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These data were first completed in 1982. As editor of *free flight* magazine at the time, and now as part of its production team, I need all imaginable references. For their effort to supply the data, I would like to thank the following past and present chairmen – Russ Flint and Dave Hennigar (records), Boris Karpoff, Larry Springfield and Walter Weir (badges).

awards & trophies

The first edition of this document was issued in 1993 and each club received a copy then.

The SAC Procedures Manual of 1982 got me started on names and trophy criteria by Bob Gairns. Flight data were extracted from *free flight* magazines where available, and through contact with individual pilots – by snail mail, before e-mail was known.

other info sources

After the initial set-up in 1992, *free flight*, Minutes of meetings, annual reports by directors and committees, and also the Roundtable, remain the major source of information.

It has been a rewarding experience.

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origin and updating of this book

This document – The Book of the Best – presents the evolution of soaring achievements in Canada since 1945. The extensive flight and aircraft data make it a comprehensive history of records flown and diamond badges earned, trophy recipients for each year's best flights, national contest champions, and awards to pilots who gave freely of their time for the betterment of the sport. Any pilot has a chance to achieve and belong "to the best".

This document is a work in progress and is divided into two parts :

Book 1

- Canadian diamond & 750 km badges, 1000 km+ diploma
- General awards & trophies
- Competition trophies
- Canadian Teams in world championships
- Retired trophies & scholarships

Book 2

- World records flown by Canadian pilots
- Canadian territorial & citizen records divided into classes

The information is as up-to-date as possible and I encourage you to tell me of any error or omission. This includes names and places or about-turnpoints on your flights as longitudes and latitudes from GPS recorders don't tell a good story. Only with your help can this document become complete. Please help set the records straight!

Each book is updated annually and posted as .pdf file on the SAC web site after the annual general meeting of the Soaring Association of Canada.

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trophy
Wave Stachow wave trophy
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A

Aero Club of BC Roden
Aero Club Harmony see Harmony
Aero Club des Outardes
see Outardes
Air Currency Enhancement Society
Roden
Agnew, John D. ▲ instr SAC
Allan, Vaughan BAIC Can SAC
Allardyce, Jay ▲ O'Kef
Ames, Jack W. ▲
BAIC B&C Can Shell Rec worlds
Anders, Ralph BAIC Rec
Anderson, Jeff Wave
Apps, Chris 200 fltcert Jon
Apps, Michael (Mike) ▲
1000k BAIC Can Dia Dow
fltcert Hawk Rec Wave worlds
Argerami, Martin Wave
Audette, Julien J. ▲
B&C Can Dia nonSAC Rec Tiss

B

Bachynski, John 200
Backman, Philip fltcert SAC
Baeggli, Hans Hawk O'Kef
Baker, David (Dave) ▲ fltcert instr
Ballinger, D.B. Dia
Band, Don Rec
Baranowski, Les ▲ Rec
Barritt, Marion Rec
Bastien, Yves Dia
Bayly, GHU (Terk) Dia
Beasley, Terence (Terry) ▲
B&C SAC
Beattie, Jason Jon
Beattie, Jay Rec Wave
Beaulieu, Pierre fltcert
Bégin, Bruno O'Kef
Belchamber, Dave ▲ SAC
Bell, Tom ▲ instr
Benko, Todd fltcert
Bennett, Kevin A. ▲ BAIC B&C Can
Dia fltcert instr Rec Wave worlds
Bentley, Don Carman
Berg, Hans W. CALPA Dia Dow fltcert
Berinstain, Alain O'Kef
Binder, Hans BAIC Can
Bisscheroux, John Dia
Bissell, Kerry ▲ Dia fltcert
Blackburn, Mel 200 Dia Wave
Blanchard, Andrew 200
Blood, Guy Dia SOSA
Bluenose Soaring Club Roden
Blunden, George Dia Dow
Boesch, Oscar Dia hlife Tiss
Boily, Gilles Dia SOSA
Bonnière, Dominique (Nick)
750k BAIC Dia Dow fltcert MSC
Rec worlds
Boudreault, Ovilla (Shorty)
hlife Rec worlds

Bourque, Sylvain ▲ instr Janz
Bowe, Joe instr
Boyle, Selena see Phillips-Boyle
Brame, Frank ▲
BAIC Can Rec Shell worlds
Brayshaw, James B. (Bernie)
Dia SOSA
Brennan, John ▲ 200
Brewin, Ken ▲ Janz
Brisson, Ben instr
Brother Hormisdas Gamelin ▲
nonSAC SAC
Brown, Derek Wave
Bruce, Gordon ▲ hlife Janz
instr Tiss
Bruce, Norm ▲ hlife
Buckingham Gliding Club Roden
Buhr, Glen Rec
Bungey, Lloyd M. ▲ Rec
Burany, Stephen Dia
Burrows, John SOSA
Burton, A.W. (Tony) ▲
BAIC B&C Can Dia Dow fltcert
nonSAC Rec SAC Tiss Wave
Burton, Ursula see Wiese
Burwash, Lewis (Buzz)
200 BAIC Can Dia
Butts, Thomas 200

