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## 1964 Nationals to be at McCook, Nebraska

The SSA Directors have voted to accept the bid of the Nebraska Soaring Association to sponsor the 1964 U. S. National Soaring Championships. The contest will be held at the McCook State Airport, eight miles north of McCook, Nebraska, from June 30th through July 9th. Cosponsor will be the McCook Chamber of Commerce.

McCook State Airport has three 7500-foot concrete runways and is used exclusively by the Nebraska Soaring Association. Thermals there often exceed 10,000 feet and the surrounding terrain is generally clear and smooth.

Over 50 of America's top soaring pilots are expected to compete for the 1964 National Championship with the finest array of high-performance sailplanes ever gathered together in this country.

Selection of the contest site for 1964 was made very difficult for the SSA Directors because all of the three bids submitted were most excellent. Besides McCook, Adrian, Mich., and Hobbs, N. M., were in serious contention and they are bound to be winners in future years.

There follows the text of a letter received by SSA from the 1964 Nationals Contest Manager:

The Nebraska Soaring Association wishes to express our thanks to all concerned for the acceptance of our bid for the 1964 Soaring Championships. We want to assure SSA that we will do all in our power to have an interesting and successful contest. The whole area is behind our project.

Some of the family extra curricular activities that are tentatively planned are a barbeque at the nearby Butler Lake, golf, swimming, boating, fishing, and a final banquet. In addition, we promise to keep all the Indians on the reservation for the duration of the contest, and the 7th Cavalry will be at full strength during this period.

We will supply to SSA frequent bulletins as to our plans and progress. Any correspondence may be directed to NSA, Box 491, McCook, Nebraska 69001.

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Cover photo: The German Kranich III sailplane recently purchased by the Lilienthal Soaring Club of California from the Institute f. Segelflugforschung/Freiburg i. Br. Germany, where the ship was used primarily for high altitude research and development work by Dr. E. Forwein and Flight Captain Hanna Reitch. This particular sailplane was specially modified for low temperature work at high altitudes and features all ball-bearing controls and push rods for the ailerons. Other details are as follows: span, 61 ft.; length, 30 ft.; wing area, 230 sq. ft.; aspect ratio, 16; max. glide ratio, 31 to 1; min. sink, 2.1 fps; empty weight, 660 lb; placard speed, 150 mph; wood wings and empennage, steel-tube fuselage; spoilers and DFS-type dive brakes; fixed landing wheel; designer, Hans Jacobs (designer of the Weihe); manufacturer, Focke-Wolf; number built, about 20. In the front seat is student Ursula Schaefer and her instructor is Kurt W. Kuhn. They are flying near Skylark Field, Elsinore, Calif., the club's base. Photo by Jim Goss.

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