

Gaubert Flies back to Villacoublay.

HAVING completed his tests for the Michelin Target prizes, Gaubert decided that the only way to go back to Villacoublay was on his trusty Astra-Wright machine. He left Mourmelon in the morning, and reached his destination during the afternoon, having been obliged to make a landing *en route* on account of the weather.

Good Flight on Clement-Bayard Monoplane.

HAVING decided to make an attempt on the Coupe Pommery from Biarritz, Guillaux on his Clement-Bayard monoplane flew over Bordeaux on the 28th ult., covering the distance in an hour and forty minutes at a height of 1,200 metres. A strong south-west wind made the going very unpleasant, and the aviator was violently sick.

A Maurice Farman Hydro-aeroplane.

On the 29th ult. Maurice Farman was testing his new hydro-aeroplane over the Trou Sale at Buc and rose from and alighted on the surface of the water several times, the machine behaving splendidly.

Good Work at Maurice Farman School.

WITH his mechanic Pichon as passenger, Maurice Farman on the 28th ult. was flying for an hour on a new machine, and Lieut. Mouchard, by way of practising in view of attempting to qualify for a military *brevet*, was up for an hour and a-half. During the afternoon Lieut. Briault and Sappers Grandjean and Guese flew over to St. Cyr. On the following day Lieut. Mouchard made a similar flight and Lieut. Gignoux, in order to test two new military M. Farman machines, piloted them to Etampes and back. Several of the military pilots were flying on Farman machines over the surrounding country. On Monday, after giving an Australian officer a trip on a new military machine, Maurice Farman took Derome to Etampes in order to see how the Farman schools were progressing and returned to Buc in the evening.

Long Trips on M. Farman Machines.

On the 30th ult. Lieut. Varcin, accompanied by Sapper Lano, started from Toul on his M. Farman machine at 4 a.m., and eventually got to Buc at 10 a.m. after a very difficult journey owing to the changeable wind. On the same day Serjeant Savard, also on a Maurice Farman biplane, arrived at Buc from Hissonne Camp, having made the trip by way of St. Quentin and Rouen.

A Blériot for Altitude Records.

AT Houlgate, early on the morning of the 30th ult., trials were made with a new Blériot machine, which has been specially built for Garros in view of his proposed attack on the altitude record. On his ordinary machine Garros made a flight with André Dubonnet over the surrounding country.

New Blériot Superior Pilots.

FLYING over a circuit Etampes-Vendome-Orleans and back, Lieut. Adam Givonne on his Blériot, made a first trip for a superior *brevet* on the 30th ult. while Lieuts. Jacquet and Dupin started on the second test *via* Vendome and Cercottes but had to give up owing to the heavy rain. They, however, carried out the test on the following day.

A Cosmopolitan School.

AMONG the twenty-seven pupils at the Blériot School at Etampes no less than eleven different countries are represented. Many of the "fledglings," which include a dozen Frenchmen, three Servians, two Chilians, two Brazilians, two Italians, and one each from Greece, Austria, Spain, Russia, Cuba, and Bulgaria, are military officers who have been nominated by their respective Governments to acquire the art.

A Typical Day at Farman School at Etampes.

AT the Farman School at Etampes on Monday the flights by the various pupils totalled to over 1,200 kilometers, and yet no damage or *bois casse* was reported. Among the performances was a trip of an hour and a-half by Lieut. Hanne, and one of an hour by Lieut. Gignoux, over the surrounding country.

A Bristol Success in Germany.

A VERY fine flight in boisterous weather, when no other machine ventured out, was made last week by Lieutenant Detton, of the German Flying Corps on his Bristol monoplane. Leaving Halberstadt at 6.19 p.m. he steered in the direction of Doberitz, but some time afterwards, when darkness was setting in, he was a little uncertain as to his bearings, and planing down to a suitable field, found himself at Barby, having covered about 40 miles in 41 mins. Starting off again at daybreak he continued his trip in spite of an extremely strong wind, and succeeded in reaching Doberitz safely.