C

Cadieux, Emmanuel worlds
Canadian Rockies SC Roden
Carlson, Robert I. (Bob) ▲ 200
Carpenter, Jim ▲ B&C Dow
Hawk Mix Shell worlds
Carson, Doug instr
Cattaruzza, Ron Dow SOSA
Central Alberta GC Roden
Chabot, Henry O'Kef
Champlain, AVVC Janz
Chernecki, Ted Wave
Cheston, John R. (Bob)
BAIC nonSAC Rec
Chmela, Walter
B&C Dia instr nonSAC Rec Tiss
Claudi, Ron Rec Shell
Coates, Lee Dia O'Kef
Cold Lake Soaring Club Roden
Cole, Bill ▲ CALPA worlds
Cook, Daniel (Dan) ▲ Janz
Cook, Mike 200
Cook, Richard M. Dia Rec
Cormier, Gilbert 200
Coulson, Tom ▲ instr O'Kef
Craig, Allan Graeme ▲ Dia
Crocker, Rod SOSA
Crutcher, Rodney, A. (Rod)
Dia O'Kef Wave
Cservenka, Toni see Williams
Cumming, Jim 200
Cu Nim Gliding Club Roden
Cypihot, Pierre Dow
Czerwinski, Waclaw SAC

D

Daly, Daniel G. (Dan) ▲ Dia Janz
Daniel, Alan 200
Deans, Bryan CGull
Dekina, Vlada 200
Deleurant, Willi B&C Can Dia
Dow Hawk Rec Shell worlds
Devries, Calvin SOSA
Diaz, Francisco Dia
DiPietro, Robert (Bob) ▲ Dia
Dittbrenner, Gerhard Janz
Dixon, Jeffrey SOSA
Doetsch, Karl ▲ B&C SAC
Domaradzki, George ▲ instr
Douglas, Len instr
Dowdeswell, Orlan Wave
Duffy, Deirdre Rec Wave
Duford, Gabriel ▲ instr SOSA
Dumestre, André BAIC
Dunbar, George ▲ Tiss
Durance, Eric Dia
Dyck, J.N. (Norm) ▲ instr
Dryzmal, Mitch Wave

E

Eaves, Susan (Sue)
BAIC B&C fltcert Rec
Eckschmiedt, George ▲ Janz
Edmonton Soaring Club Janz Roden
Eley, Harold A. ▲ Dia nonSAC
Ellis, David Janz

F

Featherstone, John Mix
Firth, Christine ▲ Rec SAC
Firth, John ▲ 750k BAIC B&C Can
Dia Dow Hawk Rec Shell worlds
Flanagan, Peter SOSA
Flint, Russ W. ▲ Dia SOSA
Florence, Bryan ▲ instr Janz
Florence, Trevor 750k BAIC Can
Dia Janz Rec WRec
Folkes, Peter ▲ O'Kef
Foote, Thomas (Tom) Dia
Fortier, Paul ▲ instr
Foster, Peter Janz
Fowlow, David (Dave) instr Wave
Frank, David J. 200 Can Dia
Friesen, Bruce ▲ 200 BAIC Can
Dia Dow fltcert Rec
Frigault, Paul instr
Fulton, Alex fltcert

G

Gairns, Robert C. (Bob) ▲ Dia MSC
Gall, Laurent instr
Garza, Fernando instr
Gatkiewicz, Ryszard CALPA
Gavillet, Pierre CALPA Dia Dow Janz
Gegenbauer, Joseph (Joe) ▲
Dia fltcert
Gegenbauer, Neil Dia fltcert
Geyer-Doersch, Günther BAIC Can Dia

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Glatiotis, Mike *Rec*
Gordon-Smith, Mike *Can*
Gossen, David *Janz*
Gough, Andy *Mix*
Gough, Christopher (Chris) ▲
750k BAIC CALPA CGull Dow
O'Kef *Rec worlds*
Gouin, Dale M. *Dia*
Gower, Charles O'Kef *SOSA*
Grady, Ross ▲ BAIC *Dia*
Grant, Ian ▲ CALPA
Gray, Royden BAIC Dow *Rec*
Great Lakes Gliding Club *Roden*
Grenville, Alex *SOSA*
Guelph Gliding Club *Roden*
Gyorffy, Dennis *200*

H

Harmony, Aero Club *Roden*
Hay, Keith ▲ *SOSA*
Hea, Bruce M. ▲
BAIC Can *Dia Rec SOSA Wave*
Heidel, Marga *B&C*
Hélie, Jean-Guy *Dia O'Kef SOSA*
Henderson, Ted BAIC O'Kef
Hennigar, David (Dave) ▲
BAIC *Dia*
Henry, Jim ▲ B&C O'Kef *SAC*
Herten, Walter *Dia Dow SOSA*
Hertwig, Kurt *Dia*
Hildebrandt, Chris *instr*
Hildesheim, Roger ▲
Janz *SOSA worlds*
Hill, Gary *Wave*
Histed, Brenda *Rec*
Hoar, Alan (Al) ▲ *200 Wave*
Hogg, Dave *Dow*
Hogg, Steve ▲ *200 Wave*
Hollestelle, Ed Sr ▲
BAIC Dow *Mix MSC worlds*
Hollestelle, Eddy Jr *SOSA*
Holman, Don M. ▲ *B&C*
Hopp, Karla *fltcert*
Hormisdas Gamelin
see Brother Hormisdas

I

Ince, Gerald *SAC SOSA*

J

Jackson, Andrew *Dia fltcert*
Jalbert, Mark *instr*
Janzen, Hank ▲ *instr*
Jeffery, C.B. (Barrie) ▲
BAIC B&C *Rec SAC worlds*
Jones, Malcolm *Rec*
Jones, Richard *200*

K

Kasco, Bela *Dia*
Katz, Bob *Dia O'Kef*
Kawzowicz, Anthony
CALPA Dow *instr Rec*
Key, David J. *1000k Dia*

