

feet were observed in all quadrants from Hailey airport. The weather was finally starting to return to normal for this area. 26 July was the fourth and final contest day. A speed task of 46 miles to Fairfield, Idaho, Airport and return was set. A short task was necessary so that scoring could be completed in time for the banquet that evening. Everyone had to complete the task by 6:00 P.M. or call in their location by that time. The task was the same for class II. Ten of twelve pilots in the open class finished and two out of three in class II also completed the course. The weather was similar to the previous day with scattered cumulus clouds and light winds aloft.

SSA Regional Championships rules were complied with, and no

deviations were made except for turn point identification. Photograph identification was used on two of the speed task days very successfully, as approved by the chairman of the SSA Rules Committee. Mandatory requirements of the free distance day was criticized by many, the feeling being that this should be optional, rather than compulsory, with the contest committee. Reasons advanced were: 1. The desire not to lose a day's flying during a short contest (due to a rest day following a free distance day) and 2, excessive long retrieves if the conditions were really "super." These should be considered in up-dating next year's rules.

Provisions of a class II competition in conjunction with a Regional for lower performance sailplanes did not interfere with open class competition nor significantly complicate operations and did result in a new United States woman's distance record. Class II competition, based either on ship performance or on pilot experience would seem to be desirable in future contests.

On the social side, contest activities began Sunday evening, 21 July with a combined registration and get-acquainted cocktail party at the Harriman House at Sun Valley and ended with a banquet on the Lodge terrace. Trophies were presented to first, second and third place winners in the open class. They were large silver bowls of fine quality. Suitable trophies were also awarded to first and second place in class II.

Accommodations for all tastes were available in the Ketchum-Sun Valley area along with a wide variety of recreational facilities. Louis Stur, our Contest Manager, was responsible for making all of the above mentioned social arrangements, plus 1001 other things. The Idaho Wing, Civil Air Patrol was a co-sponsor of the contest and provided personnel in all areas, including the Timer, Starter, Communications, Tow Pilots and flight line help. They also furnished tent, chairs, black boards, field phones, VHF radios, etc. The Columbia Basin Soaring Association assisted in scoring and other arrangements. All of the contest personnel were new to soaring and had never attended a contest of any type prior to our Sun Valley meet. I feel they did an excellent job and hope to duplicate it again in the future.

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