

SOARING PROSPECTS AT MARFA . . .

to report the landing place co-ordinates, so from a nearby town he had called his secretary in Denver, and asked her to get on to Marfa. . . .

All day conditions remained difficult. The cloud base, which only went up to 3,000ft above the ground, with rugged country underneath, provided really tough going. In the Ardoin region the mountains and the clouds met. The evening brought some news of landing damage, John Firth, Canada, having hit a fence post in his HP-11A. Fortunately Dick Schreder, the designer and builder, was at Marfa, and was fetched from his bed so that the glider could fly the next day. Wödl, Open Class world champion, and Deleurant, Canada, both landed in inaccessible places, and special arrangements were going to have to be made to get them as even a ranch truck would have problems. Deleurant walked 28 miles before he could even get news out. By midnight one pilot, Neubert, Germany, in the 22m Kestrel, was still unreported.

1015hr June 23 *Delta November*, Neubert's Kestrel, was located a short time ago, undamaged, by the search aircraft. It had landed in the Guadalupe Peak area, in the mountains north of Ardoin, 20 miles north of Eagle Flat (pumping) station. A few minutes ago the pilot, who was not with the glider, was located, and is now in radio contact with his crew. The task for the second day is not to be postponed.

The best return for the day came from the Poles, Makula in the Open Class 17m Kobra being the only pilot to crack 500km. He went 506km, with the two Standard Class Kobras 490km. It was certainly not the best day for the big new ships. The top of the Open Class list was really international, the places being Poland, Argentina, France, West Germany, Italy, Brazil, with Britain's John Delafield tenth. Con Greaves was third in the Standard Class having used the Carlsbad turn-point, and then flown south-east, into the wind, but in somewhat less erratic conditions.

An interesting aspect of this first day was the greater distances flown by the visitors than by the local pilots. The US has perhaps four of the most able pilots here, but suffered a considerable setback on this task. But perhaps one of the most interesting things about gliding championships is that the visiting pilot rarely seems to find himself at much of a disadvantage.

COMPETITION RESULTS—DAY 1

Open Class: 1, Makula, Poland (1,000); 2, Hossinger, Argentina (974); 3, Labar, France (926); 4, Grosse, W Germany (921); 5, Zoli, Italy (855); 6, Munch, Brazil (805); 7, Rizzi, Argentina (793); 8, Ehrat, Switzerland (770); 9, Mercier, France (759); 10, Delafield, Gt Britain (630).

Standard Class: 1, Wroblewski, Poland (1,000); 2, Kepka, Poland (998); 3, Johannessen, Norway (913); 4, Greaves, Gt Britain (865); 5, Cameron, New Zealand (823); also 5, Reichmann, W Germany (823); 7, Nietispach, Switzerland (794); 8, Walbel, W Germany (704); 9, Stouffs, Belgium (642); 10, Junqueira, Brazil (639).

The daily task-winner in each class is awarded 1,000 points, and other placings are calculated on a *pro rata* basis.

12th WORLD SOARING CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 21 to July 4, 1970, Presidio County Airport, Marfa, Texas, USA