King, Carol *B&C*
Kirby, Derek *Dia*
Kirby, Kerry O'Kef
Kirschner, Nicholas (Nic) *CGull*
Kleinhempel, Uwe *1000k BAIC instr*
Knauff, Tom *Dow*
Koehler, James *Dia*
König, Hans D. *Dia*
Kovacs, Kurt O'Kef
Kramer, Dale Clifford
200 *1000k CALPA Can Dia Dow*
fltcert Mix Rec SOSA worlds
Krueger, Wilfried
1000k *Dia Dow MSC worlds*
Krug, Willibald (Willi) *Dia Rec SOSA*
Kuhn, Johann *SOSA*
Kumar, Pavan *Dia*
Kurlents, Hillar O'Kef
Kurzwehnart, Robert R. (Bob)
▲ *hlife*

L

Lacasse, Martin *SOSA*
Lahr Gliding Club *Roden*
Lamla, Peter *Dia Dow Shell worlds*
Lanoë, Jo *Janz*
Langelaan, Willem
CALPA *Mix worlds*
Langlois, Pierre-André O'Kef
Langlois, Laurence O'Kef
Larue, Sylvain (Bingo) *Wave*
Laurie-Lean, Doug *instr*
Laurin, Duncan *SOSA*
Laviolette, Maurice *SAC*
LeCheminant, Arthur Norman
▲ *hlife*
Leers, Wolf D. ▲ *instr*
Lewis, Dan *instr*
Lindschinger, Toni *Jon*
Lizotte, Daniel *instr*
Lockhard, Glenn ▲ *Janz*
Long, James *nonsAC*
Longhurst, Richard ▲ *200 O'Kef*
Loudon, Thomas R *SAC*
Lucas, Hans H. *200*
Lussier, Marc ▲ *Janz*
Luxemburger, Chris *Jon*

M

MacClement, Don ▲ *hlife*
Macdougall, Neil A. *Dia*
MacGowan, Bruce *SOSA*
Mackie, Derek ▲ *200*
Mamini, Richard (Dick) ▲
BAIC Can *Dia Dow fltcert Hawk*
Rec Shell SOSA worlds
Marcelissen, Alf *SOSA*
Markut, Frank *Dia*
Marsden, David J. (Dave) ▲ *1000k*
BAIC B&C Can *Dia Dow fltcert*
nonsAC O'Kef Rec SAC Tiss
Masak, Peter
1000k *Dia MSC Rec worlds*
Matthews, J.R. (Rick) ▲ *Dia*

McColeman, Hugh *Janz*
McCollum, Elisabeth *Tiss*
McCollum, James (Jim) ▲
hlife Tiss
McGonigle, Jack O'Kef
McMaster, Scott ▲ *Janz SOSA*
McVeigh, Jay O'Kef
Mercer, Robert (Bob) ▲ *instr*
Mercer, David (Dave) ▲ BAIC *Dia*
Dow Rec Shell SOSA Wave
Michel, Karin *instr*
Midwinter, Jane *200 Rec*
Milner, Brian J. *1000k B&C Dia*
Rec SAC WRec worlds
Mix, Marg *hlife*
Mix, Wolfram (Wolf) ▲
B&C *Dia Dow Rec Shell worlds*
Moffat, George *Dow*
Moggach, Paul G. ▲ *Dia instr*
Montreal Soaring Council *Roden*
Morozov, Sergei CALPA *Dow worlds*
Morrow, Larry *Janz*
Mortensen, Peter *worlds*
Mortis, Eric *Dia*
Moser, Kurt *Dia*
Mueller, Frank *instr*
Mueller, Walter *fltcert SAC*
Mulder, Carol *nonsAC*
Mulder, John ▲ *Dia Wave*

N

Nagy, Julius *200 SOSA*
Nash, George O'Kef
Newman, Guy O'Kef
Newman, Pat O'Kef
Newsome, Eric ▲ *instr*
Neilson, Randy *200*
Nowak, Marian *750k 1000k*

O

Oates, Gordon
BAIC Can *Rec Shell worlds*
O'Donnell, Pat *instr*
O'Hanlon, Tim CALPA
Okany, Tom O'Kef
Oke, W. Jim ▲ BAIC B&C Can *Dia*
Dow MSC SAC Wave
Oldaker, Ian ▲ *200 B&C hlife*
Janz nonsAC SAC OSTIV
Oneschuk, Gail *200*
des Outardes, Aero Club *Roden*

P

Palfreeman, Bernhard (Bernie)
▲ *Dia fltcert O'Kef*
Pandur, Denes *200 Rec*
Parcell, Gil *nonsAC SAC*
Parent, Pierre J. *Dia*
Pattinson, (Firth) Christine *Rec*
Pearson, Bob *fltcert*
Pelletier, Patrick *Wave*
Pepin, André *Dia*
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Perfect, Norman *instr*

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Perino, Ray 200
Petersen, Charles *Dia nonsAC*
Pfeiffer, Nick SAC SOSA
Phillips-Boyle, Selena ▲ *worlds*
Pickard, Alan *instr*
Piercy, Helen *hlife*
Piercy, Walter ▲ *B&C hlife SAC Tiss*
Pille, Walter SOSA
Plester, Wilf *Wave*
Poldaas, Al O'Kef SOSA
Pözl, Heri CALPA *Dow MSC worlds*
Pomietlarz, John *Dia*
Popp, Heidi B&C *Janz*
Poscente, Jay 200 *Wave*
Pow, Albert H. (Al) ▲
BAIC Can Rec Shell worlds
Prince Albert G&S *Roden*
Proudfoot, John H. *Dia Rec*

Q

de Québec, CVV *Roden*
Queen's University GC *Roden*
Quintel, Maurice *fltcert*

R

Radius, Manfred ▲ *nonsAC worlds*
Red Deer Soaring Assoc. *Roden*
Redzich, George *Rec*
Regina Gliding & Soaring *Roden*
Richard, Jean *instr*
Riegert, Larry SOSA
Roberts, Darwin *fltcert*
Robinson, Richard D. *Dia*
Robinson, Spencer *Dia Janz Rec*
Rolland, Dave *Wave*
Rominger, Heinz *Dia*
Roth, Hans Peter O'Kef
Rowe, Donald E. (Don) *Dia*
Rumpf, Udo *Dow SOSA*
Runciman, Jeff 200
Rys, Stan ▲ *B&C Shell*

