

# The Henry Trophy



The Henry Trophy  
To be permanently displayed at the  
National Soaring museum

The Henry Combs Perpetual Trophy was founded April 15, 1995, by members of the Crystal Squadron to honor Henry Combs, his love of cross-country soaring and the type of flying he inspired in the rest of us. Henry retired from flying in 1999 after achieving 205 straight-out 500k diamonds, all in his Libelle H-301 (01Q) which he bought in 1967.

Henry repeatedly stressed that going **straight out as far as possible** was always his primary objective while achieving diamond distance was secondary. He also wanted to make the entire experience fun by involving his crew in activities like fishing, scenic drives and visiting points of interest during the drive home.

In 2000, the Henry Trophy became an **SSA-recognized national award**. It is awarded annually by the Soaring Society of America to the person or persons completing the greatest number of straight-out, diamond-distance, non-motorized glider flights during the previous year in each of three zones - East, Central and West.

The trophy founders hope that this award will carry forth the tradition of flying straight out as far as possible and serve to encourage glider pilots and ground crews everywhere to become active, safety-conscious participants in the sport of straight-out, cross-country soaring.

Henry Trophy Recipients (Number of Straight-Out Diamonds)			
	East Zone	Central Zone	West Zone
2019	No entry	Lou Chouinard/Richard Andrews (1)	Sean Eckstein (2)
2018	No entry	No entry	Bradley Baum (1) Tom Serkowski (1)
2017	No entry	Mitch Hudson (1) Mike Westbrook (1) Keith Smith (1)	Sean Eckstein (2)
2016	No entry	Tony Condon* (1)	Sean Eckstein (2) Arnie Frankenberger (2)
2015	No entry	No entry	Brian Neff (1) Peter Kovari* (1) Ramy Yanetz (1)
2014	No entry	Tony Condon* (1)	Ramy Yanetz (4)
2013	Dan Reagan (2)	Tony Condon* (1)	Peter Kovari* (2) Barry McGarraugh* (2)
2012	No entry	No entry	Peter Kovari* (2) Barry McGarraugh* (2)
2011	No entry	No entry	Karl Sommer* (4)
2010	No entry	No entry	Mike Koerner* (6)
2009	No entry	No entry	Dave Raspets* (7)
2008	Steve Arndt (1)	Jim Hard* (1) Chris Prince (1)	Dave Raspets* (13)

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2007	Leo Benetti-Longhini (1)	<i>No entry</i>	Karl Sommer* (9)
2006	<i>No entry</i>	<i>No entry</i>	Karl Sommer* (9)
2005	<i>No entry</i>	Jim Hard* (1) Bob Wander (1)	Norm Page* (9)
2004	<i>No entry</i>	Kathleen Winters (1)	Mike Koerner* (6) Barry McGarraugh* (6) Dave Raspet* (6)
2003	<i>No entry</i>	<i>No entry</i>	Norm Page* (13)
2002	<i>No entry</i>	<i>No entry</i>	Philippe Athuil (12)
2001	<i>No entry</i>	<i>No entry</i>	Mike Koerner* (16)
2000	Doug Jacobs (1)	Jim Hard* (1)	Norm Page* (13)

\*Note: A pilot can win the Henry Trophy a maximum of three (3) times.

Three-time Henry Trophy winners:

- Tony Condon
- Jim Hard
- Mike Koerner
- Peter Kovari
- Barry McGarraugh
- Norm Page
- Dave Raspet
- Karl Sommer