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Chemung Valley provided a wide choice of excellent landing fields. Unexpected gusts of wind close to the ground, caused minor injuries to gliders and pilots. Tedious waste of ~~time~~ time ~~needed~~ needed thermals to make repairs. The worst damage done by a car backing onto the wing tip of the waiting gliders. Resting on a skid one wing tip always on the ground Gliders were dissembled with wings on ground while fuselage is ~~put~~ put on the trailer the winds alongside. My crew Elmira's home town Howard Burr, his visiting friend Warren Gammins High School Students, my son George C. Weaver age 12 could take my Franklin down in seven minutes and quickly get to the mt. top to catch the elusive thermals and set it up in nine minutes! What could we do without boys? Boys with vision.

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Great Achievements.

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