S

SAC Presidents *nonsAC*
Saskatoon Soaring Club *Roden*
Sawyer, Jeremy CGull
Schneider, Ernst ▲ *Rec*
Schneider, Mark A. 200
Schraeder, Carsten O'Kef
Schreder, Richard *Dow*
Schrein, Bruno *instr*
Schreiter, Albin (Al) ▲
B&C SAC
Schulz, Walter *instr*
Schweizer, Paul *hlife*
Schwirtlich, Peter *Dia O'Kef*
Scott, Taylor CGull
Sears, Paul *Dow Mix worlds*
Seufert, W. D. (Wolf) ▲ *instr*
Shantz, John *instr*
Sharp, Fred *instr*
Shenstone, Bev S. ▲ *hlife*
Shirley, Robert *Rec*

Siebert, Rolf *Can Rec*
Simon, Steven I. 200 *BAIC Dia Rec*
Smith, Brian *instr*
Smith, Roger *Janz*
Snell, Susan ▲ *B&C*
SOSA/Southern Ontario SA
Janz Roden
Southwood, Terry ▲ *instr SOSA*
Spence, Ian 750k
BAIC Can Dia Dow Mix Rec
Springford, Dave (David)
Can Dow Mix O'Kef Rec worlds
Springford, W. R. (Larry) ▲
1000k Dia O'Kef Rec
Spurgeon, Allan 750k *Dia fltcert*
Stachow, Klaus *BAIC Dia Tiss*
Stade, Philip (Phil) ▲ *Wave*
Steckner, Tillmann 1000k *Dia*
Stickland, Pete SAC
Stieber, Jörg ▲ *BAIC CALPA*
Dow Mix Rec SAC worlds
Stieber, Michael *Rec*
Stieber, Thomas *Rec*
Stojkovic, Branko CALPA
Stokes, David (Dave) *fltcert*
Stoten, Mike ▲ *Dow O'Kef*
Sunley, Alan (Al) ▲ *instr*
Surprenant Jr, Jean-Marc *instr*
Szczepaniak, Luke ▲
1000k Rec worlds
Szemplinski, Jerzy 750k 1000k
BAIC Dow Mix Rec worlds

T

Taciuk, Gord *Wave*
Talevi, Anteo *Dia*
Templeton, Pat O'Kef *Rec*
Terpin, Willi *fltcert*
the Bald Eagle SAC
Thomas, Wynne O'Kef
Thompson, Mike (Michael) *Dia*
Thumm, Ruth *Rec*
Timm, Christine ▲ *B&C*
Timm, Peter ▲ *Dia Dow*
Tingskou, Paul B. ▲ *BAIC B&C*
Toles, John ▲ *instr*
Tootill, C.W. (Colin) 200
Dia O'Kef SAC
Toplis, Dean ▲ *instr*
Toronto Gliding Club *Roden*
Trounce, Peter ▲ *Dia O'Kef Shell*
Tuck, Tim SOSA
Tucker, Norm ▲ *Dow*
Tucker, Terry ▲ *nonsAC SAC*
Tustin, David (Dave) ▲ *Can Dia*

U

V

Vados, Peter *Jon*
Valenta, Frank *Dia*
Vancouver Soaring Assoc. *Roden*
VanderBurgh, William John *Dia*

Van Isle Gliding Assoc. *Roden*
Vaughan, Frank ▲ *O'Kef*
Vollmar, Bill *Janz*

W

Walker, Ron 200 SOSA
Wark, Tracie *Rec*
Waterloo-Wellington SC *Roden*
Waters, Jeffrey (Jeff) O'Kef
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Werneburg, Helmut (Hal) ▲ *BAIC*
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Werneburg, Ulrich (Ulli) ▲
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O'Kef Rec worlds
Westphal, Mark *Wave*
White, Ralph *Rec*
Whiteside, Samuel *Dia instr*
Wiercioch, Krzysztof CALPA *Dow*
worlds
Wiese (Burton), Ursula
▲ *B&C Dia Rec SAC*
Williams (Cservenka), Antonia *Rec*
Wills, Justin *Dow*
Wilson, Charles *Dia*
Wilson, Chris *Janz*
Winger, Doug O'Kef
Winnipeg Gliding Club *Roden*
Wood, Alan CALPA SOSA
Wood, Tim (Gerard E.) 750k 1000k
BAIC Can Dia Rec Wave
Woodward, Frank A. ▲ *worlds*

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History

The principal founders of FAI were the presidents of the Aero Club of France, the Aero Club of Belgium and the German Airship League. Their views were made known to the Olympic Congress in Brussels, on 10 June 1905 who passed the following resolution:

“The Congress, recognizing the special importance of aeronautics, expresses the wish that there be formed in each country an association having the mission of regulating aeronautic sport and that there be formed later a world federation of aeronautics, including all the national associations, with a view to various needs and general regulations for the popularization of aeronautics as a science and a sport.”

The FAI came into being 12 October 1905.

Objectives

The objectives, as defined in the by-laws, are:

- To secure international regulation of aeronautic sport.
- To favour the development of international touring.
- To assure the unity of the aeronautic movement and safeguard the material and moral interests of aeronautics in all of the countries represented.
- To concern itself with everything relating to aerial activity, directly or through its permanent or temporary committees.

