

## Austrian Nationals

The 1966 Austrian national competition, held at Mariazell from May 29 to June 11, was won by Johann Fritz flying a Libelle. In the course of the contest he accumulated 6527.3 points. Harro Wodl, in a K-6CR, was second with 6319.9 points. K-6's of one designation or another, also placed third, fifth, sixth, eighth and tenth. An SF-27, flown by Dr. Alf Shubert, ended in fourth place, an SHK flown by German guest Reinhold Stuhr, seventh. The only other fiberglass glider listed in the top standings was the Diamant, piloted by Erich Gerber, which finished ninth.

## OSTIV Weather Course

O.S.T.I.V. announces that an *International Training Course for Meteorological Forecaster in Soaring Flight* will be conducted next spring in Calcinat del Pesce (Varese) Italy. Applicants to this course should preferably be recruited from people employed in the meteorological services of their respective countries, or working in close cooperation with them. They should be chosen with a view to their working later in forecasting for soaring flights or giving lessons in soaring meteorology to a national association of soaring pilots.

The lessons will be given by well-known specialists in soaring meteorology from different countries and will include the following general items:

- ★ Synoptical meteorology; analysis of air masses, climatology, as far as they are useful to soaring forecasting.

- ★ Theories about thermal currents and waves.

- ★ Knowledge of the different methods of atmospheric soundings and their evaluation for soaring.

- ★ Familiarization with forecasts and briefings for soaring pilots; choice of a competition task according to the daily situation.

- ★ Aerodynamics of flight with sailplanes; techniques of high-performance soaring.

The fee for the three-week course, which will include accommodation and full board, the theoretical and practical lessons and the costs of organization, including some flights, will be \$220 per participant. Applications should be sent, not later than December 1, 1966, to O.S.T.I.V. Secretariat, NLM-Atoomgebouw, Schiphol Airport, Holland.

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## Bibliography on Soaring

Recent articles or items on soaring which have appeared in non-soaring publications.

*Flying*, Sept. 1966, pp. 52-61. "Soaring" by Ed Mack Miller. With a little nudge from his editor a veteran of 25 years of flying in all sorts of aircraft takes the glider course at Black Forest Gliderport. The coverage also includes half a dozen color shots, taken at Torrey Pines by James Collison, another six in black and white.

*National Aeronautics*, Sept., 1966, pp. 18-20. "A Salute to U.S. Soaring Pilots" by Sandor "Alex" Aldott with eight color photographs by Dita and Sandor Aldott. The United States currently holds six of the eight single-place world soaring records, all but one of which was made in U.S.-built aircraft. The text and photos commemorate the record holders.

*National Motorist*, Sept.-Oct., 1966, pp. 15-16. "Birds Without Feathers" by Virginia Black. Another down-to-earth, general-interest article by Miss Black, whose writings on powerless flight have been appearing with increasing regularity in national magazines.

*Sports Illustrated*, August 1, 1966, pp. 28-37. "Sailors of the Shadowed Skies" and "The Long Ride Home" by Harold Peterson. A half-dozen color photographs in "Sailors" tells of the beauty of recreational soaring at Sugarbush, Vt. while author Peterson, who accompanied the Moffats to the Nationals, writes of the stresses and stimulus of competitive soaring at the top level.

## State Soaring Records

Approved since the table published in the May, 1966 issue.

Arizona singleplace by Allan Groth, Open & Senior dist. & goal, 33.7 mi. from Phoenix to Mesa; April 10; Olympia IIB.

Arizona singleplace by Richard Hlavinka, Open & Senior alt. & alt. gain, 13,500'/10,200'; April 24; Cherokee II.

Arizona Multiplace by Joseph C. Lincoln with son John, Open dist. (260 Mi., from Prescott to Grants, N.M., April 23), alt. (17,100') and alt. gain (10,300'); 2-32.

Wisconsin multiplace by Gunter Voltz with Dennis Streit, Open & Senior alt. gain, 5200' at West Bend; 2-22E.

Wisconsin singleplace by Gordon Voltz, Junior dist., 35 mi.; May 29; 1-26.

New Jersey singleplace by Karl W. Kretschmer, Open and Senior G&R, 136 mi.; Aug. 6; K-8B; from Somerset, N.J., to Wurtsboro, N.Y., and return.