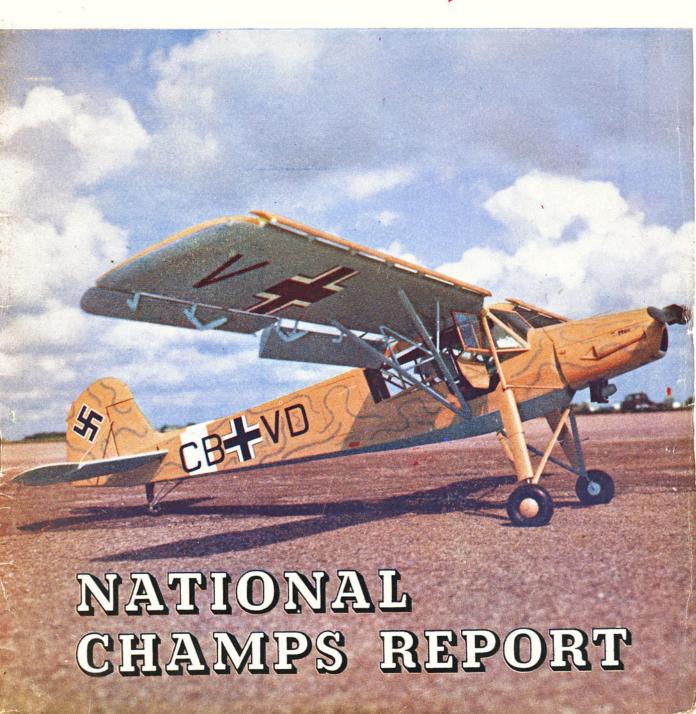
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### COMMENT

First of the 1967 World Championships took place at the end of last month in Corsica. Seventeen Nations, including for the first time, Greece and Liechtenstein took part and yet once more the team prize has gone to the proficient representatives of the U.S.A. Individual results (three of the first four) have gone to manufacturers who not only design, but build and sell their own equipment. One must compliment the West Germans for their high "amateur" status. By all accounts, the Nation which excelled itself for teamwork, sportsmanship and effort was South Africa and knowing as we do, their difficulties in getting men and models to Ajaccio, we feel they deserve a very special mention. Our own British participation was partly marred by mishap, but we must face up to the fact that International contest standards have overtaken our domestic level by a wide margin.

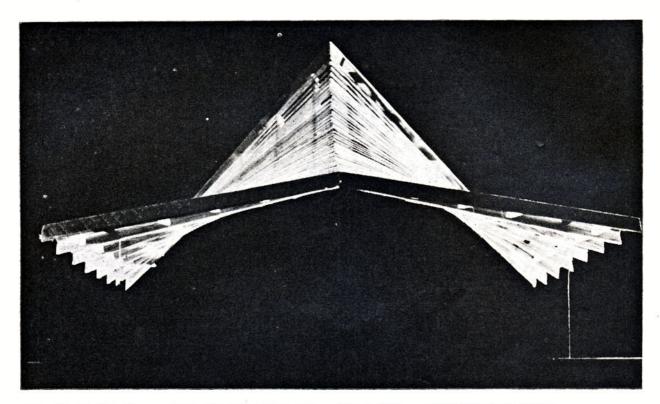
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### COVER

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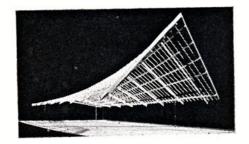
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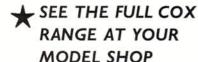
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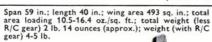
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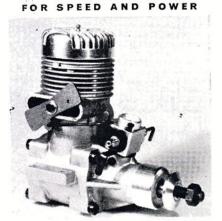
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S71 Silencer		(11.6 c.c	.)	***	2	10	0
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# Heard at the HANGAR DOORS



VISITOR from the U.S.A. was soon put to work as photo below reveals. Dale Willoughby, editor of "Zephyr" and R/C columnist for "Flying Models", was en route to Corsica when we caught up with him testing a Dragon-Kraft "Zefir" semiscale soarer at Ivinghoe. Dale says the slope was fine but not enough wind! Your dog never does his tricks when guests arrive! Dale's glider speed record has just been increased to 58 m.p.h. by the team of Strong/Hahn with a Kraft equipped 84 inch soarer.





Concern for safety in the Rotherham and District M.F.C. caused member E. Newtontoprepare posters to warn children from straying into their control-line area. Photo (left) shows the ideas.

AIRSHIP models are rare birds. Jan Fialkowski of Cumberland is making a 36 in. dia., 162 in. long balsa dirigible and is seeking Melinex or similar material for the Hydrogen bags. Anyone help? See photo of structure at right.

CROSS-CHANNEL trip by Canterbury Pilgrims with air party from Lympne to Beauvais is scheduled for August 6th. Cost, including buffet meal, is £5. 12. 0d. French modellers meet the party for a flying spree on the airfield. Contact J. Ward, 19 St. Pauls Way, Sandgate, Kent, for details.

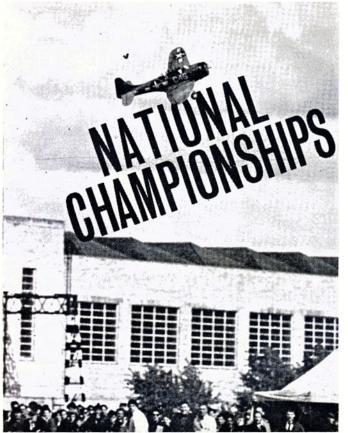
CALCULATION by Bill and Annie Geisking reveals that the 69 U.S.A. free flight trials entrants travelled a total of 83,220 miles to get to Bong Airfield. 18 travelled more than 2,000 miles each! If the venue were changed to Denver, the total reduces to 81,397 miles, with only one travelling over 2,000 miles. Bill and Annie come from Denver.

S.E.5 REPRODUCTIONS being made at the Kirbymoorside factory of Slingsby Sailplanes Ltd. for the forthcoming film "Darling Lily (or where were you the night I shot down Baron Von Richthofen)" are actually scale models! Made to 0.83 scale, they are in fact Lycoming powered derivations of the Currie Wot. Drawings of the full size S.E.5 proved to be so numerous and complex that Slingsby's have taken our Aeromodeller scale drawings of both aircraft and translated the scale and lines of the S.E.5 to fit Wot proportions. The mini-S.E's are to be fully aerobatic and six of them are expected to be flying in Eire by Summer. Derek Piggott reported first flights were very successful in late June.

U.S. NATIONALS rotate about the nation and this year take place in California at Los Alomitos. For 1968 there is to be a change and for any who might now be planning a trip we suggest they think of Olathe in Kansas instead of Dallas as otherwise expected.

WELCOME for all Expo 67 visitors to Montreal is extended by the Model Aeronautical Radio Specialists of Montreal (M.A.R.S.). They suggest a telephone call to 731 2541 or 725 7524 will soon find a fellow modeller ready to talk shop. What a great idea!





Dave Platts SBD-5 pulls up from an Immelman attempt over the runway at Hullavington.

FOR the second successive year, the 'Nats' went west—to the air field at R.A.F. Hullavington near Chippenham by permission of Wing Cdr. A. J. Douch, M.A., A.F.R.Ae.S. This time the wind, which had mercifully dropped from the tempest of the previous days, was from the prevailing quarter and free flighters had a clear wood-free run for a 'max' in comparison with the 1966 problems of afforestation.

Weatherwise it was reminiscent of a Waterbeach affair about thirteen years earlier. Damp start, dead calm setting evening, gusty contest periods, sunshine and hailstorms, thermals and downdraughts — in fact, the LOT!

Contestwise it represented a triumph in adversity for the S.M.A.E. Officers and the Sub-committee specialists who ran the events and refreshing encouragement for the 'supplementary' contests run by appeal from Norwich and N. Sheffield Clubs for Wakefield and Rat Racing.

Financially it will provide the vitally needed surplus funds for the S.M.A.E. thanks to excellent public support and the long labouring efforts of the Treasurer, Syd Lawton, and his crew.

Socially it improved enormously over previous years. More than 600 wanted to get into the Camp Cinema for a special showing of 'Flight of the Phoenix' and the overflow swamped the NAAFI with a get-together that such a meeting needs so much. The Camp site was even more colourful than ever thanks to the multitude of frame tents and many caravans.

All of which sounds very rosy; but as ever, there is always the other side of the coin. It was not a 'Nats' devoid of problems; but these were very much the private affair of the Society and not the concern of the reader, except perhaps the hope'ess inadequacy of the toilets which become an annual embarrassment, and the incredible thoughtlessness of the campers who deposited their litter in such an appalling state.

If any single factor is to be selected from this 'Nats' it should be our disappointment in quantity of the results. One is used to a percentage of 'fall-out' in the entry. The inexplicable loss of 25% of those who paid their fee to fly has always been with us. This year a soft gloved hand of gentle authority in most events reduced the field by justifiable disqualifications to less than half in most cases! One not only has to make the model, but also read the book! All of this was in spite of forewarning. If we are to elevate standards, the gloves must come right off and the Rule book enforced without exception.

Many attend the 'Nats' just to fly for fun and watch the experts.

This time the expert was in some cases hard to find and the sport flying groups tended to take attention—and why not when one can watch C. A. 'Rip' Rippon flying his 45-year-old design reproduced by Alwyn Greenhalgh who went to the U.S.A. in our Wakefield team of '36. Or to find a whole circus of converted chuck-gliders as control-liners, or youngsters with their first control-liner happily oblivious of the silencer rule but equally respectful when advised as to what they should do.

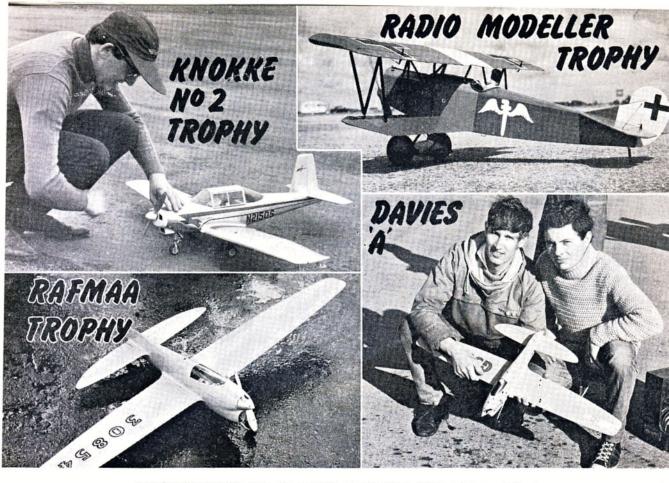
There was far more action to be seen in the outfield than in the enlosure where cars massed and traders coined their take in Eastern Bazaar fashion as a whole day was taken to make 18 radio controlled scale model flights. This department will certainly need a shake up next time if only for the reason it is a public spectacle deserving of better efforts. There are far too many new scale models entered each year. Had the proposition made by a modeller a year ago been accepted, demanding a pre-'nats' trial of scale models one month before the event then the number of those flying could have been reduced considerably. Models which were placed 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th had only made singular test flights before the 'Nats', two of them the evening before. Admittedly this is the very stuff of which aeromodelling is made and we like to see it — but not at the cost of valuable time and spectator patience in the actual contest.

### Scale

There's no doubting that this is the 'oohs and aahs' event. Quality leaps ahead annually and with 31 types ranging from a Comper Swift to a Lockheed P.38 entered, there was good reason for excitement. But only 16 came forward to fly - a fall-out of 50% before the start. Some of the withdrawn entries were to be seen the evening before, a Fokker Triplane, Grumman F3F. Spitfire, etc.; we wonder what became of them? Anyway. Den Thumpston had to be freed for his C/L scale duties so he was ice-breaker No. 1. The Bristol Monoplane started well, got only part way through the schedule and the motor petered out for a premature landing. Dave Platt's photo-finish (i.e. decorated for realistic photography) Douglas SBD-5 Dauntless came forward amid much expectation. Winner last year, Dave had rebuilt the SBD after a near write-off a week earlier and as a full-house entry with flaps, bomb and retract gear it had been created for maximum score. A stall after take-off was disastrous. The model hit a van and severed the fuselage. Dave immediately set to work on reconstruction for a later flight. Relief was needed and it came with a fine flight by R. Westley with what looked like a quarter scale Meyer 'Little Toot'. Unfortunately the builder did not declare the scale to the judges as essentially required so it did not qualify! Norman Butcher produced his bright Fokker D VII with all OS gear to show exactly how to enter a contest of this nature. Each scale entrant has the chance of five out of 17 optional gimmicks and manoeuvres. Norm, having worn the treadmill of contests for more years than we will reveal, chose the manoeuvres rather than the mechanical contrivances to rack up a score that was to lead the field and a high proportion of which came from his at the feet spot landing. All this with a relatively simple subject was to be the eventual crux of the contest. Next came what was the showpiece model of the whole 'Nats'. Mick Charles' reproduction of Sheila Scott's Comanche 260 had everything. Space prohibits a full description here (see September R.C.M. & E.) but not only was it to scale in all directions including inwards, but everything worked, too. All the rough and ready signatures on the real machine were reproduced precisely and the stop watch and tape recorder in the cockpit looked as though they would work! Take-off with retraction in the climb out was a thrill as the 260 passed over the crowd, and Charles was all set for an all-time record in scale scores. But it was not to be. After the figure 8, a cowl hatch unlocked and as the large nose cover lifted on the diminutive scale piano hinge, the all moving stabilator had to be swung to fully negative to correct the pitch down. An emergency landing cut short a good chance and the impact damaged both wing and the O/D retract gear.

Dr. Henley's Bulldog (a new one) was resplendent in shiny metal and multiple cylinders. How we wished him well at take-off. But this is an all-time ground looping record breaker and Doc ran out of props trying to get the beast airborne. Terry Mellaney's Piper Cherokee was another to boost its chances with good flying followed by spot landing and the Gipsy Moths by Wally Nield and G. Goldsmith also flew well but failed to qualify through lack of information for the judges. A Chipmunk by Brian Lees, Tiger Moth by A. Devonshire, added to the De Havilland fleet, the latter with a magnificent take off. Racing planes by Dave Day (Shoestring) and Jeremy Collins (Heath





Tony Day (Handsworth) topped C/L scale with his Shinn 2150A trainer, metal paper finish, flew well. Top right, Norman Butcher won scale with his O.S. Max H-60 powered Fokker D.7. With an O.S. S-1002 multi servo 'unit', Tx and Rx, this was an O.S. benefit, also a great flyer, and Norman's first Nationals scale attempt. Both classes of team race were won by the Wharfedale lads Brian Turner and Mick Hughes, left, their Don Haworth modified Eta F.A.I. team racer winner (A.P.S. plan for September issue) and right, the pair with the Oliver Tiger Cub powered !A model.

Bullet) made another interesting contrast, their speed differential was not only to scale but also indicative of progress in air racing over the years. There remains two exceptional types to describe. Roy Yates produced a Percival Provost modelled on a Shawbury machine that carried all the atmosphere of a well used (and abused) trainer and proceeded to score high points though his Immelman turned into a nasty spin. Use of flaps and a fine 'Split S' helped his score. Dennis Bryant's choice was the Fieseler Storch, a challenge for anyone with its large cabin, so he made it out of steel tubing like the real thing! In flight, the Storch was fully characteristic, the best of the entry,

and only an abrupt landing with nose pitched down by flaps spoiled the record. Came the Judging, and recrimation. Results should never be taken as official until checked and the complexities of scale are such that errors easily arise. First announcement gave Den Thumpston the new Radio Modeller 'pot'; but dispute rightfully showed that while flight points had been averaged, the static points were aggregated between judges. This had given advantage to the more detailed models, and the next announcement produced Roy Yates' Provost as winner for its good flight points. But alas!

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5. O'Donnell	Whitefield		14	
6. Burrows	Blackheath		14	
7. Woodhouse	Norwich		14.	
8. Monks	B'ham		13.	57
9 Hipperson	Croydon		13.5	27
10. Halford	Norwich		13.	
11. Lennox	B'ham		13.5	
12. Sharpe	Blackheath		13	10
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5. Firbank	Worksop	78.0	5.0	119.7
6. Cooper	Northampton	77.9	15	81.0
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2. P. Waters		2915		429
3. E. Johnson		2710		
4. B. Purslow	2653	2313		966
5. K. R. Jones	2525	2119		644
& M. Birch	2389	2007	4	396

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Brighton York	9 00+4.27
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2. K. Smith	Croydon	9.00+1.31
3. P. Trenchard	F.A.C.C.T.	8.49
4. J. Wright	Hornchurch	8.00
5. G. Ferer	Swindon	7.55
6. D Bailey	Swindon	7 40
7. A. Wisher	Croydon	7.25
8. M. Woodhouse	Norwich	7.08
9. G. Abbott	York	7.00
10. J. Bailey	Bristol & West	6.58
11. J. Burke	Norwich	6.56
12. J.Baggott	Birmingham	6.41

# SIR JOHN SHELLEY CUP (Open Power) 1. R. Monks B'ham 9.00+5.50 2. M. Green Sheffield 9.00+4.50 3. D. Miller Cambridge 9.00+3.9 4. Baggott B'ham 9.00+3.9 5. C. Pittard Hornchurch 9.00+2.20 6. R. Boxall Croydon 9.00+2.20

Roy's scores were not properly calculated (e.g. 8 x 10 = 100!) so now it was Roy's turn for disappointment and Norman Butcher came into line to win back the very trophy he had donated! Argument on the scoring system waxes hot among the zealous who freated the event as a deadly serious matter; but in our view the rules have now proved themselves. One does not have to carry a gimmick or chose any particular kind of subject to win. One has to produce a model that is to scale and well made, well documented and flies well. No one has as yet hit this combination to score over 800 points and the field remains wide open.