Duties

The Fédération coordinates, controls and regulates international sport, competitions, races and records relating to

...gliders

Responsibilities

All the rules for sport and records for each type of aircraft or spacecraft are contained in the FAI Sporting Code –

- (a) general code with basic principles & general rules which cover all aeronautical sports and records;
- (b) a separate code for the different vehicles.

The responsibility for ensuring that record or badge claims are made in accordance with the rules falls upon the aero club representing the country in which the claim is made. Each class or record has its own procedure. The substantiating evidence supplied must be beyond dispute. If the file proves that all the rules have been observed, the particular flight is homologated.

The rules have been amended frequently.

Medals and Diplomas

In order to encourage the sport of aviation and private flying, the FAI each year awards a number of medals and diplomas as follows (excerpt):

de la Vaulx Silver Medal

A long standing award for absolute records made during the year.

FAI Bronze Medal

Awarded for valuable services to FAI.

FAI Gold Air Medal

This has long been established as the federation's most important award.

Honorary Group Diplomas

These are awarded to groups of scientists and engineers of particular organizations.

Paul Tissandier Diploma* (see book 1)

Awarded for services to aeronautics and airsports.

Pirat Gehriger Diploma* (see book 1)

This diploma was created by the FAI in memory of Pirat Gehriger, the first President of the International Gliding Commission (CIVV). A single diploma may be awarded annually for eminent services to international gliding. Exceptionally, the International Gliding Commission (IGC, formerly CIVV) may recommend the award of one or two additional diplomas.

750 km Diploma (see book 1)

Awarded (SAC) to pilots achieving a distance flight of not less than 750 kilometres.

1000 km Diploma (see book 1)

Awarded (FAI) to pilots achieving a distance flight of not less than 1000 kilometres.

Canadian diamond badges (see book 1)

Canadian record flights (see book 2)

Canadian world record flights (see book 2)

* – recipients in Canada



Why some “records” are not listed

The tables on national and world records are taken from the documentation in the SAC records files. Some flights may have been claimed as records, but were not approved for reasons such as technical problems, documentation lost, there was intention to claim, but documentation not forwarded, or many others.

Locations with different names

Ridge Soaring, PA
Keystone Gliderport, PA
Julian, PA

The soaring site operated by Tom Knauff & Doris Grove near Julian, Pennsylvania.

Minden, NV
Douglas County AP, NV

The soaring site operating from Douglas County airport near Minden, Nevada.

Cook's Field

The first wave exploration ranch airstrip near Pincher Creek offered to glider pilots by Mr. Alvie Cook in the 1950s. Pilots occasionally had to land at Cowley, later moving there for its quicker access to the wave.

Little Hops and Frequent Crashes

by Christine Firth

The first Canadian records may have been flown in June 1939

by Evelyn Fletcher of Lethbridge, Alberta
altitude 3858 feet agl
duration 51 minutes
temperature 34°F

free flight 1/95

The *Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI)* recognizes both world and national records for single and multiplace sailplanes. These requirements are more stringent than for badge claims and the highest possible quality of supporting evidence is required.

The SAC record lists show world records and national records flown by Canadian pilots. The records are approved by **FAI** according to Sporting Code Section 3 Class D (gliders) and DM (motorgliders). In the record listing:

C indicates a record by a Canadian citizen originating outside Canada

T (or blank) indicates the record was set within Canada.

SAC-only records still follow the FAI rules. Canadian **territorial** records must have all turnpoints in Canada.

Altitude records are only available for the Open, multiplace and female single place classes.

Multiplace records If a record is flown with **two persons** in a multiplace sailplane, only one pilot name (P1) may appear as the claimant for such a record. If a **citizen record** is to be claimed in the multiplace class, the passenger must also be a Canadian citizen. (Jan 2011 reviewed by Jörg Stieber and Roger Hildesheim).

Club class As of **March 1998**, the FAI and SAC records are open to the Club class single place on a handicapped basis. There are no multiplace or altitude records available in this class.

15m class As of **March 2007**, the FAI and SAC records were open to sailplanes with a wing span of 15 metre or less according to FAI rules. Minimum **start values** to exceed for Canadian records were based on prior Open class records flown by 15m gliders. There are no multiplace or altitude records available in this class.

Female pilots may earn records in a female class. If a female record was to be claimed in the multiplace class, the passenger had also to be female. **Note:** female multiplace class in Canada was retired by SAC in 1998 for non-use.

The **FAI 13.5m class** replaced the FAI World class (PW5) in October 2015.

The specific Sporting Code reference to the record types changed in the late 1990s and again in 2015.

FAI & SAC record categories are available for these classes

Open – single place

15 metre – single place

Club – single place

Multiplace

Female – single place

(Female multiplace discontinued by SAC)

details see Sporting Code

Distance records

goal distance (km)

Straight distance to goal original wording

free distance (km) Oct 1992

straight distance original wording

out & return distance (km)

original

free out & return distance (km)

Oct 1995

3 turnpoint distance (km)

Oct 2004

free 3 turnpoint distance (km)

Oct 1992

triangle distance (km)

original

free triangle distance (km)

Oct 2003

Speed records

speed (km/h)

out & return original

FAI – 500 km and multiples of 500 km

SAC – 300, 750, 1250 km

speed (km/h)

triangle original

FAI – 100, 300, 500, 750, 1000 km

1250 km and all multiples of 500 km

SAC – 200, 400 km

speed (km/h)

distance to goal

SAC – 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 km

Altitude records original

Open, multiplace, female only

FAI – gain of height

FAI – absolute altitude



see also <fai.org>
 Many categories have changed over the years.
 "Discontinued" categories are still listed.

