

GEHLBACH TAKES LEAD IN AIR DERBY

Official Plane Turns Over in Landing at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, July 21 (A. P.).—Lee Gehlbach of Detroit, flying a low-wing Commandaire, led the eighteen entries of the All-American flying Derby into Buffalo today, landing at the Municipal Airport at 8:13 A. M. (Eastern standard time) with an elapsed time from Detroit of 1 hour 6 minutes.

The official ship of the derby was caught in a sudden gust of wind and nosed over in front of the administration building as it landed at 7:05 A. M. The propeller was broken and the ship was badly strained, but Luke Christopher, secretary of the National Aeronautical Association, and Charles McLean, official timer of race, escaped with a severe shaking up.

Robert T. Quingy of Moline, Ill., flying a Mono Special, was the second to land, with an elapsed time of 1 hour and 9 minutes. Two minutes later, Herman Hamer of Chicago, in a Laird biplane, dropped to the field.

The early arrivals report encountering high winds between here and Detroit which had made flying difficult and at times dangerous.

The other planes in the derby landed in the following order:

L. R. Bayles of Springfield, Mass., 1 hour, 4 minutes; Charles Meyers of Cleveland, 1 hour, 30 minutes; Stanley T. Stanlon of Blackwell, Okla., 1 hour, 36 minutes, and Basil E. Smith of Portland, Ore., 1 hour, 41 minutes.

Gehlbach Reaches Little Rock.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 23 (A. P.).—Lee Gehlbach, piloting the Little Rocket, Little Rock, Ark., entry, was the first of the All-America air derbyists to land here today from Cincinnati. He came down at 11:53 A. M. Central standard time.

Gehlbach's time between Cincinnati and Little Rock was 3 hours 54 minutes 53 seconds. He made a stop at Evansville, Ind., to refuel.

HOP TO LITTLE ROCK IS WON BY GELBACH

He Regains Lead in Air Derby
in Flight From Cincinnati
to His Home Town.

HOSLER IS HURT IN CRASH

Detroit Pilot Suffers Possible Spine
Fracture as Plane Is Wrecked
in Attempted Take-Off.

Special to The New York Times.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 23.—Little Rock got a double thrill out of the stop here today of the planes participating in the all-American air derby when the Little Rock entry, the Little Rocket, came in first on the jump from Cincinnati and regained its lead in the race from Detroit.

The planes will get away tomorrow morning for Houston.

The Little Rocket, piloted by Lee Gelbach, landed at the municipal airport at 11:56 A. M., having made the flight from Cincinnati in 3 hours 54 minutes and 54 seconds. He now leads his nearest rival by 25 minutes. He stopped today at Evansville, Ind., where he lost 11 minutes in refueling.

Herman Hamer, La Salle, Ill., who led Tuesday on the New York-to-Cincinnati lap, came in fifth, taking 4 hours 34 minutes and 47 seconds for the trip.

Following Gelbach in landing were Stub Quinby, Moline, Ill., 4 hours 12 minutes and 36 seconds; J. P. Wedell, New Orleans, 4 hours 15 minutes 46 seconds; Lowell Bayles, Springfield, Ill., 4 hours 20 minutes 34 seconds.

Hamer Has Engine Trouble.

Hamer said he had had motor trouble and had been forced to land about fifty miles from Little Rock. He was down eleven minutes.

The sixth man in was Stanley Stanton, Wichita, Kan. His time was 4 hours 46 minutes and 31 seconds.

Seventh was Charles Myers, Cleveland, with an elapsed time of 4 hours 53 minutes 37 seconds.

Joe Meehan, Ironton, Ohio, and Henry Ogden, Englewood, Cal., arrived together.

Tenth to arrive was W. H. Cahill, Cleveland.

John Kruttschnitt, San Mateo, Cal., and H. H. Holladay, Los Angeles, fell behind the other fliers and did not leave New York until this morning.

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FIRST AT SAN ANGELO

Lee Gehlbach of Little Rock Leads the Plane Derbyists.

SAN ANGELO, Tex., July 25 (A. P.).—Lee Gehlbach of Little Rock, Ark., set his Little Rocket plane down on the local airport field at 11:16:35 A. M. today, making the 400 miles from Houston in the All-American Derby in 2:15:35.

Gehlbach's total elapsed time was given at 16:38:07. He won the \$150 for first arrival from Houston.

Stub Quinby of Moline, Ill., dropped out of the sky at 11:33 A. M., negotiating the distance from Houston in 2:31:20 for a total elapsed time of 19:29:29. He won a \$100 prize.

Lowell Bayless of Springfield, Mass., was the third to land, his time for the hop being 2:38:39 and elapsed time 19:32:18. He received a \$50 prize. The awards had been offered by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce.

Herman Hamer of Chicago came in at 11:49 A. M., flying the distance in 2 hours, 38 minutes. He had no elapsed time since he was forced down before reaching Houston yesterday.