If R/C lost its entries what happened to control line? Only four qualified in flights and two of these were old hands from our team at Swinderby. Each flew impressively and finished in an acceptable order of results.

While John Simmance's Marauder had 'the lot' including flaps and retract gear, Tony Day had also refurbished his Shinn and this simple little model came as near to perfection as one could wish. It was a close result. Third was David Nelson's Black Widow, a big model, rock steady and impressive, but not quite up to the detail of the others.

### Unorthodox

Maybe it was dampness under the tents, or perhaps plain enthusiasm but anyway, hangar 5 was full of 'bods' to watch a smaller entry than '66 for the off-the-cuff unorthodox contest. Last year's winner, A. Goff, produced a flying bedstead with eiderdown and couple! Goodenough and Wright had a flying matchbox, Chinnery and Bragg Autogyros, and Wood and Stocks attempted to fly a frying pan! But it was ten-year-old 'Golden Winger' Tony Stothers who drew loudest applause as his little form in blazer, shorts and wellington boots rotated when he flew his own design biplane control liner. Not exactly unorthodox but very deserving!

### **Multi Channel Aerobatics**

Sixty-two prospective Multi Aerobatic competitors preentered, but only 47 turned out to contest for the S.M.A.E. Trophy. 'Only' is a comparative expression, for this was the largest number of competitors ever in a Nationals multi event, and considering 87 flights were made in eight hours, it was a triumph for the organisers of the three ring 'circus'. Simultaneous activity of this sort can be confusing to the observer. It is a strange anomaly that fewer spectators remained to view the intense activity of the event than were kept waiting interminably for sporadic scale flights on the previous day. At circle No. 1, Merco maker Dennis Allen was an early unfortunate when the motor in his interesting twin finned low wing design stopped during the stall turn soon after take off. Repeated exactly the same way in the second round, this was one of the few examples of engine failure and it must be particularly choking for Dennis to have his own motor go bad on him when so many in the same competition were extracting unfaltering reliability from their Merco 61's. Are we about to see a spate of big 'uns like Dennis Hammant's 7 ft. span King Spectre. Who knows? Certainly the 9 lb. Rossi 60 powered beast performed beautifully in practice, with one of the slowest, most graceful spins we have ever seen. Dennis confided that it was a considerable improvement over his previous Spectre design, but it did not have time to prove itself in the first round after aileron trouble necessitated a speedy return to earth, directly after take-off.

Top performer in round one was Barry Purslow, for the past twelve months very much a 'big league' contender (fourth in the team trials). Second placer so far was Keith Jones from Sutton Coldfield, both these lads outpointing Chris Olsen, Ed. Johnson and Peter Waters. In sixth place was Mike Birch.

RAD	IO/MODELLER TROP	PHY R/C	SCALE		
Name	Model	Flight	Scale	Craft	Total
1. N. J. Butcher	Fokker DVII	438	155	153	746
2. R. Yates	Percival Provost	413	199	125	737
3 D. Bryant	F.156 Storch	283	203	219	705
4. D. Thumpston	Bristol Mono	232	243	223	698
5. M. Charles	Piper Comanche	255	231	207	693
6. D. Platt	Douglsa SBD-5	264	174	156	594
7. T Mellaney	Piper Cherokee	417	87	107	511
8. A. Devonshire	D.H 82 Tiger Moth	283	112	49	444
9. D. Day	Shoestring	295	32	68	395
10. J. Collins	Heath Baby Bullett	107	173	104	384

### 'DAVIES' CLASS (A) TEAM RACING

			Rd 1	Rd 2	Final
	Turner/Hughes	Wharfedale	4:49	_	9:50.2
2.	Balch/King	Feltham/Hayes	-	5:04	Rtd
3.	Place/Hayworth	Wharfedale		4:57	Disa.
4.	Green/Manser	Wanstead	5:10	-	
5.	Bedford/Allen	Wanstead	6:03	5:29	
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Control line scale beauties below drew crowds, top to bottom they are, Tony Day's Shinn entirely reworked since W/Champs. Looks real with metal finish. A. J. Brigg's Boeing B17F "Lady Luck", four Oliver Tiger Majors 3.5 c.c., 1/16th rcale, 78 in. span, weigh 15 lb., has retractable u/c, flaps and lights and is ALL PLYWOOD COVERED. Vickers Gunbus by Maurice Hessey of Woking is 65 in. for Merco .29 pusher, weight  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lb. Black Widow by David Nelson was big and impressive for 3rd position.







Reading clockwise, top left, Laurie and Betty Barr take strain in Wakefield winding up, a close second. Ken Smith uses straight dihedral, untapered wings and short nose on A/2, was 2nd. Mike Green was also a 2nd, in Power with Eta 29. Below him is Yeter Allnutt over from Canada with British teamsters, Halford

and Woodhouse admiring his fuselage. Built up prop blades and criss-cross wing is Alistiar Frazer and "Sumura" from Scotland. Rosemary Jones of the Bald Eagles with mighty canard and miniskirt. Corner shot is Pete Trenchard, 3rd in Glider—my those ribs. Centre is Mary Day in a struggle with a broken bobbin.

of Esher M.F.C. flying in his first multi competition and really chasing the leaders. He managed to hang on to sixth place right the way through and proved that he is a pilot to watch for the future.

In round two, the three sets of judges changed circles. Chris Olsen turned in the highest point score of the competition, with Upsel, 3052 points for a polished performance that showed how well he had been practising for the World Championships. Waters also improved, flying the Thunderstormer. Ed. Johnson piled on the pressure using a model now in its third season of competitions and Stuart Foster came back on the contest trail, this time flying a Digimite equipped Thunderstormer instead of the Nimbus. Towards the end of the marathon, things were beginning to drag, but when final scores were in, Chris Olsen had the lead, followed by Peter Waters. Third placer was Ed. Johnson, these three edging first round leaders Barry Purslow and Keith Jones in fourth and fifth places.

Equipment-wise, it was not only a win for Kraft but also a numerical victory. Nineteen entries used this imported gear, nearest rivals being Orbit (6 propo, 2 reeds) and Johnson Propo (6). The remainder employed 15 other makes in two's and three's. There were 52 proportional sets and most popular frequencies remain Red and Orange, with Blue represented by only two fliers.

### **Control Line**

One of the brightest events in control line was Rat Racing, held at the Nats for the first time this year. Organised by the North Sheffield club safety was given prime attention. Each model was checked out with a 20 G pull test and all line thicknesses

measured before each heat. Of the 67 entered, 24 recorded times, 8 were disqualified and 35 scratched or did not start/ appear. Of the 8 disqualified, 2 did not make the compulsory pit stop and the other teams transgressed into the flying circle. A large variety of engines were in use including homebuilds and specials. One of the most popular was the Eta 29, indeed they took 2nd and 4th places. Most models were decidedly rough and thrown together, an improvement in the building standard would not go amiss! There were exceptions and these were the better flying models. The junior final, where the N. Sheffield club gave special medallion prizes was one of the most hectic of all. A model ran in and there was a large line tangle, P. King with an Aeromodeller King Rat, modified to mono wheel placed second and the race was won by Stevens (Feltham) with an upright mounted Johnson Combat Special powered model. Several spectators had to run into the centre and wire cutters came in very handy. Dave Rudd (Feltham) flew a sidewinder mounted K & B 40 RV powered model with a Lindsey tuned length pipe, but the model slowed in the semi-finals as it has to be whipped up to speed for two laps before the pipe "comes in". The other contestants made sure he was boxed in and could not help his model along a great deal! Several other models in the Felthani Club had Lindsey pipes and they were noticeably quieter than the other silencers, which were mostly Merco and O.S. in modified forms. Several "B" Team Racers were entered and the ex-champ of "B" racing Chas Taylor was lucky when the elevator came off his Carter McCoy model and it made a fast pancake landing without too much damage. The fastest engines were the K & B -40's and Super Tigre G21/40's. Fuel shut offs were widely used and are now regarded as essential gear, as will be "hot" gloves and Quick-Fill valves in the future. With one 70 lap heat and the fastest 8 getting a second go in two semi-finals, all flying four-up, the fastest semi went to Tom Jolley (Whitefield) at 3:32, followed by Hampson Yates (Leigh) at 4:03-5, then Balch/King 4:07-9 and D. Rudd 4:11-6. The fastest heat time went to Gillhespey/Goddard (Wanstead) at 3:46-2 with a Pink Fink model from Model Airplane News Plans (M.A.N. 53A) powered by a Super Tigre G21/40 RV with an 8 x 9 Rev up propeller on 10% Nitro fuel.

The final drew a large crowd and the competitors were getting a little edgy as Gordon Farnsworth, the event director, would not start the race until all spectators were off the runway and behind the safety fence. The start whistle went and the pit crews all made their "Le Mans" sprint from the centre flying circle to their respective models and all models were away together for a fine start. D. Rudd's pipe came in and he was the fastest but the engine went lean and started to cook up after about 8 laps at 120 m.p.h. Each crew had to make two stops and these went without incident, Tom Jolley's being exceptionally good. All of the models were flying at 105 – 108 m.p.h. and the rest of the race went off without incident with Tom Jolley he winner at 7:15-4. D. Balch in second place used a "B" racer and an Eta 29 as did Hampson/Yates in 4th position. D. Rudd placed 3rd.

Summing up, Rat was the largest crowd draw next to Combat and the contestants all enjoyed themselves. Rat is still an open event but we can see it becoming a "B" type team race with powerful 6.5 c.c. engines. Let's hope it stays simple, but improves with a little better standard of building. The Canadian design by D. Kelly published in Aeromodeller was the basis of of several models. This month's APS introduction should also

Speed was pretty dismal this year. Out of 28 entries only 15 made attempts and only 10 recorded times, and Gordon Farnsworth, the event Director, himself recorded the only mono line time of 110-2 m.p.h. in the 2-5 Open class. Only bright spot was the winning flight by Parker/Aldred (N. Sheffield) on two -006" lines for 110-7 m.p.h. in the 1-5 c.c. class with a Cox TD -09 powered flying wing. They used 50% Nitromethane, 20% Castrol M and 30% Methanol and exceeded handicap with 106-3%. A 6 x 8 Super Record propeller cut down to a 5 x 8 toothpick and pen bladder fuel tank were employed with their second rate engine (because of the wind). The best engine recorded 114 m.p.h. on -008" lines for a British record some

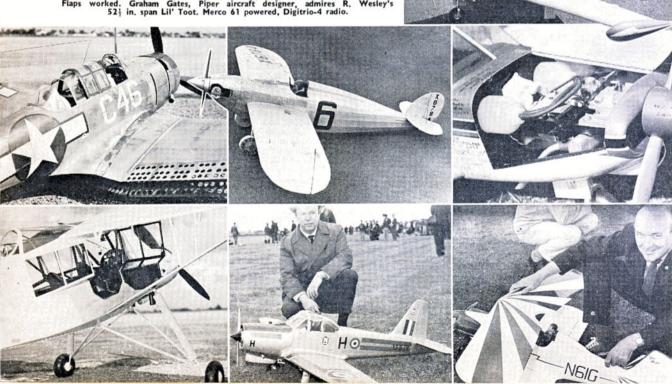
months ago. A newcomer to speed, G. Isles (Sharston) had dolly take off troubles with his G15 "Stuppi". Since he had not flown mono line before he refrained from trying his "T.W.A. 15" powered version. Both models were very well built with a deep Burgundy finish and polished aluminium wings. Bill Bessant who topped the handicap results in 1965 took second place as in '66 with another Cox TD 09 powered wing recording 92-8 m.p.h. for 89%.

A B.B.C. reporter went along with a tape recorder wanting some typical speed noises and Ivor Roffey obliged with 4 wingovers and a shaft run from a Carter Dooling 61! The B.B.C. chap must have thought the competitors were mad! All the results were based on the records standing at Jan. 1st, '67.

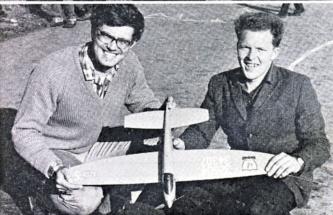
Class A Team Racing was also a dismal display of what G.B. can't do in the International Class. With 71 entries the organisers, Gerry Green and John Franklin of Wanstead thought they were in for a great day of racing, this was not the case as 53 of the 71 entries were disqualified either for rule breaking (this took every form, from flying to model and handle specs) or did not attempt to fly at all. In fact only 19 teams recorded a time, only 9 were under 6 minutes and two under 5! In Round I Turner/ Hughes made 4:49 flying at 93 m.p.h. Their fuel tank was insulated by covering it in sheet balsa. Second fastest time went to Green/Manser (Wanstead) with Copeman-tuned Oliver Tiger powered *Trident* at 5:10. Next were Heaton/Ross (Leigh) with an M.V.V.S. powered model using an automatic pressure refuelling system who recorded 5:48. Round 2 saw some improvement with Place/Haworth flying a new model to record 4:57 and King/Balch (Feltham/Hayes) recorded 5:04, they used a 7 x 7½ propeller, and their usual Trident design. The processing produced a tense atmosphere when Dick Place's model was found to be exactly on the weight and the tank limits. Some 7 checks made the tank "in" by 4 tries to 3. It was far too close and unfortunate as one of the organisers would have gone into the final if Dick was disqualified. After a practice flight each. the final was started and Don Howarth had to crawl into the circle to get the model back after a run in, therefore disqualifying himself. Balch and Turner flew on with one warning each, then with the end in sight and Turner having made one stop more than Balch, they were running neck and neck and both finished level with a time of 9:59! A re-run was organised straight away, two up as Place was disqualified. Both Turner/

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Right; Mick Charles' replica of Shiela Scott's round-the-world Piper Comanche. Placed 6th with O.S. engine and R.C.S. Digifive operating flaps and retracting U/C. Below, left to right; Dave Platts' Douglas SBD-5 Dauntless. Excellently detailed with airbrush applied realistic finish. O.S. 60 powered, Logictrol 7 radio. Flaps, retracting U/C and bomb release. J. Collins' unusual Heath Baby Bullet, spans 63½ in., Merco 61 powered, Grundig 8 radio, 11 per cent tail area. The engine bay of Mick Charles' Comanche. Note twin fuel tanks. Below left to right; close-up of Dennis Bryant's 93 in. span Fiesler Storch, F&M 12 radio, O.S. 60 powered, 10½ lb. Operating flaps, Roy Yates and 2nd placing Percival Provost. 60 in. span used O.S. 60 power and R.C.S. Digifive radio. Flaps worked. Graham Gates, Piper aircraft designer, admires R. Wesley's 52½ in. span Lil' Toot. Merco 61 powered, Digitrio-4 radio.







Hardworking combat crew L to R are C. R. Owen, Frank Dowling and Len Smith, Frank from Liverpool placed second. Above the fated 2nd place team in F.A.I. team race of Dave Balch, left, and Richard King with their Oliver Tiger powered Trident.



Above, part of the fine display of Vintage models in the collection of Lt. Cdr. A. Greenhalgh RN, for which there was a constant queue. Below left, Flying Bedstead by A. Goff (Feltham) and Flying Guitar by Ken Johnson from Portsmouth in the unorthodox







Brian Turner in action, a fast catch with the left hand then quick jump to clear the model on take off.

Hughes and Balch/King started together and were again equal on laps and speed, Turner then worked up some advantage on laps and with Turner at 105 laps Dave Balch chipped his prop on take off and in an effort to land Dave bounced his Trident and sheared nearly all of his propeller. The Oliver Tiger shaft ran for several laps on the prop stub with blue smoke pouring out of it, then he landed and it stopped, at 88 laps. As Turner/Hughes were past the halfway mark they carried on to finish at 9:50-5 for yet another win at a fast pace.

1/2 A Team Racing attracted 34 entries and an encouraging total of 30 times were recorded in both rounds. The standard of flying was good and Place/Haworth (Wharfedale) recorded the fastest heat of 3:48-8 followed by Turner/Hughes with 3:51. Heaton/Ross (Leigh) had a very neat little model, Oliver Tiger Cub powered with a cast alloy engine mounting plate and made the third fastest time of 4:06-4. Taylor/Booth (Rolls Royce) were close behind with 4:09 and this team should be watched in the future as they are on the upward swing. Most capably organised by the R.A.F.M.A.A. under F/Lt. Cottrell and Penny Farthing, all of the heats went off without a hitch. The final between Turner/Hughes, Place/Haworth and Heaton/Ross was marred by Heaton/Ross's lines binding on take off the model doing a wingover and expensively demolishing both itself and the Oliver Cub. Turner/Hughes won at 8:15-4 followed by Place/Howarth at 8:35 both models flying at 85 m.p.h. with Place having a slight advantage on range in the earlier stages. This is quite an achievement for Brian Turner and Mick Hughes as they have now won the R.A.F.M.A.A. Cup three times in a row. Also they recorded the fastest final time ever, beating their own 8:17-1 record.

Combat was organised by R. Hepple and crew of Sunderland, and the N.W Area, with Wharfedales' help kept things moving. The standard of flying was better than ever and only 6 re-flys were called in two days of non stop jousting. This was mainly due to the new rules that allow a second model to be bought into action during the heat as soon as another is downed. One person was disqualified for letting go of the handle as he thought the engine had stopped after touching the ground (the model then going F/F.). Of 128 entries only 2 entries had silencers proper, the majority using Oliver manifolds in standard forms or cut-away versions, to lessen power loss (and also silencing efficiency). J. Dunker (Mad Mac) defeated Richard Wilkens (Sidcup) in two good combat heats as the first one was a tie with no crashes, etc. then Dunker won with an extra cut.

