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The events of the preceding two months, the Nationals and the three World Records, considerably strained the available editorial space of the magazine, with the result that we could not publish the reports on a number of soaring contests held throughout the country.

We apologize to the clubs and their correspondents who sent us the articles on their events. A number of them are published in this issue, others will appear in the subsequent ones.

We also apologize for the lateness of the September *Soaring*; this was caused by our endeavor to do a thorough reporting job on the three records, which meant copious correspondence with the various authors, rounding up photographs, preparing the barogram (done by Lloyd Licher), maps and finally editing and assembling all the bits and pieces into a cohesive presentation. In addition, we still needed other material in order to give balance to the magazine. A break down of one of the presses at the printing plant further delayed matters.

As you have noticed, the September *Soaring* was a bigger book, it contained 32 pages instead of the usual 28. We were able to do this because of increase in advertisement which just about absorbed the cost of the four extra pages. We wish we could do it with all subsequent issues but advertising space fluctuates from month to month, and as a result, it's not economically feasible to permanently increase the size of the publication at the present time. Page-wise, it must follow the advertising curve, until such time when the advertising space is equal to at least 30 percent of the magazine size.

We would like to ask our contributors to send in their articles and reports by the 15th of the month preceding publication date.

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Cover Photo. Prue Super Standard owned by Dr. Wylie H. Mullen of the Chicago Glider Club, banks in a thermal over the Illinois country side. In this sailplane, S. "Alex" Aldott, who took the photograph, made a 465-mile cross country flight from Odessa Tex. to Leoti, Kan. on the same day that Al Parker established the World Distance record of 647 miles.

\$5 will be paid for any picture submitted if used for the cover.

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