Others landed in this order:

Stanley Stanton of Blackwell, Okla., 11:50:49 A. M., time from Houston 2:45:49; elapsed time 20:11:50.

DERBY FLYERS REST

Lieut. Gehlbach Adds Coast Lap to His Lead.

LOS ANGELES, July 28 (U. P.).—Eleven flyers who remained in the All-American Flying Derby today rested in preparation for the start back to Detroit on Wednesday.

Lieut. Lee Gehlbach, Little Rock, Ark., led the airmen into Los Angeles yesterday on the final westward lap from Douglas, Ariz.; G. R. Wedell, New Orleans, was second and Herman Hamer, Chicago, third. The latter, although officially out of the race, remained to contest for lap prizes.

Gehlbach won \$500 offered by the Metropolitan Airport here; Wedell won \$300 and Hamer \$200.

Stub Quinby of Moline was forced out of the derby when his plane turned over in taking off at Douglas. He suffered minor injuries, and his ship was demolished.

Cecil Cofferin of Brooklyn lost an hour's time when he was in collision with an automobile in a small California town where he landed for fuel. A wing tip of the plane was splintered.

Among the 10,000 persons who greeted the flyers after their trip across the desert were the four Hunter brothers of Chicago, holders of the world endurance record.

GEHLBACH CAPTURES NEW AIR DERBY LAP

Little Rock Pilot Is 11 Minutes
Ahead of Wedell at Los Angeles
in Hop From Douglas, Ariz.

HALF OF RACE IS FINISHED

Twelve Fliers Will Start Wednesday
on the Return Journey
to Detroit.

LOS ANGELES, July 27 (AP).—Lee Gehlbach of Little Rock, Ark., maintained his lead in the All-American Air Derby today when he arrived here from Douglas, Ariz., at 12:18 P. M., in a flying time of 4:16:47. He was followed ten minutes later by J. R. Wedell of New Orleans.

Stanley Stanton of Blackwell, Okla., who was delayed in taking off at Douglas; took a little more than seven hours. His plane developed engine trouble, necessitating a return to Douglas five minutes after he left the ground, and he started with an hour and eight minutes handicap.

The arrival at Los Angeles completed the first half of a 7,000-mile reliability test for ships with 100 horsepower engines. A crowd of about 10,000 was on hand to greet the derbyists.

The fliers will remain here until Wednesday when they will start the return trip by way of Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., and Chicago to Detroit.

The total elapsed time from Detroit of the leaders is: Behlbach, 26:17:25; Wedell, 28:51:41, and Bayless, 29:02:59.

Following is the order in which the fliers arrived:

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| Lee Gehlbach, Little Rock..... | 4:16:47 |
| J. R. Wedell, New Orleans..... | 4:27:06 |
| Herman Hamer, La. Salle, Ill..... | 4:40:36 |
| Lowell Bayless, Cleveland..... | 4:52:23 |
| Joe Mehan, Ironton, Ohio..... | 5:02:22 |
| Charles Meyer, Cleveland..... | 5:03:42 |
| Harry Ogden, Inglewood, Cal..... | 5:52:53 |
| Bill Cahill, Cleveland..... | 5:49:30 |
| Cecil Coffrin, Brooklyn..... | 6:27:01 |
| Larry Brown, Los Angeles..... | 6:39:41 |
| *Stanley Stanton, Blackwell, Okla..... | 7:08:09 |
| *H. W. Holladay, Los Angeles..... | 7:18:40 |

*Unofficial.

HAMER LANDS FIRST AT OGDEN IN DERBY

He Leads in Flight From Los Angeles, but Gehlbach Still Heads Race From Detroit.

WEDELL'S PLANE CRASHES

Flier Escapes Injury as His Craft Falls on Telephone Wires on the Coast.

OGDEN, Utah, July 29 (AP).—Lee Gehlbach of Little Rock, Ark., held a three-hour lead over Lowell Bayless, Cleveland, in the All American Air Derby tonight when nine of the eleven contestants had arrived at the Ogden airport.

Gehlbach's total lapsed time was 31:18:17, compared with Bayless's total of 34:17:41. The two leaders were second and third, respectively, in arriving here. Herman Hamer, Chicago, led the baby airplanes here from Los Angeles where they took off this morning, and won the lap prize of \$1,000 offered by the Ogden Chamber of Commerce for the best time between the two cities.

Hamer took the direct course over the San Barnadino Mountains, climbing to a height of 8,000 feet and not pausing for gasoline or oil.

Gehlbach made two stops, at Las Vegas, Nev., and Milford, Utah. At Milford he experienced difficulty with the tiny wheels of his plane in leaving the rough and soft field. He barely cleared a fence in taking off.

Hamer's time for the 598 miles was 4:45:47, compared with Gehlbach's 5:00:52 and Bayless's 5:15:42. Bayless refueled at Las Vegas.

