

# Gliders Bow to Marriage, Give It Special Recognition

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Another fortress of bachelorhood has fallen.

For years it has been traditional among the dedicated group of people who spend their spare time gliding that it is always the bachelors who win the trophies. Marriage, it seems, does not allow a gliding enthusiast enough time to spend on his exacting hobby . . . and so the unmarried ones have consistently walked off with the honors.

Jack Ames of Toronto, president of the Soaring Association of Canada, believed that something should be done about the situation . . . particularly as he is married and has three children. He and his wife debated the point and decided that a special trophy would be the solution.

The result — a trophy "for achievement in soaring flight, one criterion being marriage"—was presented at the association's recent annual meeting in Montreal.

The winner was Wing Cmdr. Don Holman of Ottawa. Not only is he married, but he also has three children. He started soaring in England in 1939, and

despite the demands of family life, has always managed to maintain an active interest in the sport. When notified recently that he will soon be posted to France, Wing Cmdr. Holman was pleased from one point of view at least . . . in France gliding is a government sponsored sport, as it is regarded as an excellent training for flyers. He will have plenty of opportunity in that country to indulge in his hobby.

Mr. Ames made the trophy himself from an alloy metal called dural. It was a labor of love, he said, for not only is he keen on that "purest of sports," gliding, but he also thinks that marriage isn't such a bad idea either.

Both Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Holman heartily endorse that.