List of competitors in alphabetical order

Pilot	Country	Sailplane	Comp. No.	Pilot	Country	Sailplane	Comp. No.
Rudolph Allemann	USA	Libelle	TP*	Jacques Mattern	France	LS-1C	34*
Alberto Araoz	Argentina	Phoebus B	LW*	Michel Mercier	France	ASW 12	FM
Goran Ax	Sweden	Phoebus C	TA	Wolfram Mix	Canada	Cirrus	24*
Menahem Bar	Israel	Sisu 1A	5L	George Moffat	USA	Nimbus	XX
Patrick Beatty	South Africa	BJ-4B	4B				
				Ed Mout-Biggs	South Africa	Cirrus	74*
Urs Bloch	Switzerland	ASW 15	80*	George Munch	Brazil	HP-13M	44
Caupolican Boisset	Chile	Cirrus	CP	Walter Neubert	West Germany	Kestrel	DN
Ib Braes	Denmark	Libelle	HU	H. Nietispach	Switzerland	Libelle	81*
George Burton	Great Britain	Kestrel 19	GB	Carlos Perez	Chile	Cirrus	BJ
Allan Cameron	New Zealand	Libelle	59*				
				Giovanni Perotti	Italy	Libelle	40*
Robert Clifford	South Africa	ASW 15	75*	Gyorgy Petroczy	Hungary	SH-1	6X*
Willi Deleurant	Canada	Libelle	TR*	Ake Pettarason	Sweden	Diamant 18	LE
Leif Corydon	Denmark	Phoebus C	31	Ferruccio Piludu	Italy	Libelle	41*
Louis de Dorlodot	Belgium	ASW 12	8D	Helmut Reichmann	West Germany	LS-1	84*
George Defosse	Belgium	BS-1	BS				
				Ross Field	New Zealand	ASW 15	51*
John Delafield	Great Britain	ASW 12	GD	Dick Reparson	Netherlands	ASW 15	47*
Emil Ehrat	Switzerland	AN66	LL	Roberto Rizzi	Argentina	Cirrus	AR
Ivan Evans	New Zealand	Cirrus	PV	Sture Rodling	Sweden	Libelle	77*
Othmar Fahrfaellner	Austria	LS-1C	11*	John Rowe	Australia	Cirrus	LB
John Firth	Canada	HP-11A	NN				
				Ernst Schrafl	Austria	LS-1C	10*
Saburo Fujikura	Japan	Diamant 16.5	SR	Dick Schreder	Hors Concours	HP-16	75*
Dick Georgeson	New Zealand	Cirrus	NT	Aff Schubert	Austria	Kestrel	AL
Jean Claude Gombert	France	WA-25	35A	Ekkehard Schubert	Brazil	Urupema	55*
Andy Gough	Great Britain	Cirrus	72*	Wallace Scott	USA	ASW 12	WA
Con Greaves	Great Britain	Libelle	71*				
				Niels Seistrup	Denmark	LS-1b	WR*
H. W. Grosse	West Germany	ASW 12	DH	A. J. Smith	USA	LS-1	1*
Vishwa Gupta	India	Ka-6CR	9R*	Henry Stouffs	Belgium	LS-1G	20*
Seppo Hamalainen	Finland		*	Kornel Tury	Hungary	Phoebus B	OK*
Walter Hansson	Sweden	Libelle	78*	Luis Urbancic	Argentina	Libelle	HE*
Juhani Horma	Finland	Phoebus C	FH				
				Ed van Bree	Netherlands	ASW 15	46*
Rolf Hossinger	Argentina	Cirrus	AH	J. van Steinfoorn	Netherlands	Diamant 18	NV
Maxwell Howland	Australia	Libelle	14*	Walter Vergani	Italy	Kestrel	LV
David Innes	Guernsey	Libelle	5R	Gerhard Walbel	West Germany	ASW 15	BT*
Maurice Jackson	South Africa	BJ-4A	4A	Juan Waplinger	Peru	Skylark 4	70
Malcolm Jinks	Australia	Diamant 18	68				
				David Webb	Canada	Kestrel	CW
Tor Johannessen	Norway	Cirrus	30*	Matias Wiltanen	Finland	Phoebus C	FW
Claudio Junqueira	Brazil	Urupema	59*	Harro Wödl	Austria	D-36 V-2	A
Franciszek Kepka	Poland	Kobra 15	38*				
Camille Labar	France	ASW 12	FL	Jan Wroblewski	Poland	Kobra 15	37*
Holger Lindhardt	Denmark	Cirrus	EK*				
				Venceslav Zakel	Yugoslavia	Diamant 17.2	TX
Ian Loughran	India	Ka-6CRPE	MV*	Bert Zepala	Belgium	Libelle	21*
Juan Lyon	Chile	Phoebus A	95*	Angelo Zoli	Italy	Kestrel	LT
Edward Makula	Poland	Kobra 17	PM				
Robert Martin	Australia		*				

* Standard class