J. Dixon (Feltham/Hayes) beat Mick Davies (Outlaws) after a re-flight as they drew with three cuts each. In the re-flight J. Dixon won with three cuts to Davie's one. A great improvement was noticed in the standard of flying by newcomers. Some people who turned up late in the first round were disqualified and thereafter the event ran to time for the entire period. Copeman tuned Oliver Tigers powered most of the fastest entries, in fact the top four all flew with C.S. Tigers. The final between J. Chamberlain (Maidenhead) and F. Dowling (Liverpool) was pretty hectic and Chamberlain was first to crash. He was soon up again, then they collided in mid-air and Chamberlain called in a new model that had been kept on the circle edge by his pit crew with the engine running for just such an emergency. Dowlings lines were off and he quickly put them on again and got away to a one flick start. Chamberlain took a cut then Dowling crashed again and was trying to get up into the air again as the final whistle went. Chamberlain +3 and Dowling -4 was the final result and though a very good pilot Dowling lost on the basis of minus points incurred on the ground, in fact a total of 55 seconds.

For the first time **Stunt** was run to a pre-published schedule, organiser *Geoff Higgs* was pushing this idea and with good reason as for a long time stunt fliers have just wanted to "roll up" and fly when they felt like it. This year however entries flew at 10 minute intervals, with 2 minutes grace allowed. This system worked well and of the 21 original entrants 8 dropped out and 4 reserves were let in. Tom Jolley flew his new *Midget Mustang* based model for top spot with a best flight of 1,055 pts. Although flying well Tom was not on top form and his second flight was not too hot. Harold Dowberkin in 2 nd place nearly made the top spot with his second flight but suffered premature

motor cut on the fourth loop of the four leaf clover and he could not pull out smoothly, then he fluffed the landing - quite unusual for Harold. Though a new model is under way Harold used last year's model, albeit repainted. Mick Reeves with a new Dictator design placed third with his first flight, and this was the first flight of the meeting, using his usual Fox 35. Jim Mannall in 4th position had really bad luck, during his second flight the motor went abnormally rich so Jim ran down the runway to land the model inverted and then it leaned in, just as he ran back to the flying area it richened up again. In the process of moving about the N.A.A.F.I. van parked beside the runway was almost demolished. In his first flight his engine was far too lean and the manoeuvres were too fast and, hence, also large. The Mercury Crusader he was flying is now three years old, but the fuel proofer has been renewed! Mayne in 5th position has improved and did quite well with a second round score of 861. Dave Day seemed to be right off form with 822 points, also using an old model. The rest of the entries were all pretty much bunched up with less than 100 points between them. One point that is clear in all this, is that all the stunt fliers need more competitive practice to improve themselves. Entries are so low and stunt fliers spread so thinly over the country that it's hard to see how this can be bought about, the odd competitive contest with a couple of good fliers not being the answer to increase the entries and hence the standard.

### Free flight, by J. O'Donnell

The first day (Sunday) started overcast and breezy. Conditions changed until by mid-afternoon it was sunny and quite windy. The time to fly was early and it is significant that the *only* two **Glider** fliers to max out wasted little time in so doing. The low scores amply illustrate the difficulty in consistently locating low-level lift — especially as the day progressed. It became windy enough to hamper tactical flying, and gusty enough to confuse those relying on feeling lift on tow.

Rubber was a different story as most models have enough performance for easy "threes". Early scores recorded were almost all maxs with the first trebles recorded going to Horn-church members Ray Pavaley and Bob Wells. The pace slowed somewhat when the wind freshened and several entrants "dropped" their third flights. Retrieving was generally straight-forward as the countryside was fairly "open" with only scattered trees and no dense woods. Crops, whilst obviously healthy, were not sufficiently advanced to "swallow" models. Trouble was experienced by some rubber fliers with strong lift (and slow D.T. descents) taking their models considerable distances — and a number did not survive to the flyoff.

Other and rather more distasteful trouble was downwind vandalism. There were small groups of local youngsters overanxious to retrieve models, plus instances of models discovered hidden behind hedges. The worst case was of Chris Hayward's glider fuselage being snapped in two in order to steal the D.T. timer. I saw the model and the damage must have required considerable force. Complaints were not all one sided as the local farmer understandably complained of crop-wading.

Tailless exponents John Pool and Ken Attiwell flew their specialities in open rubber — and John missed the flyoff by a narrow margin. I'm not sure whether they were just short of conventional models or trying to draw attention to the lack of tailless events. If the latter, then successful participation in open events is surely the last thing they should want.

One new snag with launching into someone else's lift was demonstrated by AI Wisher and Jim Wright. They flew in the same thermal and ended up in the same tree! Peter Trenchard's model (third — top of those who didn't max out) went one worse. It landed on the railway line and was run over.

At least one very well-known glider flier had failed to realise that winch-throwing is now (since the new rulebook came out) prohibited in S.M.A.E. as well as in F.A.I. events — and had his second max disallowed. In all fairness I feel that such rule changes should be highlighted so that competitors learn about them in advance. Few people bother to "read the fine print" and tend to assume the mixture is as before. (Why bother with those who won't bother — couldn't they read John's column in May issue?— Fd.)

The contests closed at 6 o'clock but for once the flyoffs were

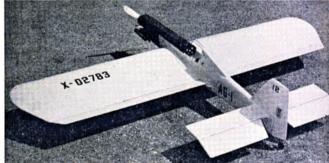
Top, new F.A.I. team racer by Davy/Hudson (Wharfedale) with Eta 15 and plate engine mount, note rearward wheel. Centre is A.G.I. Duster stunter from M.A.N. plans by M. Harvey (Mitchem). Right, the 3rd place \(\frac{1}{2}\)A team racer was very smart by Heaton/Ross (Leigh), written off when the lines bound in final.

not held shortly afterwards. Last year's Nationals Glider flyoff had demonstrated the true value of an "all-together" launch into the same thermal. It had consequently been decided to hold this year's Rubber and Glider flyoffs much later in the evening when wind and thermals should have decreased and the results less dependent on timekeeping.

### Fly-off

The flyoff qualifiers reassembled around 8 o'clock to the tune of the usual organisational appeals for timekeepers. It was decided to hold the Glider flyoff first. Lines were checked again before the start of the 15 minute period was announced. Both Ken Smith and Tony Young moved downwind — but Tony went furthest. The wind had dropped somewhat but conditions looked rather cold and uninspiring and a long wait seemed likely. However, Ken towed with little delay — and released almost at once. There was nothing in the way of lift however — as the waiting Tony was obviously able to judge. After Ken's model was done in about 1½ mins., Tony continued to wait for several minutes (to run down his D.T. timers?). Eventually he towed up, kited for a short while and then released. Air was obviously better than that experienced by his clubmate as evidence by his score of almost 2 minutes. Tony's win will perhaps compensate for his disastrous weekend at the trials.







The model was his usual sheet-top-wing design. Its most unusual feature was the provision of *two* D.T. timers. The D.T. will work off *either*, this being Tony's insurance against the susceptibility of timers to dust, dirt and the like. Ken's model had a fishing rod fuselage but still managed to look very angular. Straight dihedral on the Davis sectioned wing looks strange to eyes accustomed to the current standardised A/2 layout!

Fourteen qualified for the rubber flyoff — but two didn't make the decisive fourth flight. Alan Armes found that the late flyoff coincided with dinner — whilst Brian Day had lost both his models in strong lift. I did hear an ugly rumour that one person flew a third model despite all recent publicity on this topic. It was apparent that models were going to go a long way and that visibility was going to be critical. In fact Dave White commented afterwards that he and other Northern Area fliers had reckoned that Ray Monks and I were going to win as we had large and easy-to-see models.

This proved to be a remarkably accurate assessment! The first few to flyoff had worse conditions than those found a few minutes later by Ray and myself. We launched within about a minute of each other. Ray's model held its height after the prop folded and was clocked for over 6 minutes. Mine came down on glide and went O.O.S. near the skyline. It was still in sight through big binoculars and proved to have gone about three fields further than Ray's model. He had the *right* length of D.T. fuse!

Jack Allen placed third after extensive repairs through breaking a motor without a winding tube. No-one else cleared four minutes. Bob Bailey had to use a semi-trimmed reserve. Jon Clements stalled down on glide — and discovered on retrieving that the prop assembly had jettisoned itself in mid-air! As far as I know only Ray Pavaley failed to recover his model. This aspect certainly justified the late flyoff, as lift was certainly sparse even if visibility was still critical. The moral is obvious — don't build underfed (thin) and pale pastel-coloured models!

Monday was very different! It was generally bright and sunny all day except for odd (if heavy) showers. A fair breeze at first soon dropped and became variable in direction. The improvement was such that only my first flight (Wakefield) went outside the airfield. Lift was plentiful and quite easy to detect. The Wakefield event, in fact, brought back memories of Kauhava as it produced the same style of flying and large numbers of maxs.

Wakefield is a new event at the Nationals. Its appearance this year was due to the Norwich Club linking an offer to run Glider with the request to hold a Wakefield event for which they would present a trophy.

The Wakefield event was undoubtedly successful. It was well supported and had more entries than the Trials. This was helped by Open Rubber and Wakefield being on different days of a two day contest. Good weather let most people fly and made for high scores. Two fliers managed perfect scores — Laurie Barr and Mike Dixon, whilst most of the following 8 or 10 did four maxs out of five. The British Wakefield Team did not fare too well — John Mabey losing a model upwards on D.T. for 8 or 9 minutes. Three overseas entries were present in person — Peter Allnutt (Croydon) of Canada (who also flew glider), Bill McCarvey of New Zealand, and A. Tyrer of South Africa.

The contest certainly had an exciting finish. Ray Monks ran short of time and appeared 10-15 mins. before the close with two models to take his 4th and 5th flights. The first model away maxed, but the reserve spiralled in — without damage! There was barely time for another wind up and a quick launch with some opposite side-thrust and less rudder. The trim looked surprisingly good — but it didn't make the 3 minutes.

The flyoff was just as dramatic. Mike Dixon, having lost his first model (with autorudder worked by the propeller stop to give left glide) on the fifth max, used his reserve to record a useful score of 3½ minutes. Laurie Barr broke three motors in succession before managing to get one to stay together. His launch was literally seconds before the organisers signalled "time". The flight was about 2½ minutes for second place.

The **Power** contest was nothing like as impressive — in either numbers or standard. Many of the large entry didn't fly and of those who did only six managed three-threes. The correlation of the downhill trend in interest with the silencer requirement has been drawn by many people — even though other powered classes (e.g. in C/L) do not seem to have suffered equally.

Mention must be made of the event director's insistence on the use of two watches to record the engine run. His simultaneous allowing of a single watch to record the flight was hardly consistent. The new rulebook would appear to require

the use of either two split hand watches (hardly ever possessed privately) or else *four* watches to time a power flight. I need hardly comment how impractical this is.

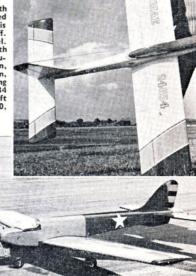
The flyoff models all had glow motors; — an ETA. 29, a TD.049, and four .15's. Mike Green got his large model away early for a good flight. The Birmingham pair meanwhile walked well upwind before launching. Ray Monk's model failed to get its usual height and the initial glide looked far from promising. However, it worked its way into weak lift to edge Mike Green down to second place, and give Ray a double first to complete what must have been a very satisfying weekend.

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Description of the **Ladies' Event** flyoff is rather out of sequence as it actually preceded the other two. It was, in fact, held in advance of the announced time by agreement.

Shirley Horton and Kathy Allen are well known for previous efforts in this contest. The third member of the flyoff trio was a relative newcomer, Mrs. Penny Vincent, flying a KeilKraft "Caprice". Her flyoff chances against the other's open rubber models were not rated very highly by their supporters. Crawley's newsletter even details the "odds" being "offered". What happened wasn't quite on form as by dint of waiting until last and launching into good air (clearly a lot more than just tow and hope) Penny managed to exceed Kath's score and was within striking distance of catching Shirley.

Top, Stewart Foster with Bonner Digimite equipped Thunderstormer, Stewart is now back after a lay off. Very nicely finished model. Centre, Sid Sutherland with prototype KielKraft Intruder foam wing kit design, jet like lines. Bottom, Dennis Hammant with King Spectre, no less than 84 in. wingspan with Kraft K.P.6 and Rossie .60, weight 9½ lb.







Above, the author in . . . the one that Ex-Campbell Benson Gyro-copter. the one that got away, a full size

YOU are no doubt wondering what the odd title of this article is supposed to mean. Well, it is intended to signify that ! am a modeller who has ostensibly gone "full-size", but somehow is unable to push

modelling out of sight altogether.

For many years I have been a keen-no, not keen, obsessed-aeromodeller, with a primary interest in radio control for some while now. This is probably the inevitable specialisation for any serious modeller to find himself in, eventually, for the simple reason that with modern radio equipment the controllability and reliability are so satisfactory that there is almost no limit to the subjects which may be tackled, be they scale, functional or, "Good grief! What's Eustace built now?

In the course of my balsalectronic wanderings I once took a fit in my head and decided to make a helicopter with radio control. It took all of 10 minutes solid cogitation to resolve that I was not going to

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The radio control versions proved frustrating to say the least.

Top photographs show the second system tried with the 5th set of blades 60 in. diameter with a Taplin Twin, then a Merco .49, both marginal on thrust. Lower left, the first attempt did not fly stably, Taplin Twin and 60 in. rotors suffered a lack of thrust. Lower right, the third version and most successful but still lacking in thrust, no wonder the full size machine needs .72 h.p.! R.C.S. radio used in all versions.









succeed! There were all sorts of references dotted through back issues of British and American modelling magazines concerning R.C. helicopter designs which their creators thought were going to shatter the world! Somehow, the results of the flying tests never did seem to get in the Press. I wondered why, until I saw one much-publicised helicopter model being tested at the Nats. It was a pretty model, a scale model, but not really a "working" model. It moved alright, but work it certainly did not! The builder obviously knew a lot more about gluing and doping than he did about rotary-wing aerodynamics.

### by Peter Lovegrove, B.Sc.

Therefore, with cold, clear logic I decided to avoid all such pitfalls, and stick to the autogyro category. Now here was a subject pretty well covered, though admittedly not as radio control projects. But the introduction of control surfaces and a payload could obviously be catered for, without going into the realms of optimistic guess-work.

That's what I thought! So, having dispensed with the primary details, I had to choose the final subject. Leaving a friend, John Ralph, to make a mere rudderonly R.C. autogyro out of the A.P.S. Skeeter design, I set out to make a multi-channel version of the Bensen gyro-copter. No doubt you've guessed the out-come; John's model proved difficult enough and mine

proved just about impossible.

Seven hundred and twenty-eight cups of coffee later, and after reading the T.V. Times from cover to cover, I knew the answer. Obvious, when you consider it. Build the full-size one first. If, for instance, people would only knock out a Bucker Jungmeister full-size first of all, they would not have those puzzling moments about the elevator trim on the model version and so on. That's just one example, but now I have breathed the subtle secrets, I suppose everyone will get in on the act.

Anyway, to revert to my own project; I bought a mass of aluminium tubing, bits of steel angle, some cable marine ply and a flock of nuts and bolts from Campbell aircraft and away I went-feet first, you might say. I scrounged some heavy timber from a friend and made my trestle on which to build the blades. A Campbell-Bensen gyrocopter uses a two-blade rotor constructed from marine plywood with a steel spar and beech leading edge. The main rotor structure is glued together first and the other parts screwed and bolted to it. My son Paul and I went into exile for a weekend, after which we had two rough-shaped blades and backache!

We then tackled the airframe which did not present any real problems. The only tools we used were ordinary files, handsaws and a 5/16 in. electric drill. The rotorhead unit was fitted as a single item, bought ready-made because no drawings can be obtained to permit it to be home-constructed. The whole aircraft, including the

blades, took about 150-160 hours to build.

Anyway, came the day for final assembly and colour-spraying. This was done and the machine towed to Bucklebury for storage in Geoff Whatley's little hangar. This man is a fantastic person. Undaunted by the loss of his right hand he wades into any construction job without a second thought. I am sure his enthusiasm, ability and unstinting kindness have been a spur to me. He flies fixed-wing aircraft, gyro-gliders and gyro-copters, trains people to fly gyros, test-flies new gyro-copters and a host of other things. Under his skilled surveillance I am learning to fly my whirly-bird with great success. And at last I know what was wrong with my models; the only thing I do not know is what the heck to do about it.



# Engine Test By Peter Chinn O.S. MAX-IOR/C

Very useful 1-76cc. engine with characteristics of bigger units

THERE have been few serious attempts, in Britain or the U.S., to produce pukka R/C engines in the under  $2\frac{1}{2}$  c.c. capacities. It can be argued that the majority of small single-channel models are built merely as rudder-only machines and that there is no point in producing a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cc. engine with effective throttle control if the throttle is seldom going to be used. Presumably this is the reason why, for example, our largest manufacturer of small engines does not include among them a single R/C motor.

The position is a little different in Japan where single-channel systems commonly include much more than just rudder control and where throttle control is added as a matter of course. With single-channel servos replacing escapements and the availability of three position throttle servos (giving slow, medium and fast positions instead of the earlier fast and slow set-up) the small motor possessing a throttle performance comparable with that of large engines, now has a place in the scheme of things.