15 October 2015
 13.5 m Class will replace PW5 Class

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|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1993 | C Brian Milner | free 3TP distance 1 June 1993
1394 km Ventus c N520BM
first world record to Canada
Open class
<i>jointly with Tom Knauff, Keystone, PA</i> |
| 1995 | C Walter Weir | free O&R distance 15 Oct 1995
519.4 km ASW 20b C-GGWW 2W
Julian, PA - Seneca Rock, VA - return
Open class record |
| 2000 | T Trevor Florence | free 3TP distance 1 June 2000
636.7 km PW 5 C-GLDR
world record for
World Class glider (PW 5) |

GOAL DISTANCE (km) FAI 3.1.5 a**original wording** STRAIGHT DISTANCE TO GOAL

- 123.9 C **Barrie Jeffery** 7 July 52 Kranich II EC-OBN
Frank Woodward Cuatro Vientas, Spain – Torresaviñan
- 152.9 **Robert Shirley** 6 Sept 59 LK10A CF-JSE
J. Juurlink Regina, SK – Broadview
- 304 C **John Proudfoot** 2 May 81 Blanik L-13 C-GARR
Gilbert Fitzhugh Ridge Soaring, PA – Gordonville, VA
- 310 **Chester Zwarych** 17 June 84 Blanik L-13 CF-TVT
Hugh McColeman Chipman, AB – North Battleford, SK

FREE DISTANCE (km) FAI 3.1.5 bOct 1992 new **original wording** STRAIGHT DISTANCE

- 114.3 C **Les Baranowski** 14 Aug 46
unknown
- 123.9 C **Barrie Jeffery** 7 July 52 Kranich II EC-OBN
Frank Woodward Cuatro Vientas, Spain – Torresaviñan
- 304 C **John Proudfoot** 2 May 81 Blanik L-13 C-GARR
Gilbert Fitzhugh Ridge Soaring, PA – Gordonville, VA
- 253 **Lloyd Bungey** 31 July 81 HP14 mod C-QLB
Dave Lovick Cowley, AB – 6 mi S of Dunmore
- 406 **Chester Zwarych** 17 June 84 Blanik L-13 CF-TVT
Hugh McColeman Chipman, AB – Langham, SK
- 495 **Chester Zwarych** 12 June 86 Blanik L-13 CF-TVT
Reg Adam Chipman, AB – Loreburn, SK

OUT & RETURN DISTANCE (km) FAI 3.1.5 c

original wording

151.3	Jack Ames <i>Lee Bernardis</i>	23 May 54	LK10A	CF-ZBA	Waterloo/Wellington, ON – London – return
170.6	Robert Shirley <i>Don Eley</i>	4 June 61	LK10A	CF-JSE	Regina, SK – Sintaluta – return
334	David Marsden <i>Malcolm Jones</i>	18 June 68	Blanik L-13	C-FUZK	Cooking Lake, AB – Wainwright – ret.
388	C Walter Chmela <i>Heinz Rominger</i>	31 Oct 76	SGS 2-32	CF-RRP	Ridge Soaring, PA – Claysville – return
421.5	David Marsden <i>Ed Dumas</i>	14 May 79	Gemini	C-FTKC	Chipman, AB – Marsden, SK – return
506.9	C Charles Yeates <i>Kris Yeates</i>	10 Jan 07	Duo Discus	VH-GKC	Narromine, Australia – GPSTP

FREE OUT & RETURN DISTANCE (km) FAI 3.1.5 d

Oct 1995 new

259.9	C Charles Yeates <i>Kris Yeates</i>	28 Jan 99	Twin Astir	VH-IKU	Waikerie, Australia approx. route: Kingston-on-Murray – Loxton – Paruna – Kringin – Pinnaroo – return due north along the South Australia/Victoria border, Taldra, across the Murray River floodplane – Waikerie
313.8	C Charles Yeates <i>Kris Yeates</i>	26 Nov 06	Duo Discus	VH-GKC	Kingaroy, Australia – Millmerran – ret.
338.0	Ernst Schneider <i>Darren Smith</i>	28 May 08	Duo Discus	C-GDUO	Invermere, BC – Bush Ridge – return
393.3	Ernst Schneider <i>Stewart Midwinter</i>	15 June 08	Duo Discus	C-GDUO	Invermere, BC: S -Spillimasheen – Elko – F -Spillimasheen
464.8	C Charles Yeates <i>Kris Yeates</i>	16 Dec 08	DG-500M 22	V5-GBK	Bitterwasser, Namibia – Tweeriver – ret.
572.9	Trevor Florence <i>Chris Hildebrandt</i>	10 June 13	Duo Discus	C-GDUO	Invermere, BC: S -Mt Seven, TP at US border, F -Mt Seven

3 TURNPOINT DISTANCE (km) FAI 3.1.5 e

Oct 2004 new

- 406.5 C **Charles Yeates** 23 Dec 09 Duo Discus VH-GKC
Kris Yeates Narrowmine, Australia
3 GPS turnpoints
- 1050.8 C **Thomas Stieber** 4 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
Jörg Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia
Start/Finish and 3 GPS turnpoints

FREE 3 TURNPOINT DISTANCE (km) FAI 3.1.5 f

Oct 1992 new

- 391.7 C **Charles Yeates** 24 Jan 99 Twin Astir VH-IKU
Kris Yeates Waikerie, Australia – Loxton AF – The
Gums – return
- 521.3 **Trevor Florence** 28 July 99 Twin Astir C-GVSX
Dennis Turner Invermere, BC: **S**-Swansea HG ramp –
Mt Seven HG ramp – Lakit lookout –
Harrogate Mill – return
- 689.0 **Trevor Florence** 30 May 02 Duo Discus C-FDUO
Jim King Invermere, BC: 3 GPS TP
S-Blaeberry bridge – Elko – trying to
get back to Golden but it shut down
north of Harrogate, so I turned around
to Fairmont – **F**- Invermere
- 847.1 **Trevor Florence** 10 June 13 Duo Discus C-GDUO
Chris Hildebrandt **S**-Invermere, BC – TP at Mt Seven, US
border, Blaeberry R, **F**-Fairmont
- 1057.4 C **Thomas Stieber** 4 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
Jörg Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia
Start/Finish and 3 GPS turnpoints