From long before Hamer arrived at 1:47 P. M., several thousand persons waited through the hot afternoon for the racers. Other contestants here at 6 P. M., with their time from Los Angeles, were:

Charles Meyers, Cleveland, 5:55:02; Henry Ogden, Inglewood, Cal., 5:27:54; William Cahill, Cleveland, 5:58:33; Larry Brown, Los Angeles, 7:25:15; Cecil Coffrin, Brooklyn, 7:27:41; H. W. Holladay, Los Angeles, 5:47.

Two fliers had not arrived at 6 o'clock. They were Stanley Stanton of Blackwell, Okla., and Joe Neehan of Ironton, Ohio.

The planes will leave here tomorrow for Lincoln, Neb.

Limited to 100-horsepower motors, the fliers are contesting over a 7,000 mile course for \$50,000 in prizes.

GEHLBACH LENGTHENS HIS AIR DERBY LEAD

He Makes the 900-Mile Flight From Ogden, Utah, to Lincoln, Neb., in 6 Hours 45 Minutes.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 30 (AP).—Lee Gehlbach, Little Rock (Ark.) pilot, retained his lead in the All-American Air Derby with a margin of nearly four hours on the hop here from Ogden, Utah, a distance of more than 900 miles.

He landed here at 3:47:25 P. M. after flying the next to longest jump in the tour in 6 hours 45 minutes and 25 seconds.

His total elapsed time for the flight was 38 hours 14 minutes and 35 seconds. At Lincoln the flight had covered about 5,450 miles since leaving Detroit, July 21. On this basis Gehlbach had maintained an average speed of about 144 miles an hour.

Little Rock pilot was perturbed upon his landing here, saying he had been delayed fifteen minutes at the North Platte air mail field while attendants fueled a transport plane. This was his only other landing after leaving Cheyenne, Wyo.

Lowell Bayless, Springfield, Ill., second to land here, and runner-up for total elapsed time honors, made the trip from Ogden in 7 hours 42 minutes and 6 seconds. He landed at 4:45:06 P. M. His total elapsed time was 42 hours and 28 seconds.

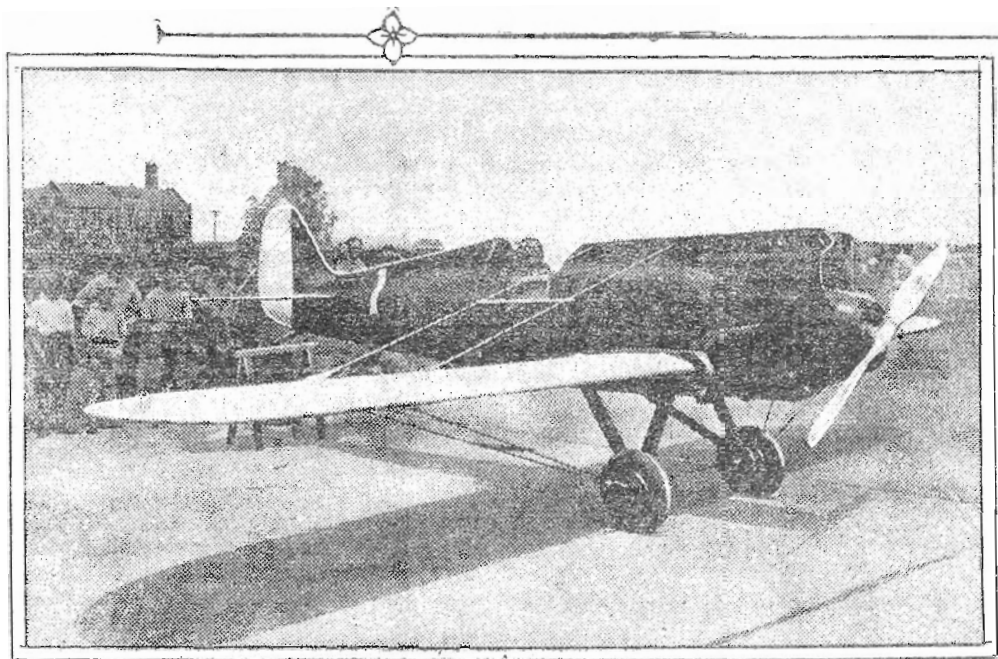
Bayless was forced down three times in Nebraska, at Gothenburg, Kearny and York, and at the latter place he landed in a field near where hay balers were at work, and from them he procured balling wire to patch a broken rocker arm bracket.

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HOME . . . WITH THE BACON—Lee Gehlbach, former Army flier, shown on his arrival in Detroit at the end of the 5,541-mile All-American Derby, which he won, along with the \$15,000 purse for which eighteen fliers had competed.

International Newsreel Photo.



Lee Gelbach, in This Special Plane, the Little Rocket, Built by Commandaire, Inc., Was a Leader in the American Air Derby Which Covered the Country From Coast to Coast.