Such an engine is the O.S. Max-10 R/C. In size and weight this motor comes in the popular 1.5 c.c.—0.99 cu. in. group, but, in general design and construction, it is more closely related to larger designs and to the 5 cc. O.S. Max-S 30 R/C engine in particular. Like the S.30, it is a loop-scavenged shaft-valve motor with a one-piece body casting, drop-in cylinder liner and a barrel type carburettor with jet feeding into the centre of the barrel. Construction and finish, generally, are to higher standards than one usually finds with "beginner" type small engines and, in consequence, the price of the engine, while quite competitive, is a little higher than those of the simpler O.S. Pet 09 R/C and other low-priced small motors.

The Max-10 uses a hardened, counterbalanced crankshaft having a 9 mm. (.354 in.) dia. journal (large for an engine of this size) and a generous, 6.5 mm. dia., gas passage. A rectangular valve port registers with a parallel sided intake aperture, in the cast-in phosphor bronze main bearing, to give a 40 deg. ABDC to 45 deg. ATDC valve timing. The cylinder liner, finely finished both inside and out, is closely fitted to the cylinder casting and is located in the usual way by a flange at the top. The piston is of Meehanite cast-iron with a flat crown and filleted baffle. It is coupled to a machined connecting-rod of 24.ST3 duralumin by a 3.5 mm. dia. hardened tubular gudgeon-pin, which is fully floating, with brass pads. Designed cylinder port opening periods are 125 deg. exhaust and 105 deg. transfer. These

were checked correct to within one degree on our test sample. The cylinder head is of diecast and machined aluminium alloy and has a hemispherical combustion space interrupted by a slot for piston baffle clearance. The head is recessed for a 15 thou, soft aluminium gasket and is secured with five screws

On first acquaintance with the Max-10 R/C, we were sorty to see that the airbleed control featured on all other Max R/C engines had been omitted from the Max-10 carburettor. In practice, however, it was quickly found that, on the Max-10, this lack of a means of adjusting low speed mixture strength was not disadvantageous since the engine idled as well as, if not better than, any other R/C engine of similar size. Although the carburettor casing appears to have been originally intended for an idle-stop screw, this is not fitted to the production model and the low-speed position of the throttle, therefore, has to be set by servo linkage arm adjustment or by adjusting the position of the throttle arm on the throttle barrel Actually, the absence of a stop is regretted only when one is bench testing the motor.

In all other respects, the carburettor resembles those of the larger O.S. R/C engines, including the well fitted ground throttle barrel with, feeding into its centre, a jet that is adjustable so that choke area may be varied for more suction and less power—or vice versa. The needle-valve and tee-fitting fuel inlet are on the left hand side of the engine and do not interfere with the movement, on the opposite side. of the throttle arm. This latter is coupled to a centrally pivoted exhaust blanking plate which, however, will normally be discarded in favour of a silencer. The standard O.S. Jetstream Type "S" silencer fits the engine.



### Performance

Our tests on the Max-10 R/C were carried out with the Type "S" silencer fitted, including the 1-inch extension adaptor and rear nozzle ring. We found extension adaptor and rear nozzle ring. We found the Max-10 extremely easy to handle. It would start from cold equally well with the throttle open or in the idling position and, usually, after merely choking the intake for three or four preliminary turns of the prop. Warm, closed-throttle restarts were practically instantaneous and, with the tank in the correct position and the fuel line full, without choking or priming. Running-in, as such was not really necessary. Naturally, we exercised some caution at first, but it was quickly established, after a few minutes running, that the Max-10 was quite free from any tendency to overheat and tighten up.

Typical prop speeds achieved with the Max-10 R/C included 7,900 r.p.m. on a 9 x 4 Top-Flite nylon. 10,000 on an 8 x 4 Tornado nylon, 11,100 on an 8 x 4 Power-Prop wood, 11,900 on a 7 x 4 Tornado nylon and (rather too fast for best performance) 14,200 on a 7 x 3 Trucut wood. On the 8 x 4's the Max-10 idled consistently at 2,500 r.p.m., which is extremely good for an engine of this size, and also had a useful

"inbetween" range of speeds.

Maximum power developed by the Max-10 R/C on test was as our performance graph shows, just over 0.14 b.h.p. at slightly below 14,000 r.p.m. This is quite good for an engine of this size running on 5 per cent nitro fuel and with silencer fitted. We also tried the engine on more powerful fuels. These improved maximum torque but did not make a really worthwhile improvement to top-end power and we would regard standard, lower-priced mixtures as quite adequate for this motor. We also checked the power loss caused by the silencer and found this to be very small—only about 5 per cent in fact. This is due, no doubt, to the relatively generous volume of the Jetstream Type "S" silencer (originally designed for the O.S. 15 and 19) when fitted to the Max-10.

In all, we would rate the Max-10 R/C high among currently available small R/C engines and well worth the attention of the modeller who aspires to a better standard of engine performance for small R/C

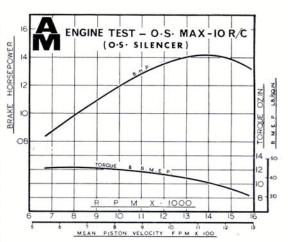
0.60 b.h.p./lb.

models. Power/Weight Ratio as tested with silencer): Specific Output (as tested with silencer): 81 b.h.p./ litre.

**FULL SIZE** MOUNTING POSITION AND SIDE VIEW

Heading photo on opposite page shows the Max-10 R/C with the O.S. Jetstream Type R/C-S silencer fitted.

At left parts of the Max-10 R/Care well finished and accurately fitted. Motor's design and construction follows larger engine practice.



#### SPECIFICATION

Type: Single cylinder, air cooled loop-scavenged two-stroke cycle, glowplug ignition. Crankshaft type rotary-valve induction. Bronze bushed main bearing.

Bore: 13 4mm., (0 5276in.) Stroke: 12.4mm. (0.4882in.)

Swept Volume: 1.749c.c. (0.1067 cu. in.)

Stroke/Bore Ratio: 0.925-1.

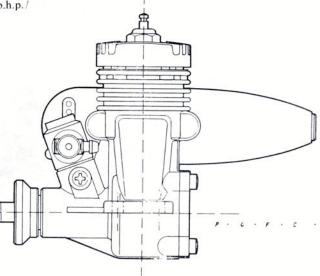
Weight: 3.2oz. (3.8oz. with Type S silencer).

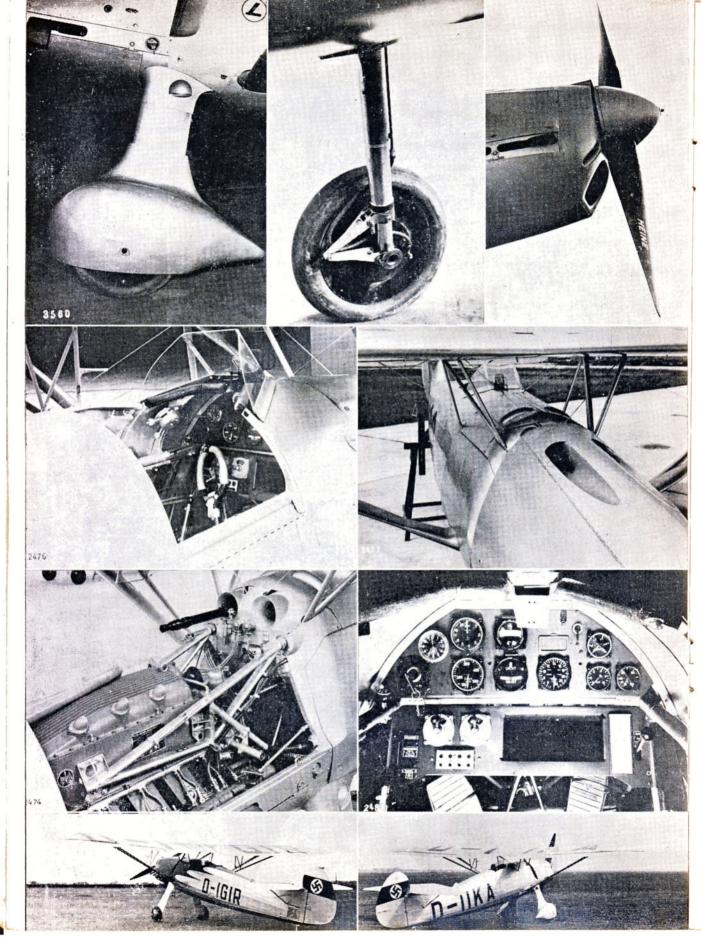
### General Structural Data

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Pressure diecast aluminium alloy crankcaseicylinder-blockifront-housing
unit with cast-in phosphor-bronze main bearing and drop-in unhardened
steel cylinder-liner. Detachable p.d.c. aluminium alloy crankcase backplate
secured with four screws Case-hardened steel counterbalanced crankshaft
with 9 mm dia journal, 65 mm, bore gas passage and 4 mm, hollow crankpin. Lapped Meehanite piston with baffle and case-hardened 3.5 mm, tubulargudgeon-pin with brass pads. Machined high-duty duralumin connecting-orderpressure die-cast aluminium alloy cylinder-head with machined joint face,
recessed 0 4 mm soft aluminium gasket and secured with the screws.
Machined duralumin prop driver. Pressure diecast aluminium alloy carbureltor body seating on rubber grommet in intake boss and secured with vo
screws. Ground brass throttle barrel in honed bearing surface in carburettor
body. Plated brass needle-valve assembly. Beam mounting lugs. screws Ground brass throttle barrel in honed bearing surface in body. Plated brass needle-valve assembly. Beam mounting lugs.

### TEST CONDITIONS

Running time prior to test: 1 hour.
Fuel used: 5 per cent nitromethane, 25 per cent Duckhams Racing Castoroil, 70 per cent L.C.I. Methanol.
Glowplug used: O.S. No. 7 bar type, platinum filament, 1.5 volt medium (3/15/16), reach.
Air temperature: 58 deg. F.
Barometer: 29 8 in Hg.
Silencer Type: O.S. Jetstream Type S.





### AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED No. 165

## Focke-Wulf Fw56 Stosser

drawn by lan Stair

The first in our new series of subjects specially selected for scaling up as flying models.



D-IKNI with identification lettering on the nose was flown in the U.S.A. under the sponsorship of The Gilmore Oil Company by Gerd Achgelis. It was distinguished by additional small windows for illumination of the instruments during prolonged nverted flight. Seen at the famous Cleveland Air Races this stosser was an extremely popular performer. D-IAQA shows its planform in a turn at left, note the prominence of the three exhaust stacks.

THIS parasol wing single seater was a unique type when it appeared in 1937. It was the first Kurt Tank design for Focke-Wulf, it was unusual in being a single seat fighter trainer, and it was also the first "Stuka" aircraft. This arose from a visit by W.W.I German Ace Ernst Udet to the U.S.A. where he was impressed by the accuracy of dive bombers. On return to Germany, Udet asked Tank to fit bomb racks to the Stosser and demonstrated the dive technique at the Luftwaffe test centre. The result of this was the order for an all metal machine, the Junkers 87, and the mixed construction Stosser was virtually relegated. While the fuselage and fin were of welded steel tube, covered with fabric, the flying surfaces were of wooden construction and this, coupled with the comparitively low power of the 240 h.p. Aircooled Argus 10C engine, was not considered "good enough"!

Even so, the Stosser was built in large numbers and remained in service for several years. Armed with one or two M.G.17 machine guns as a fighter trainer it was also fully aerobatic and a great favourite with pilots.

Opposite, top row left, the spatted wheel of a prototype and centre, the cantilever leg and torque link of the prototype which was changed to lever action (see plan) to avoid a Patent action. Right, the nose cowl and Heine propeller. Second row, left, the cockpit with starboard access flap down to show control column. Note the gun sight also seen in view at right, where gun troughs and cowling lines are usefully revealed. Third row illustrates the air cooled engine crankcase, engine bearers and gun with cowling shaped to deflect cooling air from engine bay. The Cockpit had a comprehensive array for 1937 when most of these photos were taken. Top row is Clock, Altimeter, Compass, deviation card and fuel pressure gauge. Lower row is ignition switch, Airspeed, Turn and Bank, RPM Oil pressure, Oil Temperature. Twin controls below are for radio, beside cubby hole for maps. At extreme right is a wobble pump for fuel and angled rudder pedals can just be observed. Bottom photos show comparison of a silver with red trim and black lettered RLM Flugbereitshaft liaison air-caft D-IGIR production version, and D-IIKA the second prototype with spatted wheels. Photographs from VFW and archives of H. J. Meier.

The first prototype was registered D-JSOT and was generally remembered as the best looking Stosser with its cantilever undercarriage and spatted wheels. Unfortunately it was crashed on a demonstration flight, killing test pilot Siewecke. Patent difficulties over the undercarriage called for a revision and so the lever action gear was developed.

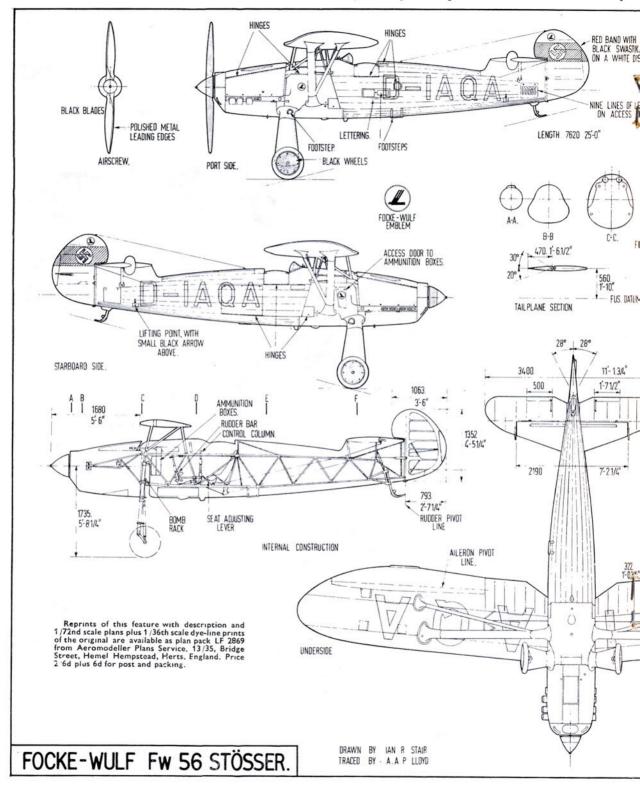
It was a very "clean" aeroplane, usually appearing in silver, at first with civilian registrations and the red band across the vertical tail. This was altered for one publicity photograph where the National black cross was added either side of the civilian markings on the wings and white numerals on a red background blotted out the middle pair of fuselage registration letters. In wartime service, the green/ dark green camouflage and light blue undersurfaces changed its characteristic appearance enormously.

The FW 56 also served with the Air Forces of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Bolivia and Holland, but strangely enough, very few photographs have ever been published of the Stosser in other than German markings.

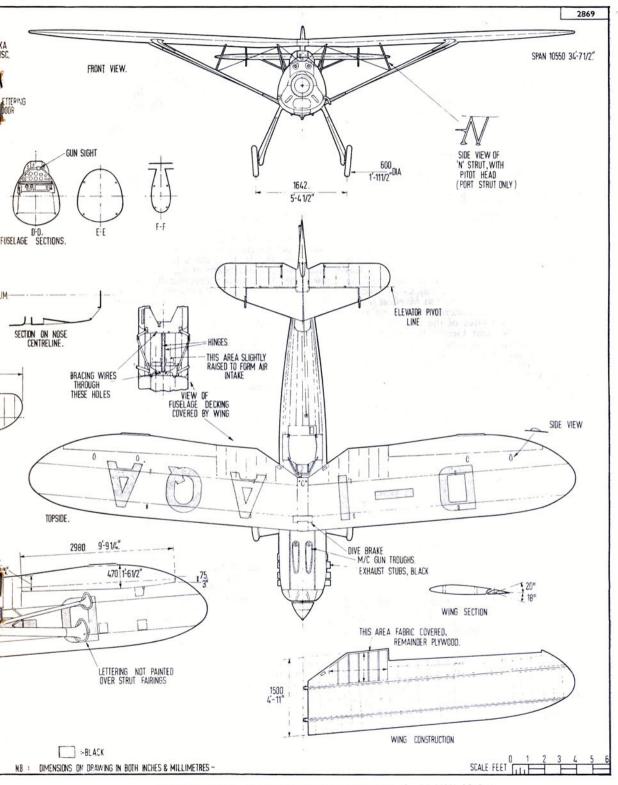
Pre-war sales brochures advertised a maximum speed of 177 m.p h. at sea level and 156 m.p.h. at 16,400 ft. Landing speed was only 55 m.p.h. and the range approximately 250 miles. Stressed to a breaking load factor of 14, it could carry a disposable load of half its empty weight (amounting to 705 lbs.) and with such utility it was perhaps a forerunner of the all-purpose trainer cum fighter attack type of today as exemplified by the Macchi m.b. 326 and the Jet Provost, except that they are each two seaters. Perhaps the greatest handicap the Stosser had to overcome was its single seat.