Night Flying in Spain.

POUMET and his Borel monoplane have been scoring a great success in Spain. Last week the pilot ascended at Pescaonal during dark, and when in mid-air turned on the electric lights with which his machine had been decorated. The machine was promptly dubbed the "Fire-bird," and on descending Poumet had a rousing reception. On the 29th he flew over the Guadarrama Mountain.

KITE AND MODEL AEROPLANE ASSOCIATION.

Official Notices.

British Model Records.

Hand-launched	{ Distance ...	A. E. Woollard	477 yards.
	{ Duration ...	A. F. Houlberg	89 secs.
Off ground	{ Distance ...	F. W. Jannaway	84 yards.
	{ Duration ...	G. Rowlands	30 secs.
Hydro, off water—	Duration ...	G. P. Bragg-Smith	25 secs.

A Competition for Hydro-aeroplanes rising off and alighting on the water, took place on Saturday, August 31st, at "The Welsh Harp," Hendon. Prizes: 1st, £3 and certificate; 2nd, £2 and certificate; 3rd, £1 and certificate; all presented by the Kite and Model Aeroplane Association. It attracted an entry of 34 competitors, and out of these, 30 faced the judges, and proved a most interesting and exciting contest. Results: 1. W. J. Williams, 87 marks (duration from time of rising off the water) 31'2 secs.; 2. H. Bate, 77, 26'4 secs.; 3. M. Gordon Jones, 71, 26 secs.; 4. L. H. Slatter, 70, 25 secs.; 5. Mrs. Stedman, 62, 18'4 secs.; 6. F. W. Jannaway, 61, 16'4 secs.; 7. Mingsin Kwei, 59, 22 secs.; 8. G. P. Bragg-Smith, 58, 22'6 secs.; 9. T. Ockenden, 53, 15 secs. It will be seen that Nos. 7 and 8 made better durations than 5 and 6, but not such good alighting on water as 5 and 6. Judges: Messrs. H. F. Lloyd, A.E.Ae.S., V. E. Johnson, M.A., F. Pringuer and W. H. Akehurst, hon. sec. There was a good crowd of spectators, and included the president, Col. F. C. Trollope and Col. J. D. Fullerton, vice-president, who were deeply interested in the scientific display given, and they stated that it was their hope that more people would become interested in these models.

Official Trials for the purpose of establishing Records.—The 1st official duration hydro trials took place at "The Welsh Harp," Hendon, after the above competition. Seven entered for these and the results were: G. P. Bragg-Smith, 25 secs.; H. Bate, 22 secs.; J. McBirnie, 17 secs.; F. W. Jannaway, 15 secs.

International Kite Competitions, Spa, Belgium.—This meeting took place August 18th to 25th. The only English competitor was Major B. Baden-Powell, who went out to try and carry off the honours for England. Bad luck dogged him throughout the meeting, and after perseverance he carried off a prize in the altitude competition. Messrs. F. Pringuer and W. H. Akehurst went out to help him in his endeavours. He was specially praised by the Belgium soldiers and by the French for his patience, pluck, and perseverance in competing in every event, although his winch was broken in transit on the railway.
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MODEL CLUBS.

Aero-Models Assoc. (N. Branch) (15, HIGHGATE AVENUE, N.).

"ENFIELD" Challenge Cup and Medal contest, October 5th. Last Saturday experiments at Finchley with tractor models. Best results by Mr. B. Brown 35 secs. (club tractor record) and H. E. Fletcher. To-day, flying as usual at Finchley.

Blackheath Aero Club (48, HAFTON ROAD, CATFORD, S.E.).

ON Saturday, at Welsh Harp, in hydro competition, Williams obtained first prize. Good flights Sunday by Mr. Dennis at Blackheath, and at Wimbledon Common by Mr. Whitworth (hydro), Mr. Dollittle (r.o.g.). Flying at Grove Park and Blackheath week-end.

