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EDITORIAL

Well, after the first issue, we find that we are forced to expand and we now have six pages. This size of the magazine should remain permanent but we do not say that we will not expand any more. We would also like to point out that we are not considering any increase in subscriptions. The layout has been altered for production reasons, we trust this will meet readers approval.

The month's visitors have been many and varied, with the highlight being of course, the day of the Queen's visit to attend the funeral of the Princess Royal. History was made on this date: the biggest operation so far undertaken by the Queen's Flight. Also of interest was the fact that Her Royal Highness travelled to Heathrow with Prince Charles; this was the first time that the Monarch and the Heir have travelled in the same aircraft.

Many thanks are extended to the Yorkshire Evening Post Air Reporter, Mr.A.Rowley for letting us have some welcome publicity for the magazine in his regular article "Flight Log". The correspondence that followed this publicity has already helped us in our compilation of the history of Yorkshire airfields.

Once again we would like to appeal to anyone living in other parts of Yorkshire, to send in any movements they acquire to the Editor. All radio reports should be, sent to the Assistant Editor Mr.J.Buckle.

MWS

SECRETARY'S DESK

The March meeting was held at The Yorkshire Aeroplane Club on the 28th of the month. A slide show was given by messrs Horne, Powell and Stanfield.

Those members of the Branch who wish to join the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club may now do so at a reduced rate. This membership allows full use of Aero Club facilities available to non-flying members. Members wishing to join or to obtain fuller details should contact Mr.T.Sykes or Mr.R.Pettie.

A Branch photographic competition will be held towards the end of the year. Details have not as yet been finalised but until these are available a brief outline is given:- 1. An entry fee of 6d per print or transparency will be charged. 2. The sections will most probably be:- a) Black and white, civil, on the ground. b) Black and white, civil, in the air. c) Black and white, military, on the ground. d) Black and white, military, in the air. e) Colour, on the ground. f) Colour, in the air. 3. Closing date will be in December. 4. Results and prizes will be awarded at the January 1966 meeting.

Future meetings have been arranged as follows:-

April 25th. A tour of the ROC premises at Yeadon. This will include a film. Members should meet at the Airport between 2-30pm and 2-45pm.

May 30th. Mr. W.H.Longhurst, Senior Air Traffic Control Officer at Leeds and Bradford Airport, will talk to the Branch about Air Traffic Control. It is hoped that this will be given at the new Aero Club premises, at present under construction.

We are hoping to produce nine issues of the news sheet this year. The charge for this year will be 3/-. Subscriptions should be sent, as soon as possible, to the Treasurer Mr.D.A.Senior at 15 Southleigh Crescent, Leeds 11. At present the news sheet will not be available to persons outside the Branch. This is to allow the editorial team to gain cohesion and experience and to iron out production snags.

For personal reasons I will be moving out of this area until September. To ensure that this does not effect the running of the Branch Mr. R.Pettie has agreed to run the administration of the Branch. All matters normally dealt with by myself should be directed to Mr.R.Pettie at 2 Lister Lane, Bradford 2.

JAS

As most people will probably know, British Midland Airways, now based at Derby, will be vacating and moving to Castle Donnington at the end of March. With the aim of taking a last look at Burnaston, a trip was organised from Yeadon on the afternoon of the 20th of March.

On arrival, we were taken inside B.M.A.'s new Dart Herald 'SKK. After being suitably impressed, we then proceeded to look round the rest of the field. As usual, Chipmunks were in abundance:--'OPZ, 'RW, 'SN, 'OSO, 'ST, 'SV, 'SY, 'OTX, 'POE, 'PPM, and 'RWB. All these were in various states of air worthiness. The light aircraft hangar contained Alphas 'IFZ and 'IBW, Autocrat 'JRN. Also present was a new resident 'SXZ, Cessna 182G owned by G.Ridd, and nearly hidden by Chipmunks and Auster types.

In B.M.A.'s hangar Argonaut 'LHS was being serviced, and other residents included Hawk Speed Six 'DGP, Leopard Moth 'CLL, and Dakotas 'MSX, 'GJV and 'KJH. The latter was being repainted for use by Gregorie's Air Taxis.