As a modelling subject it has always enjoyed popularity for it has all the ideal proportions, especially for free flight. We must thank Hans-Justus Meier for making available his invaluable documentation on the aeroplane which has enabled Ian Stair to produce the precise details in the drawing which follows on the

### First in a series of aircraft subjects specially selected for suitability a



s flying scale models, the Stosser is ideal for radio or free flight



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# **Britfix**

### HUMBROL

The north bank of the River Humber has always been associated with the paint industry but it has taken many years for that fact to register in the minds of most householders. Expansion of one company has introduced this geographical indentification and an aeromodeller's enthusiasm was the key to its success, currently reflected in the large plant at Marfleet today.

We need to recall those austere yet exciting postwar years to reach the source of the Humbrol story, for it was then, in '47 that Gerald Barton returned from his Army service. In common with so many others he found his modelling supplies, like food, petrol and coal, on "ration". Cam Morgan, the Hull Model Shop, suggested to this son of a packaging expert that he made his own cement. So he did—and he called it *Britfix!* 

Established in the early twenties, Douglas Barton's Humber Oil Co. had specialised in small packs of material for the handyman and cyclist. Carbides, lubricants, repair outfits and paints established a tradition for stock in trade that remains their speciality. It was only natural that the keen and enthusiastic son should produce his own formulae for shrinking dopes and cement and with the model trade hard pressed to meet the booming demands of twenty years ago, wholesalers accepted the new product with alacrity.

From humble beginnings to the spacious modern establishment is a big step and we were recently lucky enough to see what goes on behind the scenes and to discover the complex processes which produce our staple modelling diet.

At first impression, it is the SIZE of the business that really challenges one's imagination. The large frontage

of Humbrol, with attractive garden surround and huge loading bay which we see in the Company advertisement is no false facade. Consider a few of the simple facts which dropped like pearls of hard earned wisdom from our guide. Half ounce tinlets literally pour off the filling machines at the rate of 300 per minute. On one automatic filling line we saw half ounce tubes of cement jerk and pop their way to conveyors and individual cartons at 3,000 per hour. Dopes are mixed in 100 gallon lots. Every single batch is tested, logged and filed on its testpiece for future reference and nothing—absolutely nothing—is left to guesswork or chance.

This sort of standard does not come about easily and we would be the last to say that the team of Humbrol experts settle back in smug confidence of a superlative product from infallible machinery. Far from it! The well equipped laboratory is constantly at work on research, product comparison and development of new formulae. A whole book could probably be written on the subject of camouflage enamels alone, and the story is nowhere near complete as yet—we expect some big news from Humbrol on this in a few weeks' time.

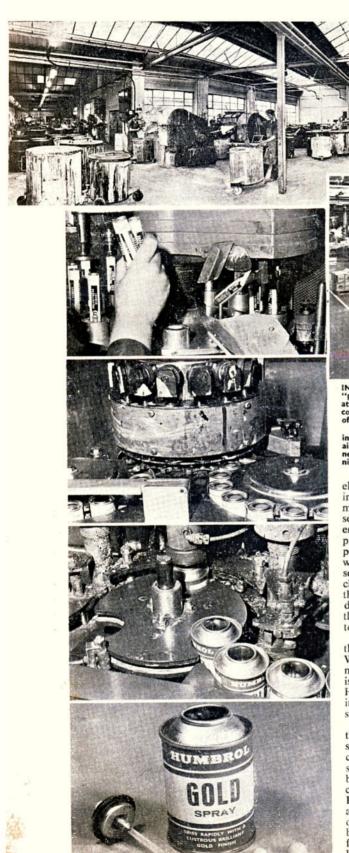
To enter this most interesting side of the modelling trade one has to pick up a new jargon, most of it centred about the term "pugging". This is the process of compounding pigments in a huge tub or "pug". Up to seven pigments may be called for in any colour. Some are common to all. Each used is the best available and the sources appear to be world wide. We looked at a typical colour paint formula. It was for seven components mixed together by weight in ratios ranging from 6lb. to 182 lb. 7 oz. One of the components was already made up of eight different solvents so that the actual formula is as complex as one could imagine.

The Pigments are first ground together with a small amount of resin and solvent. This might be in a rotary pugging device. Then the mixture is pressed through a universal grinder—not unlike a gigantic washing machine. Yet more components are added, more resin, antiskinning, anti-settling or driers, perhaps diluents or plasticisers and eventually the enormous, very heavy vat content takes on the consistency, colour and quality determined by the Lab. tests

If this mixing appears to be involved, consider the packaging into small units, especially the Aerosols which have increasing popularity. Few of us know what goes on inside the pressure container except to realise that it isn't all paint! In fact it is mixture of enamel and prop-

Top left, fleet of Humbrol Mini-Yans as used for an earlier distribution scheme. Right, Sales Director Victor Duffill and Managing Director Gerald Barton confer over new packaging. Modelling experience counts for a lot with their skilled leadership. Sign of Humbrol's widespread sales is the photo at left, taken while this feature was being prepared and showing V. Duffill in Tokyo, Japan, at a model shop where Humbrol (and Airfix) have prominent display.









INSIDE THE WORKS Top left: the huge mixing area with "pugs" of various dopes and paints awaiting process. Top right, atmosphere of cheerfulness personified by this worker in congenial, clean surroundings. Immediately above a small section of the packaging area where cement tubes and tinlets are filled.

PACKAGING at left, top to bottom, Cement tubes are fed into rotary filler, crimped and "popped" into a chute (note one airborne!) Next, \(\frac{1}{2}\) oz. tinlets by the thousand flow through channels to 32 head fillers and are capped. Next is the Aerosol canning, gas being injected for purging and pressurising. Bottom, is what's inside an Aerosol, the clay balls are agitators.

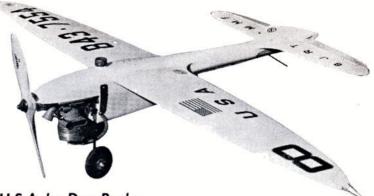
ellent gas plus a couple of china clay balls. (Interesting to note these are unequal in size to give best mixing when the can is shaken). To get this can to a sealed state involves a whole production line. First the empty can is purged not once, but twice with jets of propellent gas. Still open at the neck it receives the product whatever it may be, dope or enamel, then with quick timing the valve is positioned in crimp sealed with a propellent gas added and the loaded can check weighed. As they pass along a rapid conveyor the cans are immersed in hot water for leak tests, dried, code stamped for batch identity and colour, then labelled and packed with a tamper proof shield to prevent wastage before sale.

Complicated? Yes it is, but nothing to the machinery that gobbles up the tinlets for which Humbrol are World famous and which remain a speciality of techniques best known to the fine family business. For it is in the field of small tinlets that the name of Humbrol is truly International. Over eighty countries import the Marfleet factory products and almost every scale plastic maker in the World is an established user.

The company has many other items in its catalogues that have yet to find their way to all model shop shelves. We were not personally aware of the Fluorescent paints for example (five colours), and our specialisation in the aeromodelling field tends to blinker our observation of car racing, or railway colours in authentic tones. Boddy Putty, Expanded Polystyrene cement, Epoxy adhesive, Contact adhesive and even a Plastic Repair kit for PVC are also part of a comprehensive range which we take for granted but which emanate from one of the most interesting factories it has been our pleasure to visit. Much lesser known to the general public is the production of Industrial finishes for a wide and varied range of products from Caravans to toothpaste tubes.

# GRMZPF

A 36 inch wingspan control line Rat Racer for 5-6.6cc engines



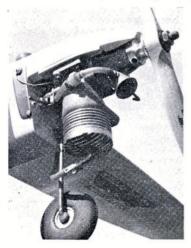
### Designed and developed in the U.S.A. by Don Burke

LONG scientific dissertation could be written on the methods used to arrive at the design of GRMZPF (pronounced Grim-Zipf) However suffice it to say that it was evolved over a period of 8 years through the method of 95% trial and error and 5% brain power. Through most of the process it's worked on the premise that "if it looks good, it'll fly!" This, coupled with some disastrous experiences with 80sq.in. bricks and some success with F. A. I. Team Racers, has allowed me to evolve a configuration that even the most inexperienced pilot can handle and look like a veteran.

I have built nine of this basic design airplane, changing only the wing and horizontal tailplane area to date. All, with one exception, were excellent flying models and have drawn praise from everyone who has flown them as well as piling up an exceptional record. The best performance to date was a 5:21 in a 140 lap race turned in by Dan Jones and Bernie Tautz at a contest near Bakersfield, California, this past summer. Someone once said, "it's what's up front that counts", and as far as the K&B .40 is concerned it has more power, right out of the box, than anyone has

ever seen in this type of engine before.

Start construction with the hardwood parts, cut to length, mark the centre and taper the \$in. sq. main wing spar and & by in. leading edge to in. thickness at the tips from a point 2in, each side of centre on what will be the top surface of the wing. Cut two pieces of 3 in. plywood in. wide and 4in. long for the spar doublers. Bevel the ends as shown in the top view and clamp and glue to the spar with Araldite. Cut the  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. engine bearers to shape, along with the crutch sides, cross member, and \$\frac{1}{8}\$in. plywood crutch doubler. Pin the bearer to the top view, glue a 15 in. wide by 1 in. long by 1 in. thick hardwood block between them at the front, the crutch sides and crossmember to the rear, followed by the crutch doubler.



Nose close up shows K & B 40 front induction installation Grmzpf Rev Up 8x9 Ser. 200 propeller, fuel shut-off on rear of engine. The large section Veco section Veco streamlined tyre and hot glove contacts on side of fuselage wired to engine are essen-tial gear. Large tial gear. Large tyre absorbs more punishment.

Assuming the wing spar is set up, notch the centre for bellcrank clearance and notch the 3 in. hard balsa sheets to be glued to it front and rear to clear the doublers and glue these together on a flat surface. When dry cut to out-

line shape and add the leading edge.

Cut F-1, F-2 and the engine bearer doublers to the shape shown and start thinking about your fuel tank. The tank is built into the model and must be installed shortly. If fabricating a tank is too much bother use a Veco T-32, 2½ ounce tank modified to the tubing configuration shown. Remove the crutch assembly from the plan, turn it over, and glue the 16 in. plywood bearer doublers in place. Be sure to have the landing gear attachment nuts in place, then slide F-1 over the fuel and pressure lines and into the crutch, also glue F-2 behind the tank. When these parts are installed, the shut-off trip wire tube may be positioned alongside the 16 in. doubler and through F-1. Allow it to protude at least in, to keep glue or finish from plugging it up.

Cut the tailplane and elevator outline from \$\frac{3}{16}\$ in, med. sheet, do not cut apart at this time. Mark the centreline of the leading and trailing edges on the edges of the sheets. Sand to a symmetrical section, leaving the bottom flat where it will mate to the crutch for incidence alignment. Finish sand the tailplane and elevator then lightly mark the hinge line and cut apart. Round the edges of the hinge line except for the fairing area in the centre which will be attached to the tailplane. Install a small Veco control horn inletting into the leading edge of the elevator. Cut clearance grooves for the horn motion into both sides of the hinge line in the centre and gouge the fairing along the hinge line out to the inboard edges of the elevator for freedom of motion after assembly. Apply the first coat of polyester resin on the stab and elevator along with light weight (loz./sq. vd.) glassfibre cloth for reinforcement at the points shown on the plans.

Tack glue the top and bottom sheets, nose block, pod fairing block, sides and bottom, and 16 in, plywood rudder to the crutch bearer assembly for shaping the exterior of the fuselage. Again personal preference dictates doing it this way. I find it easier to get pleasing lines and contours on the fuselage without the wing and stab in the way. When this is done remove the parts from the crutch prior to installation of the wing and tailplane and controls.

To shape the wing to the proper airfoil sections mark a line 16 in. up from the lower surface of the wing along the leading edge as a datum line. Carve the wing, using a razor plane, to a flat bottom section with  $\frac{1}{32}$  in. to  $\frac{1}{64}$  in. thick trailing edge and a slight curve at the leading edge to meet the datum line. This gives an airfoil with approximately 1° positive incidence at the centre section.

When the airfoil shaping is completed, cut out enough of the centre section for bellcrank movement and install the modified Veco 2in. bellcrank. Gouge the lower surface of the wing for the leadouts. Install the brass tubing guides and cap with balsa. When the bellcrank is installed it should have a 6in. long piece of push rod wire attached. This will be bound and soldered to a sufficiently long piece from the control horn to complete the pushrod and allow final adjustment of the bellcrank movement for equal deflection of the elevators.

You are now ready to join the wing and tailplane to the crutch. Much of the success of your model will depend on how accurately this step is achieved. With a large flat surface available, block up the crutch assembly so that it is supported rigidly. Make sure it is parallel to the board both spanwise and lengthwise above the surface. Apply glue, preferably epoxy, to the wing-to-crutch mating area of both pieces. Attach the wing to the crutch in such a manner that the wing centreline is parallel to and in line with the crutch centreline; and the wing tips are equally distant above the working surface. Align and glue the tailplane in the same manner after attaching a length of k in. diameter piano wire to the horn for the purpose noted previously. Make the tailskid and mount and shut-

off for later installation. When the wing-tailplane-crutch joint is thoroughly dry, solder the pushrod pieces together to give equal movement (at least 25° each way). Install a piece of piano wire in the shut-off wire tube, bend as shown and bind and solder to the pushrod. Leave the end of the shut-off trip wire protruding through the F-1 long for trimming later.

Locate the engine in the crutch and drill the mounting holes and install blind mounting nuts or nut plates as shown. Make the engine mount wear plate from the including aluminium sheet for installation between the engine and bearers.

The shut-off should be attached to the engine and the trip wire trimmed to length so that it will actuate the shut-off on a quick jerk of the down line.

Once you are satisfied that the controls and shut-off are working properly, glue the pieces on to complete the fuselage, install the tailskid assembly, the wing and tailplane fillets, and finish sand the entire airplane.

I use a light weight grade of fibreglass cloth applied

Grmzpf is clean of line as its F.A.I. team racer basis shows here



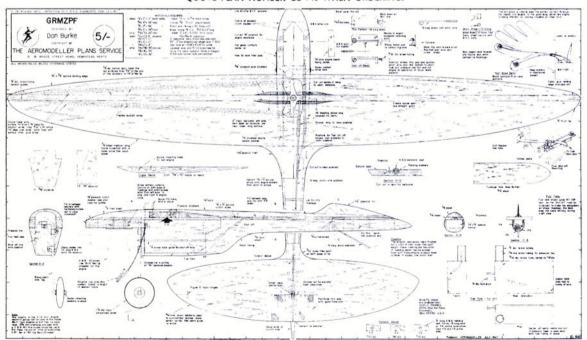
with the first coat of resin over the entire nose and wing to fuselage joint, around the edges of the firewall, and beneath the tailplane around the tailskid area.

Install the landing gear assembly, tailskid, glo-plug contacts, engine and tank filling fitting (Fast-Fill, etc.) and you are ready for the first flight.

For flying, use K & B Supersonic 1000 fuel or 20% castor oil, 25% nitro, and 55% methanol, and 8-9 Rev-up 200 series prop, K & B plug and .014 diameter 60 foot lines (solid lines).

About the flying, takeoff with neutral elevator. If you use "up" you will find yourself staring at the crankshaft of a rather fast moving 40! A word on pitting—The shutfield is shown with a hole big enough for both the fuel feed and pressure line going through. Only the fuel line need go through but experience has shown that you may flood the engine if you fill the tank with the shut-off tripped and the pressure line not through it. The  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. tubing in the tank is positioned so the "fast-fill" will normally seal off the line when filling takes place, but it only takes once. We generally pit with the shut-off open thus any excess pressure in the tank will force fuel through the feed line and this will then dribble out of the venturi onto the ground.

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Are you between 10 and 16 years of age? Then don't delay, join today -

I am building a Jetco Cessna 170 kit for a Cox .049 and was wondering if you could please help me, I intended entering our school free-flight contest which is being held around the end of next month. I really want to complete the model with interior decoration and instrument layout but need details and also the colouring for the inside. If individual planes have different schemes then could you please give me a general one. I am the proud possessor of two Cox engines, but I just cannot use them on any plane I build. The reason being that the glow plug fuel ruins my finishes. No fuel proofer of any sort is available here (in fact hardly anything is). So could you please supply me with a formula for making my own or the com-mercial name for it. No form of international money order is available here so I cannot get anything from abroad.

Calcutta, India. Sunojit Ghosh
Details of the Cessna 170 series are available from the Cessna Aircraft Co., 5800 Pawnee Road, Wichita 15, Kansas, U.S.A. A cockpit|dashboard view of the Cessna 170 is shown on p. 103 of "Flying Scale Models" price 10|- from this address. Marine varnish is a good fuel proofer and should be available in a local boating shop.

Dear Sir,

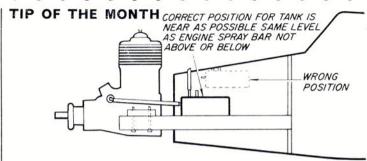
I have a plastic fuel bottle and I use Keil Kraft record Diesel fuel in it but when the fuel has been in the bottle about a week, the bottle collapses in and the fuel goes pale. Could you tell me if this affects the fuel and if so, how to stop Also I have difficulty in filling the wedge tank in my Mercury, Picador. So could you tell me the best way to do it.

Berkhampstead, Herts. This is a very rare problem. Fuel does not usually change colour unless it's very old or has had other chemicals added to it. If you keep the fuel in a plastic bottle it might well buckle. This is due to expansion and contraction of the fuel related to the changing temperature. An example of this is a fuel can. If you seal the can, leave it in the sun and unseal it you will hear a loud hiss, vapour rushes out, this means it's under pressure due to expansion. Providing all of your fuel pipes are clear and you use the upper pipe your wedge tank, should be easy to fill.