Coventry Aero Building Soc. (22, KINGSTON RD., EARLSDON).

SATURDAY, Mr. S. Shorter, Havelock, and Riley competing for English and Midland championships for distance and duration, also for R.O.G. Competition. Mr. L. G. Riley (tractor model), 31 secs.; Mr. A. Austin secured junior championship of Midlands; Mr. H. J. Goddard, assisted by Mr. Shorter, will give lessons to junior members commencing September 5th, continuing fortnightly.

Folkestone Ae.C. ("IMMINGHAM," MARTEN RD., FOLKESTONE).

FLYING next Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings at Broadmead Meadow.

Hackney and District (THE HOLLIES, 47, JENNER ROAD, N.).

SATURDAY, Mr. Louch, with impromptu single screw, obtained 50 secs. duration. Official durations: Horsfield 51 (0-1-1 P2), Vans 53 (1-2-0 P2), Lewin 32 (1-1-0 P2), Carter 53 (1-1-0 P1), Barton 28 (1-1-0 P2).

Hendon Model Aero Club (8, MONTAGU ROAD, W. HENDON).

GOOD flying week before last by Hills and Doidge. Saturday and Sunday last models flown by Laurence, Hayward, Brown, Doidge, Hills, Barton and Mr. F. Short (r.o.g. biplane). To-day (Sat.) first meeting for club records.

Maidenhead ("THE ACACIAS," SPENCERS ROAD, MAIDENHEAD).

SEVERAL members flying Saturday, including Coxhead. Flying to-day, weather permitting.

Paddington and Districts (77, SWINDERY ROAD, WEMELEY).

RESULT Duration Handicap: 1st prize, a stop watch, winner, S. Wood; 2nd prize, pair of carved propellers, M. Levy; 3rd prize, pair of carved propellers unfinished, M. Canning. To-day (Saturday) flying for certificates. September 14th, club's tractor competition. Mr. Johnson's tractor competition, probably September 28th.

Sheffield Model Aero Club (35, PENRHYN ROAD, SHEFFIELD).

COMPETITION for Colver Cup, Sept. 14th. Field for holding see FLIGHT Sep. 14th. To-day (Sat.) meeting Marsh Farm, High Lane, Ecclesall, at 3.

Southgate County School Ae.C. (72, NATAL RD., NEWSOUTHGATE).

GOOD flying during week by Messrs. Reed (200 yds.) and Redotée (23-in. model). The fuselage and tail of glider are now completed. The sec. would be pleased to receive model catalogues.

South Norwood (240, HOLMESDALE ROAD).

MONDAY last week flying by Streeter (twin model), Wise (single stick and tractor), Horricks (tractor). Horricks gets off ground in two yards.

Windsor Model Flying (10, ALMA ROAD, WINDSOR).

SATURDAY, E. Dowsett with new large dimension biplane flew well. S. Camm's hydroplane, with V. E. Johnson floats, rose quickly and made some short flights. Others flying: Camm, E. Stanbrook, Hamblin and Smith.

Yorkshire Ae.C. (Model Sec.) (53, WEST STREET, LEEDS).

FLYING to-day at Beeston. September 14th, open competition across lake at Roundhay Park, at 3.30. Three prizes.

Worcester Model Aero Club (CORN MARKET, WORCESTER).

ON 22nd inst. H. S. Melhuish, Jun., raised the club's duration record from 54 secs. to 79 secs. Pollard (over 60 secs.) and Colton flying well. On 24th postponed Birmingham competitions took place. Messrs. Baker and Mason, of Birmingham Aero Club, officiated. Results: Colton, duration (47 secs.), distance (235 yards); Pollard, (59 and 224 secs.); Melhuish, Jun., 83 secs. duration. Mr. Baker, of Birmingham, flew his heats at Worcester, and got 84 secs. duration and 240 yards distance.