

Evening activities got under way with a banquet designed to please everyone. After dinner Max Marshall, SSD club president, thanked all contestants, crews and club members for their role in making this competition so successful. He described SSD activities that make the club a prosperous and dynamic organization. High light of the evening came when our guest speaker, Mr. Alfons Hegale, Air Force expert on parachutes, gave us a color-slide and movie presentation on parachute history, development and use.

At the pilots' meeting on Monday, Memorial Day, it was decided to have another speed event so that everyone could be back in time for the trophy presentations. It was decided to go to Portland, Indiana, and back for a 98-mile round-trip event. Dean Svec and A. J. Smith again flew their Sisus superbly for speeds of 50.00 mph and 1000 points and 48.28 mph and 969 points respectively. Uncle Joe Conn (SHK) took honors for third place for the day with a speed of 42.24 mph and 861 points. Chuck Kohls made the trip in his 1-26 at 19.76 mph to clinch the special trophy for 1-26 pilots. Thirteen pilots made the round trip.

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This reporter kept alert for all possible human-interest items and this appears to be a good place to spot them. This year, for the first time, we had three feminine pilots. Dorothy Thomson flew a K-6 while Rosemary Alden and Gloria Richards flew 1-26's. Dorothy described her efforts one day with "I took off at precisely 3 o'clock and landed right here at precisely 3:30." Julian Allen, on the first day, was last man off. A curiosity seeker asked him why he waited so long to leave. He replied, "It's only 100 miles!" Julian and his 2-32 almost made it. Mike Sayres and Jim Pears aero towed their Standard Austria to the meet from Columbus, Ohio, to rate the Optimist's trophy. Angus Thomson landed on a farm owned by the finest people he ever met. He drank three cups of tea with them and later stated, "I don't like tea at all." Angus and Dorothy recently came to us from England. They drive over from Indianapolis (80 miles) to fly with SSD every weekend. From an unknown source came, "I was getting along just great. Then I got off tow." Bob Pflieger, when calling in, asked the operator for time and charges so he could reimburse these fine people. He was told it was 10 cents for three minutes. He was then heard to exclaim, "It's gotta be more than a dime to Richmond." Jim Hurst called in the next day and proudly announced, "At least this is a long distance call." He was eight miles out. On his return, John Kuhn was asked by his crewman to see if he had the car keys. He did. Joe Smith, the FBO, was asked if the lights in the camping area could be turned off at night to minimize embarrassment. He replied with, "Just bark loudly and don't worry about it."

Under an early evening sky exhibiting many lenticulars (which is very unusual in this flat-land area) trophies were awarded. Out of a possible 3000 points, A. J. Smith won 2965, Dean Svec took 2861 and Joe Conn placed third with 2317. The team of Schuemenn, Ormsbee and W. E. Rogers placed 4th in their Libelle-301 to win the Team Trophy. John Bierens flew his K-6 for 2090 points winning the Handicap Trophy. As stated earlier, Chuck Kohls took the 1-26 Trophy.

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