TRIANGLE DISTANCE (km) FAI 3.1.5 g

original

- 510.4 **John Firth** 12 June 86 Gemini C-FTKC
Dan Webber Chipman, AB – Marshall, SK –
 Alliance, AB – return
- 510.2 C **Charles Yeates** 25 Jan 89 Twin Astir VH-IKU
Kris Yeates Waikerie, Australia – Coomandook silo
 – Cullulleraine – return

*After approval of the above citizens record, all citizens records
 must now exceed the territorial record by 1 kilometre.*

- 1017.3 C **Thomas Stieber** 4 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
Jörg Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia GPS turnpoints
 Start/Finish and 3 GPS turnpoints
 (1017.3 km/h Open & Multiplace)

FREE TRIANGLE DISTANCE (km) FAI 3.1.5 h

Oct 2003 new

- 590.0 C **Charles Yeates** 16 Dec 08 DG-500M 22 V5-GBK
Kris Yeates Bitterwasser, Namibia – Tweeriver –
 Morester – return
- 1022.9 C **Thomas Stieber** 4 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
Jörg Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia
 Start/Finish and 3 GPS turnpoints
 (1022.9 km/h Open & Multiplace)

SPEED OUT & RETURN (km/h) FAI 3.1.6 a & SAC**FAI** – 500 km and all multiples of 500 km (original)**SAC** – 300, 750, 1250 km**300 km speed O&R - SAC**

65.0 C **Walter Chmela** 31 Oct 76 SGS 2-32 CF-RRP
Heinz Rominger Ridge Soaring, PA – Claysville – return

112.7 **Ernst Schneider** 28 May 08 Duo Discus C-GDUO
Darren Smith Invermere, BC – Bush Ridge – return

500 km speed O&R - FAI

79.2 C **Charles Yeates** 10 Jan 07 Duo Discus VH-GKC
Kris Yeates Narromine, Australia – GPS TP

SPEED OUT & RETURN (km/h) FAI 3.1.6 a & SAC

FAI – 500 km and all multiples of 500 km (original)

SAC – 300, 750, 1250 km

750 km speed O&R - SAC

not claimed

1000 km speed O&R - FAI

not claimed

1250 km speed O&R - SAC

not claimed

SPEED TRIANGLE (km/h) FAI 3.1.6 b & SAC**FAI** – 100, 300, 500, 750, 1000 km and all multiples of 500 km (original)**SAC** – 200, 400, 1250 km**100 km speed triangle - FAI**

51.2	George Redzich <i>James Koehler</i>	18 May 68	K7	Innisfail, AB – Lacombe – Hespero – ret.
98.1	David Marsden <i>Malcolm Jones</i>	1 June 75	Gemini C-FTKC	Chipman, AB – Royal Park – Willingdon – return
102.7	C Charles Yeates <i>Kris Yeates</i>	9 July 01	PW 6 SP3656	Marfa, TX – Mt Livermore – N30 20.761 – W104 24.528 – return
112.7	C Pat Templeton <i>David Springford</i>	24 Jan 02	Duo Discus VH-GIE	Tocumwal, Australia – Savernake – Berrigan NW – return
125.6	C Charles Yeates <i>Kris Yeates</i>	28 Dec 06	Janus VH-UIU	Temora, Australia – Stockinbinga – Bribbaree – return
150.6	C Michael Stieber <i>Thomas Stieber</i>	5 Dec 15	Arcus E D-KWKU	Bitterwasser, Namibia Start/Finish and 2 GPS turnpoints

200 km speed triangle - SAC

42.8	Glen Buhr <i>Paul Tingskou</i>	15 June 69	Bergfalke II/55 CF-UVO	Pigeon Lake, MB – Graysville – Otterburne – return
60.2	Malcolm Jones <i>Denes Pandur</i>	12 June 82	Gemini C-FTKC	Chipman, AB – Vilna – Thorhild – ret.
76.0	Lloyd Bungey <i>Tony Burton</i>	13 June 83	HP14 mod C-GQLB	Claresholm, AB – Picture Butte – Milo – return
79.5	C Charles Yeates <i>Kris Yeates</i>	5 Dec 87	IS28B2 Lark VH-IUH	Tocumwal, Australia – Urana – Corowa – return
108.5	C David Springford <i>Pat Templeton</i>	24 Jan 02	Duo Discus VH-GIE	Tocumwal, Australia – Urana – GPS TP – return
150.6	C Michael Stieber <i>Thomas Stieber</i>	5 Dec 15	Arcus E D-KWKU	Bitterwasser, Namibia Start/Finish and 2 GPS turnpoints (150.6 km/h Open & Multiplace)

SPEED TRIANGLE (km/h) FAI 3.1.6 b & SAC**FAI** – 100, 300, 500, 750, 1000 km and all multiples of 500 km (original)**SAC** – 200, 400, 1250 km**300 km speed triangle - FAI**

