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New NAA Head

Major General Brooke E. Allen will assume the post of Executive Director of the National Aeronautic Association as of January 1, 1966, upon his retirement from the Air Force. General Allen is a native of North Carolina. He graduated from Davidson College in 1933 with a BA degree and completed his flight training at Kelly Field, Texas, the following year.

At the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor General Allen was in command of a B-17 squadron based at Hickam Field. He succeeded in getting one of his B-17's airborne during the attack and piloted it in a vain search for the Japanese Task Force. When he landed at dusk with two engines out from fuel exhaustion he had completed the first bombardment combat sortie of World War II.

General Allen has had a distinguished career in the Air Force since the war. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Nation's second highest award, the Silver Star, and a number of others. His assumption of the NAA post is considered a very fortunate occurrence at this time.

Turn Point Panels

The issue of Soaring reporting the Western Regionals contains a quote that illustrates a frequent irritant in closed-course tasks:

"The sore point of the day was the panel situation at Lovelock (a turn point). Bill Ivans spent 14 minutes looking and only found them when what he thought was a sidewalk got up and moved."

The president of the Orange County Soaring Assn., who assisted in the recent Western Championships, has devised a turn-point marker that has received the enthusiastic plaudits of competition pilots who have searched for them in meets. The "Dunlavy Panels", as they have come to be known, use a single long iridescent orange panel which is always laid on the ground in a north-south axis. A smaller square panel, also orange, is then moved haphazardly around the outside of the long panel at 15-minute intervals during the period when contestants are making their turns. A contestant must locate the small square, note the time, and describe its location in terms of a



Photo: Doug Lamont

clock face (e.g., the square is at 11 o'clock in the photo.) and report his observation to the contest committee as proof of his having reached the turn point at the time claimed. Experience has shown that although the panel can be spotted from some distance away, it is necessary to fly over the panel to ascertain the exact location of the small square.