Dear Sir,

On your "Gemini" plan-MA/221 you say that the Inboard flap has to be lowered 5 deg. while the Outboard flap remains at 0 deg., could you please explain?

ondon, S.W.11. J. F. Steer. The inboard flap of MA|221 is lowered London, S.W.11. 5 deg. to make the wing lift. This is to help offset the weight of the control lines which react on the model's balance. Other N. 10 de 17. Rebie methods used to give the same results Plan Director Colpon are 1, a larger inboard wing. 2, Some Golden Wings Members lead weight in the outer wing tip.



Always mount your fuel tank near the engine and with top at about the same level on the needle valve. Engine flooding must be caused with too high a tank and the fue will not rise to engine level if it is too low.

I have recently bought my first diesel engine, an M.E. Heron, to power the A.P.S. "Cheshire Kitten", but I have found that the engine would have to be side mounted. As the needle valve assembly cannot be turned round to face the other way, this would mean that the needle valve adjustment rod would project from the underside of the plane and scrape along the ground. So instead, I decided that I would use the engine in the A.P.S. "Bouncer", which has an undercarriage, and therefore the needle valve would clear the ground. Please could you tell me if the Heron is a suitable engine for "Bouncer". It if is, please would you tell me what manoeuvres it performs with the Heron, and what would the best line length be. Leicester.

The M.E. Heron is an ideal choice for the A.P.S. Bouncer control-line trainer and as you say its design will protect your engine by having an undercarriage. With the Heron engine, Bouncer should perform loops, wingovers, inverted flying and horizontal figure eights, once you are capable of keeping up with it on 40 ft. lines

010 piano wire. (30 swg).

Can you tell me if Polycell is a good adhesive for tissue coverings on sports models.

P. Wilson Brixton, London. We have used Polycell and find that it gives excellent results with tissue covering. You must leave the Polycell for at least half an hour to allow the granules time to dissolve.

Dear Sir,

I have been aeromodelling for two years now, and have made four gliders and two rubber models. One of these was the Keil Kraft "Gypsy". My latest model was a small scale Jetex model. For my forthcoming birthday I am hoping for a Mercury "Mamba" a c/I stunt trainer. Could you please tell me whether or not the Frog, 8 cc. or the D.C. Merlin, will fly in an inverted position, as the 'Mamba"? Perhaps even further in the future I may try making the Keil Kraft 'Ranger'', do you think this would be too difficult for me to build and fly? Bilston, Staffs. A. B. Higgins.

The Ranger should offer no difficulty

after all that experience!

Dear John Bridge,	9
I am between 10 & 16 years of age and would like to become member of the "Golden Wings Club". With this application I encl postal order (International Money Order) for 2/6d. to cover cost the enamel club badge, two coloured transfers and membership ca	ose
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# TOPICAL TWISTS

### by 'Pylonius': illustrated by 'Sherry'

### Lost cause

A source of concern and irritation to the model movement is the ruthless pertinacity with which the free flighter pursues his wayward charge across field and furrow. Horrific tales are told of trampled cornfields, devastated crops, decimated fences and general mayhem in the outback of the airfield, and none are so hand wringing in their wailing accusations as the competition organisers.

Now, this strikes me as a little odd. One thing you certainly know about free flight contesting, unless you are extremely wet behind the ears, is that precious models will fly willy-nilly beyond the fringes of the airfield (beyond the fringe you will always find a nut case) and that at least one in every flock of model flying sheep is black. Yet it is here that the organisers introduce the Nelson touch. An exceedingly blind eye is turned upon the consequences of asking 6 minute models to perform on a 2 minute airfield, and the simpleton angle of regarding all model planes as radio controlled, and thus unable to overfly the airfield, is searchingly exploited.

Curious, though, that organisers refuse to face up to the realities of this particular situation; even in highly geared Wakefield events the officials fail to see the woods for the treats. If some trouble making competitor were to ask what conditions he was likely to encounter at the end of his three minute flight he would be looked at aghast. "That's your look out, chum," he would be told in no uncertain terms, and perhaps advised, like his model, to get lost.

I suggest that, in future, before the organisers go into their hand wringing routines they should find out where the models, for whose presence they are responsible, are likely to land, and brief the visiting flyers on the hazards they are likely to encounter. There is no cure like prevention.

### Cornflake cowboy

Time was when the model flyer was a very clubbable sort of animal, with a strong sense of group identity. No sooner had the initiate got the wrappers off his Beginner's Kit than he was making tracks to the nearest club room, or, urged on by the distant sound of a model engine (the heard instinct), be hotfooting it to join in the communal fun of the flying field.

This need to fly flock-fashion was perhaps dictated by the fact that the model flyer was not yet a fully accepted form of social phenomenon. In order to pursue his idiosyncratic way of life he had to brave the nudge and the snigger of a 'boys with toys' public complex. Understandably then he found solace and security in the company of kindred spirits, with the clubroom a citadel of sanity, giving sanctuary from a hostile, ignorant world. Clubsters, in those days, were so much in abundance that model club organising became one of the country's top sports. Anyone with a flair for local politics could set up a club overnight, enjoy all the prestige and dignity of chairmanship, and go into presidential retirement without actually having handled a model plane, nor, in some cases, seen one fly.

However, with the advent of the radio unit, the hobby, or rather sport, to use a less Victorian term, became equated with affluence. And with bankroll the operative



"I think he must be a lone ranger"

monetary term rather than an aeronautical manoeuvre the model flyer had made the Lew Grade as it were. No longer did the jet age modeller need the prop of collective support; he could look the whole world in the eye without clutching fearfully at his club badge. The model flyer was no longer the timid clubster; he had become the arrogant individualist.

These thoughts occurred to me of hearing an echo from the past about that staunch, "baked beans in the open" character: the lone ranger. Funny to think that, in these days of self contained model types, the chap who flew by himself was once referred to in this Saturday morning cinema fashion. Imagine asking a modern radio flyer if he were a 'Lone Ranger'.

"Oh, you mean the Wild West Club. Gave that up for this lark, too crowded."

### Send-up

A reader pleads for the publishing of more humorous anecdotes from this very risible, though not always risable, hobby of ours. I only wish I could contribute my own little fly-for-fun gem, but I somehow seem to miss all the hilarious, side-splitting stuff, or perhaps I haven't got the right sense of humour. No doubt I should join in the derisive guffaws when someone's multi hits the deck, or double up in glee at the sight of a team race pile-in, but my old fashioned face remains, appropriately, as long as a kite.

Now I am sure that most of the funny incidents we hear about are either invented or contrived. Sometimes its a matter of perseverence. For instance, by setting up a club in a cliff side area, its only a matter of time before you get the hilarious situation of a glider towing patsy walking backwards into the sea. Or, in a shorter term ploy, the slick substitution of bottles can lead to the screaming spectacle of some charlie trying to get an engine started on fizzy lemonade.

Of course, models themselves are funny things, but not, alas, always 'ha-ha' so.

### Dear Sir

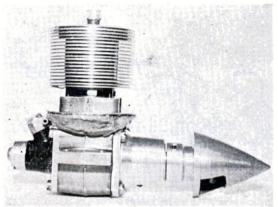
I, too, can lay claim to having spent 600 hours on a model. The effort has been tremendous, but the sense of achievement highly rewarding. Perhaps the most difficult part of all was working out the basic design. I now hope to buy the kit next week,

Yours faithfully, E. Bloggs.

### Dear Sir,

I agree with Mr. Corbett that modellers of today do not build models like they used to in the past. After visiting a few vintage events I must say I don't blame them.

Yours faithfully, E. Bloggs Jr.



The modified Eta 15 as used to win the '66 World Team Race Championship. Note the Cox .049 plastic rear housing, large dia, head fins and rubber fixing of exhaust deflector ring.

OUR initial team race engine was a Super Tigre 15D in 1960. We were told by winning modellers at that time that the Super Tigre was an unsatisfactory engine and that our model (Iefe) was not the best design. We proceeded to win every race entered by large margins for nearly 2 years and, to make a point, realized that serious practice and familiarity with one engine and model can overcome many obstacles. As time progressed, we felt the need to experiment with engines to see if we could improve upon them. The following concerns the Super Tigre 15D and Eta engines as we have used them

Supre Tigre 15D

Economy has been a difficult problem with this engine. Our current solution is as follows. Machine a plastic (nylon or other plastic) insert to fit the venturi casting and drill and tap  $\frac{1}{4} \times 32$  to accept a Cox .049 venturi and needle valve assembly. The Cox .049 venturi will produce 50 laps in an otherwise standard engine and the plastic insert insulates the venturi from engine heat.

Reliability is essentially the ability of the mechanic to adjust the engine to run its best during a race. We use 3 approaches to achieve this. The first is the use of a 2 piece contra-piston. The movable piston of the contrapiston has a diameter equal to 65% of the engine bore. The fixed portion of the contra-piston transfers additional heat from combustion to the head. The small size of the contra-piston makes the engine easier to adjust. The use of Allen head screw and wrench then completes a variable compression system capable of extremely fine adjustment.

The second concerns the use of a chromed piston. We encountered problems of airspeed in 1965. By chroming a piston we raised our speeds from 88 to 96mph.

Component parts, L to R, Rear drum induction unit, Larger diameter head, Liner with two part contra piston, Piston with new con. rod, Crankcase (unmodified), and Front housing with K&B 15 spinner.



# Team Race Tips

Super Tigre and Eta engine modifications; Propellers; New fuel formulas; Special lubricants

By World Champions

### Don Jehlik and Herb Stockton

The third approach is propellers. We were able to run 3 different propellers at exactly the same airspeed and yet one will be superior at the end of the long 50 lap tank because it does not seem to allow the engine to heat up as much. Our experiments showed the  $7\times8$  or  $7\times7\frac{1}{2}$  Rev-Up trimmed to  $6\frac{3}{4}$ in. to be inferior to the  $7\times8$  Tornado plastic trimmed to  $6\frac{3}{4}$ in. and the  $8\times8$  Top Flite racing prop trimmed to  $6\frac{3}{4}$ in. to be the best propeller of the 3 types

### Eta I5D

With considerable respect for Mr. Bedford's excellent basic engine, we have found that the more we modified the engine, the more reliable it became. Space is too short to state why we feel each part of the engine should be modified; so we will proceed with the instructions for modification as in the accompanying drawings.

Frontplate and Spinner Assembly: Machine the frontplate according to the drawing. The crankshaft should be cut off so that it extends the correct distance into the K & B 15 spinner spool. Grind a small flat on the shaft to accept the spinner drive spool set screw. Allow .003in. clearance between the front bearing and the spinner spool when assembled.

Backplate Housing: The drawing is explanatory. When assembling the works, first drop the rotary drum into the housing. Then drop the 4-40 screw in the shaft hole of the rotary drum and thread it into the tapped hole of the backplate housing until the rotary drum has .002in. clearance. Then tighten the 4-40 nut on the outside of the housing to lock the drum clearance. The final step is to put on the Cox .049 plastic assembly.

Cylinder Fins and Contra-Piston: We use a fin cutting tool made from a hacksaw blade .025in. thick. When cutting the fins, please take very slow, fine cuts and flood the work with kerosene or cutting oil. The small contra-piston should fit as tight in the squinch-plug as in a normal liner. Please note the aluminium gasket that fits between the liner and crankcase.

Connecting Rod: We have not shown a rod in the drawings, although our engine has a rod made from 2024 T6 aluminum. The only dimensional change made is a .020 increase in the diameter of the turned portion of the rod. The rod has no bushings.

Running the Completed Engine: Cut an 8 x 4 Top Flite nylon prop to  $7\frac{1}{8}$  in. diameter. This is a normal test prop and should be used when adjusting the engine prior to a race. The engine is capable of turning this prop 15,000 to 15,500 rpm for 2-3 minutes on a 10 cc tank.

### **Team Race Fuels**

Will one flyer's fuel work better than that of another's? We don't know. The Team Race game is made up of many variables; pilot, mechanic, props, model, engine,

and fuels. Perhaps another way of looking at the whole picture is to say that fuels are just \( \frac{1}{6} \) of the whole picture, and no one fraction is really of more value than another. Let's approach the concept of increased performance through fuels from two angles. Increased reliability and actual power increase. Can a Team afford to use propylene oxide in a fuel when it boosts rpm as much as 800 rpm but heats very badly and won't restart? The answer, of course, is NO! Should you try hydrazine because of its enormous BTU potential? No! not if you value your life. What then is a balanced approach to diesel fuels? Good performance and consistency will win far more races than exotic fuels.

### Fuel composition

The following discussion concerns fuels and ideas about fuels that we have accumulated.

Ingredients: Ether can affect the consistency of your fuels in day-to-day running. We use Anhydrous Ethyl Ether of the highest purity obtainable. This ensures consistent reproduceable runs in all types of weather.

Paraffin is the major constituent of diesel fuels. We have found some differences in engine heat when using various paraffin, including JP-4 and JP-x fuels. Any expected difference in rpm or economy was not measurable. We have settled on a single source of paraffin as being the most consistent method of using this ingredient. We use Esso paraffin obtained from a local petrol station.

Igniter: We have found that Ethyl Corporation's "Diesel Ignition Improver" is the easiest igniter to use. It contains approximately 50% amyl nitrate and 50% other ingredients. It costs 35/- per gallon post paid in the U.S.A.! We are working on our second gallon now and use *only* between 1 and  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  in our fuels. We believe many fuel and flight problems have been caused by the use of too much igniter.

Oils: Oils is the proper term. It seems that just one oil isn't right for a diesel fuel. We have tried a series of oils and oil combinations and believe that a combination of several lubricants is superior. We find 5 % castor oil to be a minimum value. Paraffin oil of 125 centistoke value is an excellent piston lube. STP, detergent additives, and moly disulfide all add to the quality of the oil system.

Other Ingredients: From acetone to xylol—what other chemicals can give the TR team an added boost?

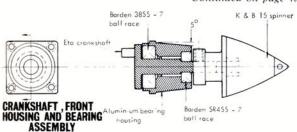
Heptane, pentane, petroleum ether, and nitrobenzene are ingredients that we have found useful.

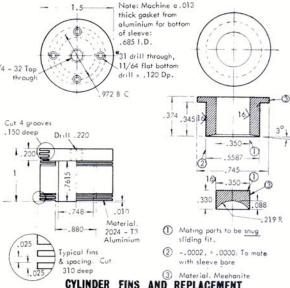
Lets look at some of our fuel formulas and discuss them.

- 50% 30% 20% 1½% (a) Paraffin
  - Anhydrous ethyl ether
  - Castor oil
  - Primary diesel ignition improver

This familiar, basic fuel can still compete with the hest providing the purest ether, and diesel ignition improver are used.

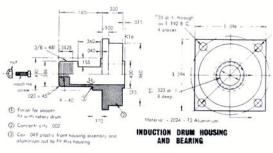
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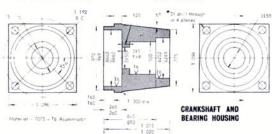


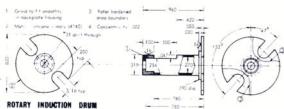


### CYLINDER FINS AND REPLACEMENT CONTRA - PISTON UNIT

To make these parts the use of a lathe and grinding machine is required, these drawings can be worked to by a machine shop. All decimals are ± .002 unless specified, angles  $\pm$  0 deg. 32', surface finish 16> or 32> rs specified.









Con. rod is unbushed and .020 larger in turned area diameter. aluminium gasket under exhaust port and top of fixed

(b) 50° Paraffin

Anhydrous ethyl ether

30% Castor oil

10% Paraffin oil (125 c.s.)

STP

10% 3% 2% 1½% Detergent additive (Dupont 3311)

Moly disulfide (Slip brand)

Diesel ignition improver

With this oil system 12 hours running time is not sufficient to break in a Super Tigre.

(c) 50% 30% 20% 1½% Paraffin

Petroleum ether

(Oils from (b) above)

Diesel ignition improver

Our apologies to Pietro Fontana who guessed this fuel at the '65 Criterium! It is not one mph faster or one lap better than fuel (b) above, but the Super Tigre will not backfire on this mix (we had only one 7 x 8 Tornado prop left).

(d) 50 parts Paraffin

6 parts Heptane

Anhydrous ethyl ether 30 parts

20 parts (Oils from (b) above)

Diesel ignition improver This fuel works well in ETA and HP engines.

We used fuel (a) at Swinderby in 1966; fuel (b) in achieving race times of 4.16 with Eta and 4.15 with Super Tigre: fuel (c) achieved 4.13 with Eta in 1963 and

placed second with Super Tigre at the 1965 Criterium; we'll know the performance of fuel (d) at the end of this season. We are presently flying 55 laps on the 7 cc tank with it and the Eta described.

The fuels described above are extremely consistent and will fly in all types of weather; wind, rain, snow, heat, and humidity with no measurable change in performance.

All the fuels may be mixed in large lots (5 gal.) and used over extended periods of time (1 yr.) with no loss in performance.

In 1965, fuel (c) powered our Super Tigre plane to 4.42 at U.S. Nats, 4.41 at Criterium, and 4.37 at the U.S. Team Trials where 4 of 6 flights on 2 days were 4.37 to

We must state the fuel does not do it all-it has become for us a predictable one-sixth of the Team Race challenge.

Note: The Diesel Ignition Improver is obtained from:

Ethyl Corporation, Attention: Order and Supply Department,

100 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

STP and slip are obtained from local petrol stations or STP Division Slip Group of Companies, 34, Great St. Helens,

Studebaker Corporation. 125 Oakton Street,

Lordon,

Des Plaines, Illinois. F.C.3.

