

THE GERMAN NATIONALS REFOCUSSED

In his report on the 1966 German National Championships in the September **Soaring**, Mr. David Stevenson has created a somewhat distorted picture by his performance assessment of the various sailplanes flown in the meet. By using a first, a fifth or a ninth place showing as a basis to judge the merits of some new designs, while disregarding the pilot factor, he demonstrates his unfamiliarity with competition soaring as it exists today.

We have in question three prototypes, one of them flown by a well-known champion and international contest pilot, the others by two newcomers to national competition. This alone is reason enough to consider Mr. Stevenson's criteria for his comparisons as inadequate.

Future contests should offer a more precise answer, when more than one of each type will be entered, and perhaps flown by pilots with comparable experience.

As to the Standard Class, where most new types were entered in sufficient quantities to minimize luck and other factors, why not let each pilot draw his own conclusions?

Open Class Results (15 qualifiers)

Pilot	Sailplane
1. Spaenig**°	BS-1
2. Kuntz*°	SHK
3. Waibel*	D-36
4. Gailing°	SHK
5. Kremer	AS-12
6. Schneider	D-36
7. Hillenbrand	Libelle
8. Bucher	SHK
9. Jonda	Hidalgo
10. Boetcher°	SHK
11. Neubert	Libelle
12. Portmann	Libelle
13. Friderici	Geier
14. Schliewa	HKS-2
15. Hammer	Kria

Standard Class Results (49 qualifiers)

1. Lindner**	Phoebus
2. Huth*****°	K-6E
3. Fischer	K-6E
4. Grosse°°	K-6E
5. Gloeckl	Phoebus
6. Schaeuble	K-6E
7. Dr. Gross	K-6E
8. Knudsen	K-10
9. Peter°	K-6E
10. Goetz	SF-27
11. Franz	K-10
12. Schweizer	K-6E
13. Reichmann	SF-27
14. Laur*°	K-6E
15. Tonner	K-10

* denotes winning championships

° denotes second place finishes

Sailplanes Entered

K-6CR & K-6BR	17
K-6E	9
Phoebus	8
SF-27	4
K-10	3
L-Spatz	3
Foka	2
Zugvogel 4	1
SB-7	1
Edelweiss	1
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