

EXPERIMENTAL SAILPLANES PERMITTED CLOUD FLYING

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SAA Governmental Rules and Regulations Committee

The SSA Governmental Rules and Regulations Committee has been aware of the problem existing in regards to nonuniformity of operations limitations on experimental sailplanes. Wide variations in these limitations are encountered as FAA General Aviation inspectors have interpreted administrative procedures which were not spelled out clearly. In particular, this has often meant that a prohibition against cloud flying and night flying was included.

Recent meetings and telephone conversations with FAA in Washington indicate that these problems are going to be worked out in the very near future. Mr. B. S. Seltenreich, Chief, General Aviation

Maintenance Branch, Flight Standards Service, indicated that a directive covering new procedures in the issuance of operations limitations would be mailed from Washington and should be in the hands of FAA General Safety Office representatives by the time this magazine reaches you. Although time is short, it will enable individuals planning to complete in the Nationals to have the cloud flying prohibition removed from their operating limitations. Mr. Seltenreich further pointed out that the FAA would have a representative at McCook, Nebr. and that this man would be specifically authorized to rewrite any operations limitations not conforming to the new policy.

Bibliography on Soaring

Recent articles or items on soaring which have appeared in non-soaring publications.

National Aeronautics, June, pp. 12-13 "Torey Pines" by William S. Ivans. Illustrated article on the 18th National Pacific Coast Mid-Winter Championships.

Air Progress, April/May, pp. 75-86. "Soaring Progress" by Richard Miller. Article traces progress of soaring in the USA, based on a survey of soaring sites and articles within a 70-mile radius of New York City.

Air Progress, June/July, pp. 10-11. Cutaway drawing, photos and brief description of the Dutch sailplane Sagitta. p.24. Item on French powered sailplane, Alpvavia.

Interavia, Jan. pp. 86-87. "Gliding Research in the Space Age." Comprehensive survey of OSTIV and its contribution to the present and the future of motorless flight. Introductory chapter discusses the role of gliders in connection with space exploration as exemplified by NASA's M-2 motorless aircraft.

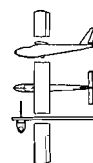
Flight International, March, p. 474. Excerpt from the report by Philip Wills on soaring activities in England given during the annual meeting of the British Gliding Association.

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