to earn Gold dist. and complete Gold badge.

July 4; Walter Mooney; 204 mi.; 2-legged course from Inyokern, Calif.; 1-26; 7:00 hr.; to claim Dia. goal, Gold dist. and completion of Gold badge.

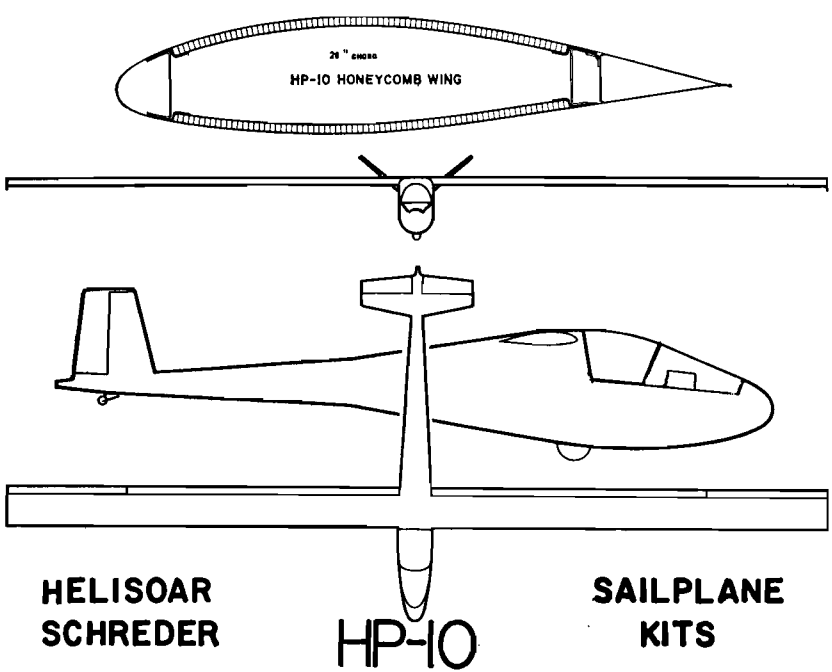
July 4; H. E. Jensen; 197 mi.; from Winfield to Atchison, Kansas; Cherokee II; 5:50 hr.; to claim Dia. goal and Gold dist.

July 4; Earl Shelor; 210 mi.; from Dodge City, Kansas, to Lexington, Neb.; 1-26; 4:36 hr.; to claim Dia. goal and Gold dist.

July 4; Fay Edwards; 193 mi.; from Winfield to Atchison, Kansas; L-K; 5:26 hr.; to claim Dia. goal.

July 9; Robert Nichols; 195 mi.; from Adrian, Mich., to Greensburg, Ind.; 1-26; 6:01 hr.; to claim Dia. goal and Gold dist.

July 13; Richard Deak; 296 mi.;



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