Outside, as in typical Derby fashion, it was littered with relics which included Smiths Dakota 'MZE, Avro 19 'GWE and Argonaut VR-AAT. The latter had been brought up from Heathrow in the last year. Presumably it has been bought by B.M.A. for use as spares. All these aircraft seemed too far gone for resurrection, but the sight of 'ROI a Dove 5, in sparkling good health and resplendant in a new green and white colour scheme put new heart into us.

In the numerous nooks and crannies around the airfield we identified Messengers 'LAE and PH-NDR, Aiglet Trainer 'MTR and three R.A.F. Chipmunks, namely WG996, WP914 and WP916. Also present were some unidentified wings and tails. This just about tied up the visit and we all boarded the familiar dark blue coach for home.

A VISIT TO DONCASTER GLIDING CLUB By D.Allan.

A visit to the Gliding Club at Doncaster on Sunday 7th of February by D.Allan and D.Pullan provided a quite interesting trip.

After reporting to the Club headquarters we were shown around the airfield by Mr.Hayes who furnished us with quite a lot of interesting information appertaining to the airfield and its inhabitants.

The first item on the agenda was a look in at the clubhouse itself which was built on modern lines and looked to be very comfortable.

After this we were taken down to the hangar. Outside on the tarmac was an Auster 6A Tugmaster 'RGI, which is the property of Messers J.Bowers and J.Tarr, who as the Jackaroo syndicate furnish aerotows to any of the gliders that so desire. The rates for this services are very reasonable being £1 for a single seater, and £1 2/6d for a two seater. The gliders are normally towed to about two thousand feet before the tow is dropped.

Inside the hangar was found the Club Tutor BGA431 which is used for pupils first solos. Also in the hangar was a Rhönbuzzard, which is a German single seater which looks quite handsome. We were informed that this particular glider was quite old and had been modified a little. Mods included a new streamlined nose and a general 'clean up'.

At the back of the hangar we noticed an Olympia which was having a Certificate of Airworthiness renewal.

We then proceeded to the flying area where two Sedberghs were performing. One of these, a bright red and silver machine had recently been bought by the Club from the R.A.F.G.S.A., for the season that started in March. Also flying was a Slingsby Dart single seat high performance glider. We also "spotted" an ambulance that was converted into a mobile office.

We learned from Mr.Hayes that there are thirteen gliders based at Doncaster. Six of these are club machines and the remaining seven are privately owned. These include two Olympias, a Slingsby Gull, a D.F.S.Weihe ('SCV), a Dart, the Rhönbuzzard and a Skylark 3F.

Membership of the Doncaster Gliding Club is £8 per year plus a £5 enrolment fee. Last year there were one hundred and thirty fully paid up members.

from Mr. Hayss we learnt that there were quite a few light aircraft used the field, particularly during race meetings at the race course. We were informed that a recent visitor was a Tri-Pacer of the Royal Engineers Flying Group from Rochester. Also to our surprise we were told that David Brown's Dove had been seen fairly frequently.

The Gliding Club flies on Thursday afternoons and week ends. It is run on a voluntary basis, each member sharing costs, doing odd jobs and generally helping to run the airfield.

We were very impressed with the activities of the Club and would like to thank all the members for making it possible for us to see what goes on at Doncaster.

SUTTON BANK.

A recent visit by Mr. E. C. Barber elicited the following information:-

Residents (This list is not complete).

BGA537	Slingsby Skylark	
BGA843	Slingsby Skylark	C/n 1083.
BGA1002	Slingsby Skylark Mk. 2B	C/n 1228.
BGA981	Slingsby Skylark Mk. 3F	C/n 1301.
BGA721	T21	

The unmarked Eagle 3 was undergoing checks before being sold and at the time of this visit was in a position usually left to the Australians, namely upside down. The latest arrival was a Blanik with the C/n 1731 21 and was very much the talk of the Club. A teaser was a tattered fuselage which carries the letters A860. This is believed to be RA860 a T7 Cadent. Can anybody confirm this? The Tiger Moth 'PCU' is at present at Sherburn, and the Turbulent 'RBZ' has disappeared from the hangar and was last seen heading in a southerly direction. (To Pocklington Ed.).

AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO VOL 1 NO 1.

Page 1. Yeadon movements. 13/3 G-ARDH should read, to Crosland Moor.
16/3 Skipsy should be spelt Skipsea.

Page 2. Sherburn. The Super Cub G-ARCT is piloted by Mr. F. Morgan.
The portion of the runway relaid with tarmac is not to be used by aircraft.

Page 3. Yeadon Residents. G-AOKH has since been sold to a Mr. Baines. (Still present at publication date.)
G-AOSK owned by Yorkshire Flying Services.
G-AOSU owned by Yorkshire Flying Services.
G-APYI has now been sold and based at Blackpool.
G-AROM is owned by Mr. J. Robertshaw. Thornber Chicks.
G-ASWL since moved to a private field (details)?
G-ASYP is owned by a Mr. Weston.
Yorkshire Light Aircraft's scrapyard also includes G-AMGE a Proctor.

WHIRLWIND HARMO's OF 202 SQUADRON BASED AT LECONFIELD.

XD165
XD182
XJ144
XJ724
XJ729

LECONFIELD MOVEMENTS By I. Carling.

28/2	G-ASLE	Twin Comanche. Also 5/3.
2/3	G-ASMG	Dove 8.
	G-ARFF	Queenair 65. Also 16/3.
3/3	WL788	"Z" Shackleton Mk2C. 210 Squadron.
	XG496	Devon R.A.E.
4/3	54531	C-123B Provider. U.S.A.F. First visit of type.
5/3	WJ947	"K" Varsity. Signals Command.
	TX227	Anson.
	G-APXK	Piaggio P.166.
6/3	XA459	"396" Gannet AS4. R.N.
	XG839	"459" Gannet AS4. R.N.
	G-ARIN	Comanche.
8/3	XS100	"57" Gnat T1.
9/3	WF333	"N" Varsity. Also 2/4.
10/3	WJ946	"M" Varsity.
11/3	TG619	Hastings.
	WG789	Canberra.
	XL163	Victor B2. Also 26/3.
	WP915	Chipmunk T10.
16/3	XP516	"16" Gnat T1.
18/3	XL513	Victor.
19/3	WL691	Varsity. Signals Command.
	VZ467	"C" Meteor 8. Also 26/3.
	WV755	Pembroke. Also 25/3.
	XE956	Vampire T11.
	G-ANPH	Dove 6.
21/3	G-ASNV	Baron.
25/3	G-ASHW	Dove 8.
	TX191	Anson.
	XM974	"T" Lightning T4. 74 Squadron.
26/3	G-ASVH	Cessna 206.
	G-APTY	Bonanza.
	XM359	Jet Provost T3 "23" 6FTS. Ex R:D of CFS.
	VM385	"B" Anson.
29/3	XR801	Viscount Fr Driffield E.T.P.S.
31/3	VM351	Anson.
	VP968	Devon.
1/4	WV739	Pembroke.
	G-AJLV	Dove.
2/4	G-ARIU	Cessna 172B.
	WV734	Pembroke.
	XF297	Hunter GA11 "644/BY".
4/4	21189	T-33 Silver Star R.C.A.F.
5/4	WP808	Chipmunk T.10.
	XF527	"P" Hunter F6.

Several V-Bombers have also visited this base, but for security reasons we have omitted them.

DRIFFIELD MOVEMENTS

9/3	XH563	Vulcan B2.
	WF333	"N" Varsity T1.
	XR571	"23" Gnat T1. 4FTS.
12/3	XD427	"53" Vampire T.11.
	XP627	"40" Jet Provost T4. 1FTS.
17/3	XA928	Victor B1.
29/3	XR801	Viscount. E.T.P.S.

MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE (TEES) SIDE MOVEMENTS.