- 69.9 **David Marsden** 14 July 75 Gemini C-FTKC
Ed Dumas Claresholm, AB – Arrowwood –
Vauxhall – return
- 79.4 C **Charles Yeates** 27 Jan 89 Twin Astir VH-IKU
Kris Yeates Waikerie, Australia – Teal Flat –
Meribah silo – return
- 128.5 C **Ian Spence** 30 July 91 ASH 25 N725H
Jean-Renaud Faliu Minden, NV – Willow Springs road I/S
– Buckley Flat road I/S
- After approval of the above citizens record, the passenger in future
must also be a Canadian citizen.*
- 87.1 **Anthony Kawzowicz** 15 Jun 06 DG 505 Orion C-FGLP
John Brennan Rockton, ON – Mt Forest – Aylmer –
return
- 150.6 C **Michael Stieber** 5 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
Thomas Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia
Start/Finish and 2 GPS turnpoints
(150.6 km/h Open & Multiplace)

400 km speed triangle - SAC

- 85.0 **Anthony Kawzowicz** 21 July 07 DG 505 C-FGLP
Alf Marcelissen Rockton, ON – Flesherton – Strathroy –
Oshweken – return
- 111.7 C **Charles Yeates** 23 Dec 09 Duo Discus VH-GKC
Kris Yeates Narrowmine, Australia
3 GPS turnpoints
- 150.6 C **Michael Stieber** 5 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
Thomas Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia
Start/Finish and 2 GPS turnpoints
(150.6 km/h Open & Multiplace)

SPEED TRIANGLE (km/h) FAI 3.1.6 b & SAC**FAI** – 100, 300, 500, 750, 1000 km and all multiples of 500 km (original)**SAC** – 200, 400, 1250 km**500 km speed triangle - FAI**

88.8 **John Firth** 12 June 86 Gemini C-FTKC
 Dan Webber Chipman, AB – Marshall, SK –
 Alliance, AB – return

750 km speed triangle - FAI

133.3 C **Thomas Stieber** 4 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
 Jörg Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia
 Start/Finish and 3 GPS turnpoints
 (133.3 km/h Open & Multiplace)

1000 km speed triangle - FAI

133.3 C **Thomas Stieber** 4 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
 Jörg Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia
 Start/Finish and 3 GPS turnpoints
 (133.3 km/h Open & Multiplace)

SPEED GOAL DISTANCE (km/h) SAC

original wording STRAIGHT DISTANCE TO GOAL

SAC – 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 km

100 km speed to goal - SAC

47.0	Walter Chmela <i>Rainer Zimm</i>	2 Aug 71	K7	CF-OZA
		Arthur, ON – Markham		
65.3	Trevor Florence <i>Ernst Schneider</i>	17 July 99	Twin Astir	C-GVSX
		Invermere, BC: S -Mt Swansea HG launch – Mt Seven HG launch		
105.1	Trevor Florence <i>Norman Marsh</i>	27 June 00	Twin Astir	C-GVSX
		Invermere, BC: S -Mt Seven HG launch – N to point on a hill south side of Radium gap (on centre range behind Redstreak)		
127.0	C Charles Yeates <i>Kris Yeates</i>	23 Dec 09	Duo Discus	VH-GKC
		Narrowmine, Australia 3 GPS turnpoints		
154.3	C Michael Stieber <i>Thomas Stieber</i>	2 Dec 15	Arcus E	D-KWKU
		Bitterwasser, Namibia Start/Finish GPS coord.		
182.2	C Michael Stieber <i>Thomas Stieber</i>	5 Dec 15	Arcus E	D-KWKU
		Bitterwasser, Namibia Start/Finish GPS coord.		

200 km speed to goal - SAC

91.5	Trevor Florence <i>Jim King</i>	30 May 02	Duo Discus	C-FDUO
		Invermere, BC: 3 TP S -Blaeberry bridge – Elko – Harrogate – F -Fairmont		
154.3	C Michael Stieber <i>Thomas Stieber</i>	2 Dec 15	Arcus E	D-KWKU
		Bitterwasser, Namibia Start/Finish GPS coord. (154.3 km/h Open & Multiplace)		

SPEED GOAL DISTANCE (km/h) SAC**original wording** STRAIGHT DISTANCE TO GOAL**SAC** – 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 km**300 km speed to goal - SAC**

- 70.2 C **John Proudfoot** 2 May 81 Blanik L-13 C-GARR
Gilbert Fitzhugh Ridge Soaring, PA – Gordonville, VA
- 144.4 C **Thomas Stieber** 4 Dec 15 Arcus E D-KWKU
Jörg Stieber Bitterwasser, Namibia
 Start/Finish GPS coord.

400 km speed to goal - SAC

not claimed

500 km speed to goal - SAC

not claimed

GAIN OF HEIGHT (metre) FAI 3.1.7 a

original wording

3387	C	Frank Brame <i>Stan Harper</i>	4 Sept 55	Cinema TG1A El Mirage, CA
3932		Kurt Weiss <i>Art Penz</i>	1 April 61	Bergfalke II CF-ZDA Pincher Creek, AB
7102		Robert Shirley <i>Percy Campbell</i>	9 Oct 61	LK10A CF-JSE Pincher Creek, AB

ABSOLUTE ALTITUDE (metre) FAI 3.1.7 boriginal wording⁵

4563	C	Frank Brame <i>Stan Harper</i>	4 Sept 55	Cinema TG1A El Mirage, CA
5730		Kurt Weiss <i>Art Penz</i>	1 April 61	Bergfalke II CF-ZDA Pincher Creek, AB
9083		Robert Shirley <i>Percy Campbell</i>	9 Oct 61	LK10A CF-JSE Pincher Creek, AB
9537	C	Willi Krug <i>Harry Miltner jr</i>	26 Feb 69	SGS 2-32 N9862E Black Forest, CO
10390	C	Walter Chmela <i>Anne-Marie Van Maurik</i>	6 Jan 75	SGS 2-32 CF-VEP Black Forest, CO