



Aerial view of the McCook State Airport, Nebr., site of the 31st Annual U.S. National Soaring Championships. The runways are 7,500 feet long, the elevation is 2,784 MSL. Concrete apron, to the right of the runway, has ample tiedown space, equipped with imbedded rings. The field is used only by NSA and there is no controlled air space within 25 miles. Note the flat country surrounding the airport, looks like good thermal breeding land.

Nationals Notes

Things are cooking at McCook, Nebr. in preparation for the 31st National Soaring Championships according to the Nebraska Soaring Association, sponsors of the event.

All new tow ropes are being readied with Schweizer rings. Ropes are $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch polypropylene and test at 2,500 pounds. Contestants requiring weak links for their sailplanes should bring their own.

There will be oxygene available in commercial size tanks, but bring your own fill lines.

Although several B-29 hangars are now empty of storage wheat, NSA could not promise hagar space at the time this notice reached SSA

headquarters (April 18th). However, when space becomes definitely available, all registered applicants will be notified by personal letter.

Barographs should be calibrated before leaving for the contest. There are no facilities for calibration at McCook, but overnight service to Denver (250 miles) can be arranged.

DAILY BULLETINS

NSA's Bruce Snyder will provide the traditional National Daily Bulletin Service. To subscribe, send \$1 together with 13 self-addressed envelopes, with postage affixed for class of mail desired to NSA, Box 491, McCook, Nebraska 69001.

SSA Directors to Meet

The SSA Directors will hold their next semiannual Board meeting on Friday, July 10, 1964, at McCook, Nebraska. In order to be represented properly, members with views on subjects of concern to them should make them known to their Regional Directors. Agendas for the meeting will be prepared and mailed to all Directors in mid-June.

SSA's Annual Meeting Set

The annual meeting of The Soaring Society of America, Inc., has been scheduled for 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 8, 1964, at McCook, Nebraska. The exact location will be posted on the bulletin board for the National Championships which will be in progress then at McCook State Airport.

The meeting will be open to all members to hear such business as may properly come before the meeting, a report on the activities of the Society, and the constructive suggestions and comments of the members present.

U.S.S.R. Record Claim

A new Masculine, Multiplace, Distance to a Fixed Point record of 690 kms. (428.74 mi. has been claimed by the Russians. The flight was made on April 24, 1964 by Pavel Antonov, pilot with Valeryi Oplatchko as passenger in a Blanik.

The present record (pending FAI approval of the Russian claim), is 636.6 kms. (395.6 mi.), held by Poland, established on August 8, 1962 by pilot Francizek Kepka, Jr. with passenger Edward Lopato in a Bocian.

U.S. National record is held by Harold Hutchinson established on August 4, 1956 with a flight of 246.07 mi. (399.24 kms.), from Grand Prairie, Tex. to Tulsa, Okla. in an LK-10A.

EL MIRAGE FIELD, HOME OF THE BG-12's



and Briegleb Soaring School, Box 101, Adelanto, Calif.

NOTE!

The following interpretation of existing rules has been established by the SSA Contest Board and will be effective immediately under SSA procedures for FAI awards:

Pilots trying for FAI awards on the same day and same or different flight may act as SSA Observers for each other; however, they may not act as each other's turn point observer nor landing observer.