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THEY FLY 727 HOURS NON-STOP

Congratulations from their wives greet the world's strangest record holders. There's an air-to-ground handshake from the old champions to the new and then, Dick Riedel and Bill Barris continue on their non-stop endurance flight. For 727 hours - they have stayed aloft in their tiny, single-engined aircraft. It could only happen in America and this is how they do it. Split second timing is essential for the ticklish refuelling operation carried out every 12 hours. Cans of petrol are passed from car to plane, while both are speeding along at 75-miles-an-hour. Food and water are handed over in the same way. Having stayed out of this world already for more than a month, the two endurance men say they are not coming down for another two weeks. The world being what it is, you can't really blame them.