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### Bendix Air Races Collection - Bendix Trophy Race, 1939

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The Vincent I. Bendix gold trophy accompanied by \$500 in cash for the longest distance flight of the contest was awarded to Peter Riedel for a flight of 133 miles to Tidioute, Pa., July 6. Silver and bronze trophies went to Harland C. Ross of Montebello, Calif., who had a flight of 121 miles to Milford, Pa., July 8, and Emil A. Lehecka of Long Island City, N.Y., who soared 109 miles Richland, N.Y. July 5.

The Felix DuPont gold trophy and \$500 in cash was merited by Richard C. DuPont of Wilmington, Del., son of the donor, who had the best altitude flight during the meet. DuPont was credited with a maximum altitude of 5,890 feet on a flight to Pulaski, N.Y., July 2. The runners-up, who received silver and bronze trophies, were Peter Riedel, 5,640 feet; and Lewin C. Barringer of Philadelphia, 5,440 feet.

The American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp. trophy and cash award of \$100 was presented Fred C. Barnes of Inglewood, Calif., for making the longest distance flight with a passenger. Douglas Hugill, also of Inglewood, accompanied him on the flight.

The Marine Midland Corp. trophy and \$100 in cash went to Chester J. Decker of Glen Rock, N.J. for being the first pilot to land in the Allegheny Mountains. The award was earned on a flight to Lock Haven, Pa., July 3.

A typewriter, donated by Remington Rand, Inc. was presented Mrs. Laura May Brunson of Trenton, N.Y., for being the most successful women pilot.

Charles Tubbs of West Warwick, R.I., who earned more points than any other New England entry, was declared New England champion and received the Lieut. Henry Harris Memorial Trophy.

Two round-trip tickets on Eastern Air Lines from New York to Miami were earned by Robert Auburn of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the longest flight in a utility glider. Harland C. Ross received a round-trip from New York to Chicago on Transcontinental & Western Air Lines for being the first pilot to earn his Silver C certificate at the contest. Arthur Schultz of Berkley, Mich., was awarded two round-trip tickets from New York to Buffalo on American Airlines for being the second pilot to earn the Silver C honor.

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