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# The Henry Trophy

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## Rules for the Henry Trophy

1. The Henry Combs Perpetual Trophy will be awarded annually to the person or persons completing the greatest number of straight-out diamond distance glider flights during the previous year in each of the three zones: East, Central and West.
2. For the purpose of this award, the East Zone is defined as the eastern time zone, the Central Zone is the central time zone and the West Zone is a combination of the mountain and pacific time zones. Therefore, there will be three equal winners each year.
3. The zone of the release point will determine to which zone the flight is credited.
4. Straight-out diamond distance flights are defined as flights of at least 500 kilometers as measured over the great circle route from the point of release from tow to the point of landing. Glider flights involving turn-points or dog-legs will not be considered.
5. For the purpose of this award, the soaring year will begin on October 1st and end on September 30th.
6. Any flight resulting in an aircraft being less than airworthy will not be considered.
7. Only flights made in motorless gliders will be considered.
8. Only flights originating in the continental United States will be considered.
9. The committee members intend that each pilot's claim of accumulated qualifying flights be easily compiled using the "honor system". Therefore, as a general rule, participating pilots will not be required to, submit any proof of a diamond distance flight beyond his or her personal assurance that the flight was successfully completed and met all required conditions. However, the trustees shall have broad authority to reject any claim for any reason they feel is valid.
10. It is the responsibility of participating pilots to keep the trustees informed by reporting their diamond flights during the year as they accumulate. This award is a celebration of its recipient's accomplishments and his or her attendant contribution to the sport of soaring. It is hoped that all participating pilots and crews take part in the spirit of an open, friendly, shared adventure. Toward that end, the trustees will make available information regarding the accumulation of diamond distance flights reported by each participating pilot. The essence of the award is to share the fun as well as the challenges.
11. The trustees will decide the recipients of the award and notify the SSA in a timely manner in preparation for the national awards banquet.
12. In the event of a tie in the same zone, both or all of the tying participants shall be named recipients. The pilot with the greatest total distance from qualifying diamond distance flights will be named the primary recipient for that zone.
13. The pilots winning the Henry Combs Perpetual Trophy award from each of the three zones will be presented a certificate or plaque at the SSA awards banquet recognizing the achievement.
14. A pilot will be ineligible to receive the award after winning the Henry Combs Perpetual Trophy three (3) times. The win count begins with the year 2000 season that started October 1, 1999.