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The final event was the Blackburn Monoplane, which took to the air after sunset in order to have the calmest conditions. We were fortunate to see virtually all the aircraft fly as at one point the commentator remarked that he knows a number of people who have been visiting Shuttleworth for the last ten years, and have still not seen the very early aircraft fly, as conditions have not been good enough.

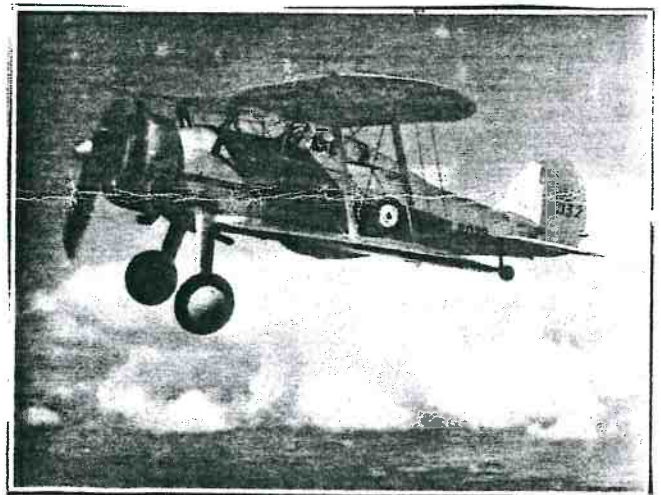
We all reluctantly returned to our coaches, already half an hour overdue, having insisted we watch the last items. On the long coach journey home, I mused on the aircraft I'd seen in model forms, and thought, "I'll build a Demon with a 61 Webra speed, or maybe a Spitfire with retracks, or possibly a D.H.....!" If I live for another fifty year. I should be able to complete three or four of them!

A final thought. If a few scale orientated members got together, we could each build a model from the Shuttleworth Collection. It has already inadvertently started, as John Trodd is about to start work on an Avro Tutor and I'm finishing an Avro 504K.

How about it? Arnold Murdoch.



"The little Nellie" Autogyro.
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The Gloster Glaidator entered squadron service in 1937 to become the RAF's last biplane fighter. In the nineteen fifties this was the only privately-owned former fighter flying in Britain.

FLYING FUEL TANK

A Strange looking experimental plane landed in California recently after a record breaking five day flight. The Voyager flew 11,857 miles without refuelling - 256 miles further than the previous best. The 110 hr. flight was also 26 hrs more than the longest non-refuelled piston engine flight, made in 1931. Now Voyager is to attempt a 25,000 mile round-the-world non-stop flight without refuelling. The pilots made the flight in a tiny cabin barely four feet wide. Voyager, with its spindly 110 ft. wings filled with 1,500 gallons of fuel, is more like a flying fuel tank, cruising just below 10,000 ft. and averaging 100 mph. The pilots anticipated a lot of problems, one being how to survive, but reported that they had adapted to the cramped environment very well.

MODEL ADVICE

The talk at the October meeting was ably handled by Malcolm Holt, and Ken Wilkes, each with their own brand of modelling. Firstly Malcolm bought along an "Acro-WOT", not so much for the plane, but to explain about the finish, which was indeed almost glass like in appearance. The sort of finish that always belongs to some one elses plane, but not for long, now we know your secrets Malcolm Thanks.

Kens' fingers ar'nt so agile as they used to be, so he's gone for something a little slower, a "Tiger Tank". Although unfortunately Ken could not give a demonstration that evening, due to lack of space, I have had a go, and it fair zips along! It looks good too, all those moving parts, patience must be one of Kens' virtues. Nice work Ken.

..... DAVID

FIELD REPORT

The buffer zone has finally had a short back and sides with singe. This is a good opportunity to say thanks to Fred for all his hard work that he put into the field. As you probably know, we have had a rather troublesome repair to the mower, Fred, Mick, Alan and Dougal have given up a lot of their time to effect this repair. Thanks lads, how would we do without you?

AUCTION

There will be an auction at our next meeting, Weds Nov. 5th. Bring along all those old models, engines and any bits & pieces you're fed up with looking at, and make way for all those modelling presents you are going to receive for Christmas!

PHOTO SALE

Percy & I, have over the last 10 months, taken quite a few Black & White photographs of the years flying events, for use in the News Letter. Obviously, we could not use all of them, so to cover the cost of the photo processing, I shall be selling them off at 25p a go, at the next meeting. Don't forget you need money for the Auction as well.....DAVID

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