5/3	G-ALZL	Heron 1B.
	G-AREH	Tiger Moth.

FLYOVER REPORT.

Due to lack of space we had to omit this feature from the first issue of the magazine, but as from now this will become a regular article.

20/2	33252	C-118A	MATS	Ottringham West	1115. Blue One.
	21011	C-124	MATS	Pole Hill North	1207. Amber One.
	15116	C-124	MATS	Pole Hill	1215. Amber One.
24/2	G-ALZL	Heron		LBA North.	0935. Coventry To Newcastle.
25/2	G-ASWD	Cessna F-172E.		Leeds.	1711. Crosby To Cranfield.
	G-AOTI	Heron		LBA South.	- Wick To Hucknall.
26/2	F-BMCL	Cessna 320B.		LBA East.	0835.
	G-ASYJ	Travel Air.		LBA East South East	1312.
	G-ASFY	DC-4	Invicta	Ottringham East.	1725.
	HAF26	Argosy.		Lindholme-Oldham.	1755.
28/2	G-ARLI	Apache		LBA West.	1438.
1/3	GC+112	Noratlus	Luftwaffe	Ottringham West.	1336. Blue One.
4/3	33226	C-118.	MATS	Oldham West.	1245. Blue One.
5/3	17640	C-118.	MATS	Oldham West.	1238. Blue One.
	G-ASED	Viscount.	B.U.A.	Ottringham East.	1745. Blue One.
	PH-DCM	DC-8.	K.L.M.	Abeam Leeds.	0830. Ottringham to Deans-Cross.
6/3	PH-DSI	DC-7.	K.L.M.	Oldham West.	1050. C/S KLM 63.
	33233	C-118.	MATS.	Oldham West.	1220.
8/3	HA-MOC	IL-18.	Malev.	Abeam Leeds.	1300. Ottringham to Deans-Cross.
	G-ASJD	BAC 111.	B.U.A.	Abeam Leeds.	1320. Ottringham to Deans-Cross.
9/3	G-ASWU	Trident.	Kuwait.	Abeam Leeds.	1625. Deans-Cross To Ottringham.
11/3	37805	VC-121.		Pole Hill North.	2059.
16/3	17657	C-118.	MATS.	Oldham West.	1720. Blue One.
22/3	PH-DCS	DC-8.	K.L.M.	Pole Hill North.	1701. Amber One.
23/3	PH-ILS	Queenair.		LBA West.	Diverted To Manchester.
	30212	C-97G.		Pole Hill North.	1515. Amber One.
26/3	21050	C-124C.	MATS.	Pole Hill North.	2121. Amber One.
	33242	C-118.	MATS.	Ottringham East.	2138. Blue One.
28/3	G-APVD	Widgeon.		LBA 3 miles East.	1030. To Tees-Side.
	12370	C-130E.		Ottringham East.	1140. Blue One.
29/3	51057	VC-47D.		Pole Hill North.	2154. Amber One.
30/3	G-ASXG	Goose.		Leeds North.	1130.
31/3	G-ASDJ	Cessna 320A.	B.U.A.	Pole Hill North.	0955. Amber One.
	G-ARJR	Apache.		LBA North.	1044. To Tees-Side.
	G-ASIU	Queenair 80.		LBA North.	1125. To Tees-Side.
	G-ASNA	Aztec B.		Huddersfield South East.	1710.
4/4	PH-DCF	DC-8.	K.L.M.	Pole Hill North.	1218. Amber One.
	15932	CC-106.	R.C.A.F.	Pole Hill.	1330. Amber One.
6/4	25790	C-131A.	7167ATS.	Pole Hill North.	1332. Amber One.
8/4	G-APTK	Cessna 310.		LBA South.	1808. Fr Newcastle.
	G-ASOO	Twin Comanche.		Leeds North.	1114. To Tees-Side.

SEEDMERE (Nr Driffield) OVERFLYS By J.M.Richardson.