The rear drum unit. Components are L to R, drum retaining screw, drum valve, drum bearing and backplate, Cox .049 plastic front housing with Cox venturi and needle valve unit.



### Snuffers to heart-the end Dear Sir.

I am sorry that Mr. Martin Dilly should take my light hearted remarks on snuffer tubes too much to heart. Equally I wonder if he doesn't take the whole issue of snuffer tubes far too seriously. It may well be, as he says, that a number of fires have been attributed to d/t combustion, but there does seem to be scant evidence of this. I, personally, have never witnessed such an incident, nor indeed have other model flyers of long experience whom I have spoken to on the subject.

It should be remembered that the type of "dead" smoulder produced by the d/t fuse will only cause a fire under the most favourable conditions, e.g. when falling on to a hayrick or thatched roof. It is highly unlikely that an outbreak would occur if a piece of fuse dropped on to a cornfield; it would come to rest on the earth and burn out quite safely. Then, too, it should also be borne in mind that the unexpired portion of fuse is rarely more than a quarter of an inch long, giving too short a burning time to build up any degree of heat.

I may be wrong in all this, of course, and I am willing to be corrected, but I do find it curious that part of Mr. Dilly's argument is founded upon the quaint notion that some lynx eyed farmer may

### Readers' Letters

find the charred remains of a piece of d/t fuse in his fields, identify it for what it is, and cry "arson" at us model flyers. Actually, the greatest danger of a d/t

fire comes when a model lands with the fuse still attached, as the model itself is highly combustible. Snuffer tubes will not always be used in the most efficient way and models will be landing with lit ends protruding, giving a danger period greater than that of the dropped ¼" referred to before, particularly as the model itself is so vulnerable. My prediction is that the snuffer tube rule will result in many models disappearing in a puff of smoke. L. Ranson Romford, Essex

### Interior Colouring

Dear Sir.

I am writing to enquire if you could advise me where I might obtain information on the colouring of aircraft cockpit interiors and such internal surfaces of airframe structures as engine and undercarriage bays, equipment, shelves,

Much seems to have been written on the exterior camouflage schemes for all periods from World War One onwards but the subject of interior colours seems almost completely neglected - a great mistake considering the ever increasing scale being used on models these days, be they radio control or non-flying plastics where the cockpit becomes a very detailed item.

I appreciate that the colours involved are comparatively few-zinc chromate, green, black, grey and silver, probably cover most cases but the problem I find is which colour on what aircraft?

In addition to this when colours are quoted especially on plastic kits they are often to question as to their authenticity – to illustrate my point. Monogram quote in their kit of the FW 190 "all interior surfaces (including cockpit) visible thro' hatches, etc. a pale grey-green". The FW 190 kept at Biggin Hill has as far as I could determine a grey U/C bay a black cockpit and no paint whatsoever on the airframe interior.

Hoping you can help me.

London S.E. 15 T. Baker Generally speaking Military aircraft interiors without insulation vary according to (a) the Service under which they are operating, (b) the purpose of the operation (c) the material used for the construction of the aircraft.

Zinc Chromate is the most commonplace British Military colour being a leaf green in general tone. Aircraft intended for night ops are generally black.

# MODEL RESCUE

# Water power saves a wayward A.P.S. Bicki for David Breeze

David Breeze recalls an unusual method of "Tre-covery" for us... He lives at Barnwell Hall and since it is on Filton Aerodrome all his model flying is done on the airfield. Unfortunately because of Air Traffic Control restrictions free flight and R/C flying are strictly limited to a few occasions. One of these occasions arose between 13.00 and 13.50 one Sunday.

"Bicki" had only been hand launched to allow the trim to be set, prior to its maiden flight. A quick test of the radio soon showed that at 10 yards the receiver was out of range. Frantic arm waving between one person with the transmitter on one part of the airfield and another person with the receiver consumed valuable time. At last having only 15 minutes left the receiver appeared to be functioning but the engine would not start!

After 10 minutes of flicking the engine decided to start and with everything now appearing to function the model was thrown "skywards".

With two minutes of flying to its credit Bicki was at about two hundred feet and about one hundred yards downwind when the receiver stopped receiving! Bicki now headed downwind for the largest tree of a clump.

Five minutes later the model was located at the top of the tree. A ladder was fetched as the tree was vertical and smooth, but it fell short of the first branches by six feet.

Following half an hour of indecision they called out the Airfield fire brigade and in a very short time they arrived. After further attempts to climb the tree and getting no closer than to within 30 feet of the model it was decided to turn the hose on the model. With a careful aim by the fireman the model was "squirted" out of the tree. Damage incurred was a break in the leading edge of one wing multi tissue rips and five soaking modellers (they managed to produce a rainstorm in miniature) the radio was working!

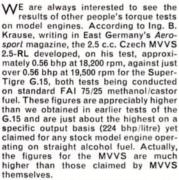
Top left, Robert Chisholm prepares "Bicki" for flight. Top right:— where it ended! a case of hunt among the foliage. Bottom left, the Airfield Fire Brigade unit which came to the rescue and right, the lucky modellers happy with only minor damage.





# LATEST ENGINE NEWS

#### By Peter Chinn



Moki, the official Hungarian model centre, have rather more modest claims for their Krizsma-designed and former World Championship winning S-3 racing 2.5. According to graphs sent to us by Rezso Beck, showing the results of Moki tests, the S-3 developed 0.43 bhp at 21,700 rpm on straight fuel and 0.56 bhp at 21,100 rpm on 45 per cent nitromethane. Maximum torque, in both instances, came out at around 16,000 rpm. Rather interesting, too, were Moki's graphs for their two high performance diesel 2.5's, the loop-scavenged D-1 and the TR-6/S team-racing motor. These showed the D-1 as developing 0.38 bhp at 17,000 rpm and the TR-6/S as putting out 0.35 at 17,800 rpm. Both these tests were run on fuels containing 20 per cent



Above left, the new twin ball race Taipan .19 R/C from Australia. A well made and finished engine, with large "multi" type throttle and exhaust restrictor, available shortly from Performance Kits. Centre and right are views of six Cox .049 Babe Bee units which R. Gesty of South Dorset Engineering, Weymouth has joined as a radial 4.8 cc. engine. Shafts are geared 1.4:1 and revised backplates connect the six reed valves to a Webra Glow Star R/C carb: A 13 x 6 in. prop is fitted, seen at the Nats on the Model Aircraft (Bournemouth) display.

The B.H.P. and torque curves below as found by the Moki model engine engineers at the Hungarian model centre, seem very realistic and "uninflated".



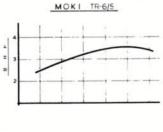
castor-oil with the addition of 3 per cent amyl-nitrite. Base mixtures were 25 per cent ether and 55 per cent kerosene for the D-1 and 30 per cent ether and 50 per cent kerosene for the TR-6/S.

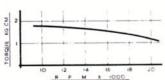
#### **New Engine Production**

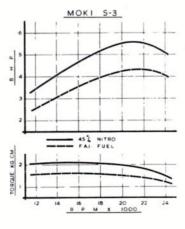
Ever since the commercial production of model aircraft engines began more than thirty years ago, we have been accustomed to seeing a perpetual stream of new and improved engines from American manufacturers. In fact, this is no longer the case. New American engines have been comparatively few and far between during the past couple of years or so.

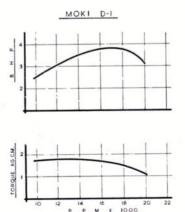
This can be blamed on (a) the Vietnam conflict which has resulted in increased sub-contract work in other fields for some model engine firms and (b) the slot-racing boom to which several engine manufacturers committed the major part of their resources. With the recent sudden and quite drastic tailing off of slot car business in the U.S., we may, perhaps, see some American companies making renewed efforts in the model engine field but, meanwhile, imported products are enjoying greater success in the United States than has been the case at any time in the past.

Of course, in the quantity production of small glow engines, American manufacturers such as Cox and Wen-Mac still strip the rest of the world and many larger engines continue to command a faithful following. Nevertheless, it is









equally true that, of late, there has been strong infiltration by imported engines in certain specialised contest fields. In the R/C multi classes, for example, American made engines are clearly outnumbered by the combined efforts of Tokvo, Osaka, Bologna and London, N.18.

However, it is also true that similar developments have occurred in Britain and most of Europe. For a long time now, there has been a steady contraction of British engine production into fewer makes and fewer types and the announcement of a new British motor is quite an event. Several of our manufacturers have left the model engine field for greener pastures and of the few who continue to produce engines in quantity, one of the largest has told us that, disillusioned after unsuccessful efforts to sub-stantially increase his sales both at home and abroad, he does not envisage incurring the expense of developing and tooling up any new models in the future. It looks very much as though interesting new engines will have to come (as they have often come in the past) from the smaller manufacturers or, at least, from those for whom model engine production is the major or only part of their business and for whom a personal interest in models continues to be a dominant

It is, perhaps, significant that three of the most active model engine companies in the world today, namely, Enya, O.S. and Super-Tigre, each of whom produces (counting R/C and marine versions) around 40 different models, are run by people who are, themselves, modellers of long standing or who take an active part in the hobby. Italy and Japan, in fact, are the two countries in the world from where most new engines are appearing at the present time.

Apart from Super-Tigre in Italy, most continental manufacturers have been even less active than our own in producing new engines. An exception,

however, is the Webra factory in Germany, Fein und Modell Technik of West Berlin, where, since his return to the company four years ago, designer Guenther Bodemann has produced four entirely new models in addition to improving the existing range. Guenther's latest reached us only a day or two ago and a very nice piece of work it is too.

This is the Webra RC-61, which, as its title suggests, is a 10 c.c. radio-control engine and is the first Webra engine — in fact the first German engine — of this type to be put into production.

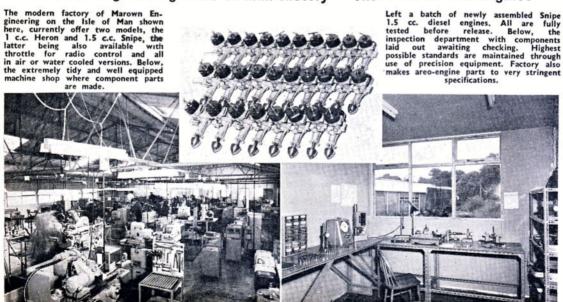
In many respects, the RC-61 follows contemporary practice. It is a loopscavenged shaft-valve motor with the crankshaft carried in two ball-bearings and uses a ringed aluminium piston. However, it has a number of features which take it out of the rut. For example, the small end of the connecting-rod is fitted with a caged needle-roller bearing, while the piston has a single piston ring of a special type. The carburettor is of the barrel throttle pattern, with side mounted needle-valve assembly and the jet feeding into the centre of the barrel as on the O.S. and Enya engines but, instead of having an airbleed for controlling low-speed mixture strength, there is a secondary needle, This is installed in the barrel itself which, as on the Johnson Automix, moves laterally as it rotates. In this way, the tip of the low-speed needle enters the main jet, as the throttle approaches the closed position, and reduces fuel flow. The low speed needle is, of course, adjustable, so that the degree of fuel restriction at low speeds can be varied.

The RC-61 has the 24 x 22 mm. bore and stroke common to most "metric" 10 c.c. engines, giving a swept volume of 9,953 c.c. or 0.6074 cu. in. In overall dimensions it is a fairly big motor—bigger than a Merco, though not as bulky as a Super-Tigre G.60. Weight is approximately 16 oz.



Above, the D.A.C. "Mufflo" silencer for .40 cu. in. engines. This is similar to the type illustrated in the January issue but has a simpler and more secure method of fixing. The top photo illustrates the silencer fitted to a McCoy Stunt 40 engine, while the lower photo shows the component parts of the same silencer. The centre photo is of a "cutaway" model showing the "venturi" section through which gas is led before being released through a fish tail outlet.

# Marown Engineering's Isle of Man factory - The home of M.E. Engines



Apart from the Nationals, reported separately in some detail, there has only been one contest in the past month. This was the East Grinstead Gala, held at Chobham the weekend before the Nationals. If the weather had been good, there would have been many fliers glad of the opportunity to finish off their trimming. Unfortunately, it turned out windy and most people obviously considered that participation would merely finish off their Nationals' chances.

Not only the competitors regarded the events casually. The organisers arrived 30 minutes after the advertised starting time and explained this with the remark that "Aeromodeller" had got the time wrong! (Phooey! Mr. Boyle, EGMFC PRO requested we advise 10 o'clock starting contest, note dated 12/2/67-Ed). With this, plus indecision as to the best location of the "launching point" in the prevailing wind direction, the contest got off to a very slow start. The first couple of flights confirmed that drift was considerable and that recovery of long flights was going to be difficult. With this in mind and to try and encourage better participation, the organisers cut down the max to 2½ minutes. Even this was just about the limit inside the available length of common.

The few that started early found that they had the best weather as it clouded over in mid-afternoon, got windier and rained from 5.30 p.m. onwards! Russel Peers made the only real effort in rubber to take first place on two flights. Power was a tussle between George Fuller with a rather small, if "boxy", design equipped with a Fox 59, and Trevor Payne with more normal (.15 power) size models. Trevor changed his model for the second flight, lost it in lift, and didn't take a third.

Glider was a clear win for Al Wisher with 6½ minutes for three flights followed by myself with two maxs—both of us having re-entered. Tony Young was third, again on two flights as he considered that the weather had deteriorated too much to take his third. I, for one, was extremely fortunate to end the day with my A/2 as the first max D.T.'d at 2½ minutes in strong lift, and went O.O.S. still airborne at 5½ minutes (using binoculars). As the downwind area appeared very discouraging I drew a line (on the compass bearing) on a large-scale map, estimated the landing spot, and went round by road. There was only one spot in the predicted locality worth searching—a clearing in the midst of the woods. The A/2 was right in the centre!

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Others were not so lucky. Colin Morris lost an A/1 in the same area and had to concede the event to Ken Smith who made three short flights. Jack Allen and Tony Slater had to struggle and persevere to win the Coupe d'Hiver and Chuck Glider events respectively.

When I first started attending the London events they were well worth the journey. Now I'm afraid that the situation has changed in that general interest (and hence the standard of flying) has declined appreciably. This is NOT a criticism of East Grinstead in particular, as all Chobham Rallies are very similar. This in fact is one of the troubles as the "local" fliers have the attitude that there is another contest "just the same" on the following weekend. The organising clubs have long since ceased to provide timekeepers, and consider that a redistribution of the entry fees is adequate as prizes.

Perhaps this downhill trend could be reversed. Certainly the organising clubs could demonstrate that the events are important to *them*, and this might "rub off" on to the fliers. The situation, however, is still better than in the North where the club organised gala is all but non-existent!

#### **Postal Events**

Postal events seem popular at the moment in some quarters. One of which I have had personal experience was the "Spring is Here Tra La Tra La" event run by the American National Free Flight Society. (This organisation is within the framework of the A.M.A. and dedicated to promoting F/F interests).

Thanks to personal contacts with Dave Linstrum, my club (Whitefield) and Crawley received invitations to compete. Events were All-in-F.A.I., Coupe d'Hiver, Chuck Glider and Precision. Flights could be made on any day in April, and the events had been selected to enable those with only small fields to participate.

Both Whitefield and Crawley combined the postal events with the S.M.A.E. Area Centralised events held on 16th April. This seems to have been a good day throughout the country, and we made the most of it! Rather surprisingly (to us at any rate) the Americans complained of poor weather throughout April—all but the West Coast that is!

The results of the F.A.I. and Coupe d'Hiver events certainly justified our efforts. If the flyoffs hadn't been included in the team scores my club would have been even better placed. As it

# Free Flight Comment

# By J. O'Donnell

The certificate awarded to Crawley M.A.C. members for their team effort in the "Spring is Here" Postal contest at right.







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was Crawley won the Coupe d'Hiver team event with 2nd individual (Pete Cameron), whilst Whitefield were 2nd in F.A.I. and 3rd in Coupe d'Hiver, plus 2nd, 3rd, 4th individual in F.A.I. and 3rd individual in Coupe d'Hiver. However, the value of postal events is not in their being serious contests — there is too much variation in weather, facilities and the like — but in the interest, contacts and friendships that result. I think that this is recognised by the N.F.F.S. in that they allow a month in which to fly rather than a specific date. Certainly there would be little incentive to compete in bad weather against the rest of the world!

Credit must be given to the N.F.F.S. for the speedy distribution of results and certificates — sent airmail to myself and Club members. The impression produced by this efficient treatment was very favourable.

For those who want to get in "on the act" — or an equivalent one — a postal event is to be organised by the Woomera Model Aeronautical Society (of Australia). Events are Wakefield, A/2, F.A.I. Power and Coupe d'Hiver, and flights can be made any Sunday in October. The contests are individual, not team. Entries are solicited from all countries. Those interested should contact direct: Pete Everitt, 22 Goonda Street, Woomera, South Australia.

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#### Spring is Here-Postal Results

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FA	(Combined Wakefield,	A/2 & Power)	Total times Includ	ding Fly-offs
Inc	lividuals			in seconds
1.	Bob Van Nest	(Power)	(Sunland, California)	1294
2.	Mike Reeves	(A-2)	(Lancashire, England)	985
3.	John O'Donnell	(A-2)	(Cheshire, England)	857
4.	Brian Worthington	(Power)	(Manchester, England)	853
5.	Jim Trego	(Power)	(Beverly Hills, California)	850
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1.	R. Van Nest/J. Trego	/W. Hartill (St	CAT Club, Los Angeles. Cal	ifornia) 2984
2.	M. Reeves/J. O'Don	nell/B. Worth	ington (Whitefield M.A.C.,	Lancashire.

