

spirited lot and adopted the practice of celebrating a new record or outstanding flight by carrying off the pilot in question and dumping him into the swimming pool fully clothed. This happened to Dick Johnson and Makula when they returned from their long-distance flight.

In the evenings, there were many get-togethers of singing and folk dancing and there was always a celebration for someone's birthday, or for any other excuse they could find. One night a group paraded through the area where the teams' cabins were and, by beating on doors and walls, they aroused the sleeping teams and got them to join the procession, which at one time numbered over 100 people.

The owners of the houses where we stayed often came and checked to make sure that everything was going all right and, on the final Saturday, our hosts had an "asado" for the complete team. This included a barbecued side of beef, preceded by broiled kidneys, sweetbreads, cows' udder, tripe and braided small intestines. There were unlimited amounts of wine and, of course, Coca Cola, which incidentally has become an international drink.

We were constantly besieged by autograph hunters and people who wanted to exchange coins or to procure souvenirs of the U.S.A. We were ill prepared for this and had a few thousand paper banners printed in order to have something to give them.

Because of the limited automotive equipment, we attempted to rent some bicycles. Since none were available, we tried to put an ad in the paper, but the editor insisted that we borrow his two bicycles at no charge. These proved to be quite a good-will medium, for the Argentines could not get over the sight of "Norte Americanos" riding bicycles. They apparently thought we all had Cadillacs.

There certainly was no evidence of anti-American feeling there, and we think that the team did a good job in presenting a good image of the U.S.A.

What the Argentines offered to the teams set a standard which will be difficult for future sponsors to meet. Certainly, in the case of the U.S.A., the other countries would be looking for at least as much, and probably more.

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Our thanks should go to FAVAV for the outstanding meet, the good care they took of the teams and their assistance in many ways and for an excellent contest. Special thanks should go to Mr. Danilo Frey of Aviquipo, B.A., who was of great help to the U.S. Team. Our thanks also go to the Air Force for transportation, to the many industries, clubs and individuals who supported the team through the fund drive. One of the encouraging things about the fund drive is the increased number of SSA members and clubs that are participating. One of the disappointing factors was the rather limited support we received from the aircraft industry. It appears that, due to the tight government regulations on contributions and the limited profits of aircraft manufacture, we can not expect as much help in the future as we have previously received from this source. It is hoped that, if the trend of increased support from the SSA members and clubs continues, the SSA could eventually support by itself the cost of sending a team to the Internationals.

It is felt that considerable progress was made this year in team organization and operation, which will be helpful in future international competition.

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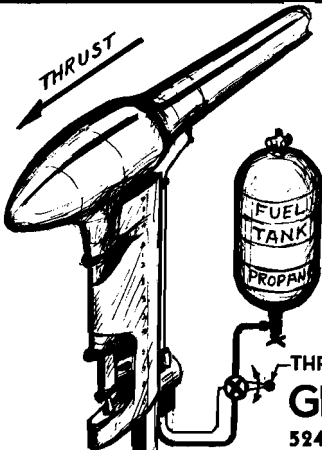
"Glowed:" past tense of glide!

Idea Corner

Here are two ideas submitted by Ted Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer Variometers.

(1) A simple rivet-squeezer can be made from a DE-STA-CO plier clamp, manufactured by DE-STA-CO Corp., Detroit 3, Mich. Slide two pieces of pipe over the handles and you have a terrific rivet squeezer. This tool comes in handy for all you metal sailplane builders.

(2) For drilling holes in plastics or plexiglass, i.e., canopy cover holes (any size from $\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ "), use a counter sink. Either $82\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ or 60° angle will do. This type of cutter will not catch or grip the plexiglass which in turn prevents cracking. You actually can hold a piece of plexiglass without any backing up and drill through the piece without it cracking.



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