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Coupe d'Hiver Individuals	Total times in	ncluding Fly-offs
1. Roger Taylor	(San Pedro, California)	670
2. Pete Cameron	(Crawley, England)	418

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2.	Pete Cameron	(Crawley,	England)			418
3.	John O'Donnell	(Cheshire	. England)			344
4.	Bob Stalick	(Albany, C				310
5.	Mike Reeves		re, England)			306
Te	ams					
1.	P. Cameron/W.	Horton/J. Oulds	(Crawley &	District	M.A.C.,	Sussex,

2.	R Taylor/H Harvey (	San Diego Orbiteers, San Diego, Ca	lifornia) 962 920
Ha	nd Launched Glider	Juli Diego Olbiteers, Jan Diego, Co	Total of 3 Flights
1.	Lin Haslem	(Salt Lake City, Utah)	456
2.	Wayne Henshaw	(Denver, Colorado)	431
3.	Dave McGhee	(Denver, Colorado)	419
4.	Ed Whitten	(New York, New York)	336
5.	Ed Collins	(Denver, Colorado)	334
4.	Wayne Henshaw Dave McGhee Ed Whitten	(Denver, Colorado) (Denver, Colorado) (New York, New York)	43 41: 33

Teams

1. W. Henshaw/E. Collins/D. McGhee (Magnificent Mountain Men, Denver' Colorado)

1184

2. Lin Haslem/B. Taft/C. Goodenough (Utah State Aeromodelers, Salt Lake City, Utah)

Precision
Individuals

Percentage Deviation from Target Individuals

1.	Richard Whitton	(New York, New York)	(Target 45 sec.—Flight 45.8 sec.).
2.	Bud Tenny	(Richardson, Texas)	(Target 85 sec.—Flight 69.9 sec.)
			:17.8 per cent.
3.	Ed Whitten	(New York, New York)	(Target 45 sec.—Flight 53.6 sec.)
	D-1-0-11		19.1 per cent.

4.	Bob Schlrein	(Denver, Colorado)	(Target 90 sec.—Flight 112.0 sec.)
5.	Roy Roberts	(Lancashire, England)	24.4 per cent. (Target 45 sec. — Flight 60.0 sec.)
			33.3 per cent.

1 R: Whitten/E. Whitten
2 R. Roberts/M. Reeves
(Whitefield M.A.C., Lancashire, England)
99.0 per cent.

# CLUB AND CONTEST NEWS

## ELLIOTT M.E.C. RALLY

The model engineering club of Elliott Automation, Rochester Airport, organised and ran a The model engineering club of Elliott Automation, Rochester Airport, organised and ran a fine Control-line rally in the company's car park on June 4th. The entries were good and carreen facilities were available as well as chains etc. for lounging about and watching the flying. Stunt was the largest crowd drawer with Dave Day (Wolves) just beating Mick Reeves (Wanstead), in fact Mick beat Dave by 964 to 912 pts. in the first round then Dave retaliated with 979 to Mick's 924 in the second round. C. Jones, a new name and non club member was a surprise third with a best score of 922 pts. followed by S. Black (Deltas) in 4th position with 906. Richard Wilkens (Sidcup) decided to have a go with his combat model and while the effort was worthy the manoeuvres suffered from excess speed, to say the least of it!

Team Race for Class A models only had 4 entries due to the event not being announced and three flew in a 100 lap heat cum-final which Dave Balch and Richard King (Feltham/Hayes) won with 5:47. Taylor (Tunbridge Wells) made 6:33 for 2nd while Ron James with a silver "Orion" took a leisurely 10:30, Ron by the way, works in R/C all day for Remcon Electronics and is in Elliott M.E.C.

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Combat attracted 36 entries where D. Melrose (Heanor) beat Sharpe (Woking) in the final with V. Hunt (Bald Eagles) third. Crashery was not too bad and the standard of combat these days really is on the way up with ewell aps flown tall, most of the battle being contained in one segment of the circle.

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Rat Racing flown beside and underneath the glass fronted Elliott tower office block drew 28 entries and the window cleaners will rue June 4th for a long while! Some of the heats were quite heetic. Roger Gedge (Ipswich) had his down line break, Franklin/lves (Wanstead) went straight into his lines, crashed and knocked the engine right out of the model. Unfortunately whipping was allowed, a state of affairs which proved beyond doubt that bad whipping makes for very unsafe flying! Feltham/Hayes entries were everywhere and they dominated the whole rally with three in the four up final. The first semi saw Dave Rudd make a fast 31.8.8 and Gillhespey/Goddard (Wanstead) fail to start, (now traced to a faulty plug that only glows intermittently). The last semi was both fast and heetic, whipping was on full strength and (we were flying in it) models were at times out of the pilot's controls with crossed lines etc. The Franklin/lves team with a patched model recorded 3:17.8. The final saw team race ace Brian Turner (Wharfedale) pitting Andrew Longhurst's model but a poor starting engine put them out of the running and they eventually retired. Rudd and Franklin were equal in speed at about 115mph then they both slowed a little, Franklin collected some goo in the needle valve and slowed right down. In the meantime King/Balch were flying on steadily slightly slower than Rudd with Rudd the winner at 6:33 followed by King/Balch 7:33 and Franklin/lves 8:02.

The prizes were then presented by Mr. S. Ellis, Divisional Manager and Chief Designer of Elliotts to an appreciative crowd. Andrew Longhurst received the "Airtech Challenge Cup" for the first time, presented to the club that scores the most points in all events. In all, a very good allowed by king/Balch and presented to the club that scores the most points in all events. In All, a very good

the first time, presented to the club that scores the most points in all events. In all, a very good rally with ideal weather and a 'friendly' contest air. We should mention here the Elliott M.E.C. badge, this is a simple affair but very effective, a chrome plated combat model with E.M.E.C. engraved across the wing, these and club transfers were for sale on the field.

#### CHELTENHAM SCRAMBLE

Ten contestants took place in the Chelten-ham Club's scramble for free flight models on April 23rd. Very few members were present for timekeeping and each time keeper had two or three models at once. After the hectic half hour had passed and while the weary contestants rested, the scores were totted up. First prize went to the 1966 cup holder Peter Rusher who managed 9:56 from six flights, Rusher who managed 9:36 from six flights, a very good achievement. Pete thus retains the "Wreckord" Cup for another year. Second was Allen Price with 7:45 also from six flights. The first three all used tow line gliders but David Plews placed 6th with a chuck Glider and 12 recorded flights to give him 4:51. T. Allen placed third in the Western Area Coupe d'Hiver contest and although getting two maxs in open glider he hit down draughts on the third which put him well down the list. down the list.

#### Cambridge News

The Cambridge M.A.C. Newsletter starts off very amusingly;—"Junk Sale 19th May. This Friday folks. Bring all rubbish, old and new. Chinese readers please note we are not disposing of a Hong Kong sailing vessel! They find it hard to see the point of using silencers. at R.A.F. Duxford when full size car and motor cycle meetings make far more noise than modellers could ever produce, even if they tried, Mike Nelson has built another boomed "Dominator" and Eric Miller has made a great job of a "Frog Musfire" multi radio control model. One of the recent club meetings was the scree of an epic chuck meetings was the scene of an epic chuck glider battle. Everyone had a good time and the highlight of the evening was the appearance of Malcolm Tye complete with a kit and plan. Malcom constructed a glider and went on to win. Sue Miller, yes "Sue" took second place in an Area Combat Contest.

Open Rubber Rules

From what I hear at least one recent suggestion concerning open rubber rules is to be referred to the S.M.A.E. F/F Sub-Committee for official consideration. The suggestion was to the effect that only one rubber motor be allowed for an entrant to complete his flights and fly off. This, in effect, virtually means one model as well, since any flyaway disposes of the motor. There are other implications. Many competitors with true open models do not wind to maximum in any case and not all change the motor each flight. The people really handicapped will be those trying to compete relatively using Wakefields or other low-performance models. These require winding to the limit to have even a fighting chance and would be further penalised with a one-motor rule. I cannot see this as a solution.

The other recent offering (via "Northern Area News") was an "Open 40" class proposed in print by Henry Tubbs. This involved a 40 grams rubber limit, without model restrictions. This is intentionally phrased so as to encourage Wakefield participation — but would also permit lightweight structure models designed to utilise the same amount of rubber. The most obvious approach is a small model of around Coupe d'Hiver size. Strangely enough I had such a model 3/4 years ago. Using components from my Coupe d'Hiver model and halves of old 80 gram Wakefield motors it was a very useful "stop-gap" Performance was adequate for 3 minutes maxs but visibility was a different story!

Personally I can't see any answer to the open rubber problem that still leaves it "open" except the radical suggestion of rescheduling the times of flying to early morning or late evening. This would reduce the wind and lift, but has obvious organisation difficulties. Perhaps the first steps have already been taken with the Nationals' fly off and the even more recent authorisation to the N.W. Area Comp. Sec. to stage an Area open rubber event in rounds to be decided on the day to suit conditions.

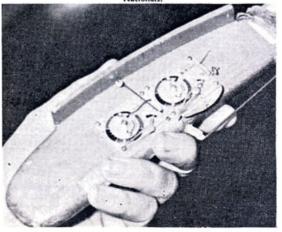
Any change in the basic concept of open rubber has drawbacks. Most open rubber exponents with, whom I have discussed this topic seem happy to live with the present situation - but feel that if change must come then it should be to Wakefield, if only to give a single restricted class. There is still Coupe

d'Hiver of course, but with the present trends and desires to reduce performance I can see Wakefield and Coupe d'Hiver meeting in the not too distant future. I only hope I'm wrong!

#### East Grinstead Gala Results

Al1GLIDER—1st. K. Smith, Croydon, 2:39; 2nd. C. Morris, St. Albans, 2:30. OPEN RUBBER—1st. R. Peers, Congleton, 4:26; 2nd. J. Wardell, Harlow, 2:02. OPEN POWER—1st. G. Fuller, St. Albans, 5:32; 2nd. T. Payne, Northampton, 4:20 OPEN GILDER—1st. A. Wisher, Croydon, 6:21 2nd. J. O'Donnell, Whitefield, 5:00; 3rd. A. Young, Croydon, 4:21. COUPE D'HIVER—1st. J. Allen, Brighton, 3:34; 2nd. L. Burrows, Blackheath, 3:02 3rd. F. Sharp, Blackheath, 2:10 CHUCK GLIDER—1st. T. Slater, Leatherhead, 1:53; 2nd. N. Clark, Sperry, 1:26.

The "belt and braces" type installation on Tony Youngs A/2 is in fact two timers to ensure a D/T at all costs, seen at the Nationals.



# HALIFAX CHALLENGE TROPHY

The postal contest for the Halifax Trophy on April 9th and 16th, attracted 19 entries of whom 10 flew. Open to rubber, glider and power models, the first day's weather was pretty rough and the second date arranged to coincide with area meetings, therefore making arrfields available, was rather crowded. This day started well but the wind freshened, eliminating those who fly tailless well down their list. Ken Attiwell (York) had to proxy fly John Pools "Never Forget VIb" as John was suffering with a jaundice attack, whild Ken only managed 5th position he flew John Pools model into top spot. Three maxes were made early with 600 turns on 16 strands of weak Dunlop that gave a 2:10—2:20 motor run. The propeller drawn in N.A.N. was used and the wing as published in Aeromodeller. Kens own model was flown in poorer weather and after an initial max spoiled his chances with a rather tight turn caused through the loss of some side thrust packing. Alan Nobbs (Halifax) used an own design model based on Never Forget VI and a 12 strand motor gave a poor climb, 16 strands then gave a poor glide, his best flight was 1:26 and the 4:00 total made him 7th. Second place went to M. Page (Peterborough) with an own design glider on its first outing. Flying without a D/T after a rapid finish for the contest. C. Peters first outing. Flying without a D/T after a rapid finish for the contest. C. Peters a rapid finish for the contest. C. Peters in 4th position also used a fairly untried model, though it had been hand launched to try out the D/T system. At first one tip used to go up, this caused a sharp turn with the outer wing travelling too fast to tip up. Stronger bands and horn fast to tip up. Stronger bands and horn type attachment have now cured this. Less than common sweepback and central fin is to get away from some of the problems seen in other towline gliders, tailless of course. Wing section used was a slightly modified Draper power section. Brian Faulkner 9 (Cheadle) used a 150 sq. in, tailless model published in N.A.N.,



he only had a 30 second motor run and it climbed too steeply, then swooped in on the glide, this was cured with a turon the ginde, this was cured with a tur-bulator. Noran Couling used an Icarus as drawn in N.A.N., and had life on his first flight with a 200 ft. line During tow for the second flight the wing broke in half and the repairs left the model in an untowable state.



Left, the Halifax Challenge Trophy for tailless models organised by John Pool. Above Derrick Parker, Midland Area Secretary releases Area Delegate, Derek Culpin's, tailless glider at the Nationals.

#### **Imperial Rain**

The Imperial College Control Line Rally held at the College Sports Ground, Harlingheld at the College Sports Ground, Harling-ton on May 14th was rained out and combat prizes were decided by a draw. The rain affected the Rat Race event less seriously, but there were fewer entries than usual. The general standard of flying was rather low and in the heats only 11 out of the 20 entries actually completed 70 laps and taking the fastest 8 for the semi-finals, only eliminated those with times over 94 minutes! The semifastest 8 for the semi-finals, only eliminated those with times over 9½ minutes! The semi-finals were unspectacular and in the final three did not complete the 140 laps. Dave Rudd won with 7:28 the rest retired. But for the change of date of the Whitsun Holiday, this would have been the 'Nationals' weekend!

#### Woodford Rally Gen.

The North Western Areas' Woodford Rally is to be held on August 27th during the Bank Holiday period at Hawker Siddleys Woodford, Cheshire, airfield. Free car parking, catering, trade stands etc. and the normal admission will be 2s. 6d. per person by printed programme, Current S.M.A.E. members will be admitted free of charge, upon probe admitted free of charge, upon pro-duction of their S.M.A E. registration card. Entry fees have been fixed at 2s. 6d. for S.M.A.E. members, full or associate, and 10s. for non S.M.A.E. members. See Contest Calendar—new events for contest classes.

Coming Events

July 30

Northampton M.A.C. Combat Rally. Midsummer Meadow. Northampton. Pre entry 2/6 to: R. J. Ashby, 20 Hester Street. Northampton. Shuttleworth Scale Rally. Old Warden Airfield, Bedfordshire. All classes of scale. including Plastics, Bring, show and fly, starts 11 a.m. Special prizes for best models of Shutteworth aircraft. Field entry, Aeromodeller trophies for five classes with an S.A.E. to Aero Modeller Editorial Offices of Riging 1/2 Apower, and S.A.E. to Aero Modeller Editorial Offices one Riging 1/2 Apower, and S.A.E. to Aero Modeller Editorial Offices one Riging 1/2 Apower, and State of Stat

#### New Events

October 1 South Bristol Autumn Gala. R.A.F. Hullavington, Wilts. Combined Vintage, Combined F.A.I., Chuck Glider, Coupe d'Hiver.

October 8 Wharfedale 1000. R.A.F., Rufforth, Yorks. 1,000 lap class B Team Race. Pre entry to: Les Davy, 14 Lanadowne Close, Baildon, Yorks.

October 22 Imperial College Control Line Rally. College Sports Ground, Sipson Lane, Harlington, Hayes, Class 'A' Combat only, pre-entry 3/1-to:—
G. Walker, Commonwealth Hall, Cartwright Gardens, London, G. Wa W.C.1.

CHANGE OF DATE November 19 Croydon F.A.I. Gala (was October 8th)

At right, top, this silver painted "Orion" F.A.I. team racer from A.P.S. by Ron James placed third at the Elliott Rally. Right: Andrew Longhurst, chairman of Feltham M.A.C., accepts the Elliott Challenge Cup from Mr. D. Ellis of Elliotts for the best club effort.







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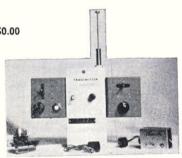
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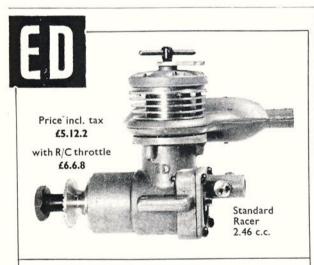
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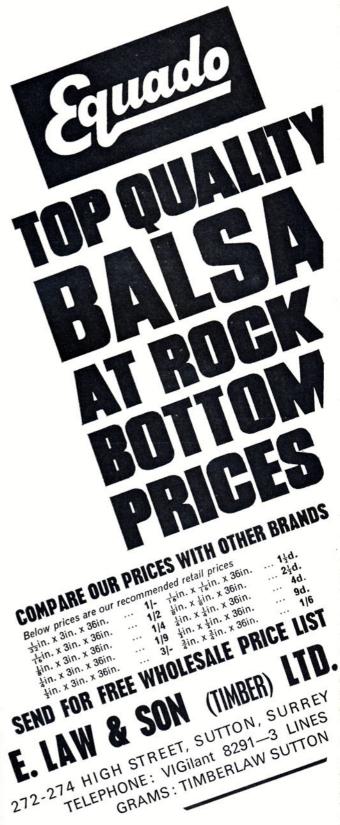
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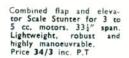


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