5/3	WL380	Meteor T7	C.A.W.Code "L"	0935. North.
6/3	XG381	Gannet AS4.	831 Squadron.	1122. South.
	G-ASWU	Trident 1E.	Kuwait Airways.	Circ.
9/3	XJ412	Whirlwind	HARM O 202 Squadron.	1255. South.
11/3	XR700	Jet Provost T4.	I FTS Code "46".	1517. East.
18/3	G-ASFZ	Pawnee 235.	Top dressing at The Avenue Farm all day.	0940. South East.
25/3	WV755	Pembroke.		1442. North.
30/3	XP558	Jet Provost T3	Code "73"	

LEEDS AND BRADFORD (YEADON) MOVEMENTS

27/3	G-ARDH	Dove 8.	Fr Crosland Moor to Stansted.
	G-ASWP	Musketeer 2.	Fr Leconfield. Also 11/4.
28/3	G-AROF	Meta Sokol.	Fr & To Crosland Moor. Also 30/3 and 4/4.
	G-ARRL	Autocrat	Fr & To Sherburn.
	G-AOFM	Autocar.	Fr Leavesden to Newcastle.
	G-ASUG	Beech E18S.	Fr & To Stansted. Also 3/4. SEMI RESIDENT.
	G-ASUP	Cessna F-172E.	Fr Tees-Side.
	G-APTG	Chipmunk.	Fr Ipswich To Elstree.
	G-AROB	Cessna 172B.	Fr & To Barton.
29/3	G-ARMV	Avro 748.	Fr Heathrow. Charter B.K.S.
	G-ANUT	Dove 6.	Fr Stansted N/S To Wymeswold.
	G-AOKL	Prentice.	Fr & To Stapleford.
	G-ATAO	Comanche 260.	Fr Oxford N/S To Binbrook.
	G-ASUN	Brantly B-2B.	Fr & To Mosses.
	G-ASJP	Aztec B.	Fr & To Barrow, & Fr Newcastle To Wisley.
	G-ARTI	Heron 2D.	Fr Heathrow N/S To & Fr Rochester, To Filton.
	G-ASNG	Dove 6.	Fr Sywell To Leicester East. Also 31/3.
	G-AOVZ	Jodel D140.	Fr Binbrook N/S To Cookswold.
	G-ARLN	Cessna 172B.	Fr Newcastle To Liverpool.
30/3	G-ASUL	Cessna 182G.	Fr & To Halfpenny Green.
	G-ASSB	Twin Comanche.	Fr Southend To Tees-Side. Also 8/4.
31/3	G-ASHX	Cherokee 180.	Fr & To Biggin Hill.
	G-ASLV	Cherokee 235.	Fr & To Birmingham.
	G-ASFF	Apache 235.	Fr & To Liverpool.
	G-ARHJ	Apache 160.	Fr Leconfield To Manchester.
	G-APYX	Aztec.	Fr & To Birmingham. Also 8/4 11/4 and 1/4.
	XS789	Andover CC2.	Fr & To Benson. Proving flight for Queen's visit on 1/4.
1/4	XS789	Andover CC2.	Fr & To Heathrow with Queen. Call Sign Kittyhawk.
	XS790	Andover CC2.	Fr & To Heathrow. Fr Heathrow as Kittyhawk 2, To Heathrow as Rainbow.
	XM296	Heron C4.	Fr Lossiemouth with Prince Charles To Benson, Call Sign Kittyhawk 1.
	G-ARRH	Cessna 175B.	Fr Biggin Hill To Elstree.
	N2147X	Cessna 337.	Fr Manchester To Blackpool. Demonstrations.
	G-AROU	Queenair 65.	Fr & To Sydenham (Belfast). Also 3/4.
	G-APCZ	Dove 6.	Fr & To Tatenhill.
2/4	G-ARDD	Emeraude.	Fr & To Coal Aston.
	G-ARUM	Dove 8.	Fr Luton N/S. Also 6/4 and 9/4.
	G-ASKU	Cessna F-172.	Fr & To Barton.
	XP807	Beaver.	Fr Middle Wallop To Newcastle.
4/4	G-ARTW	Cessna 150.	Fr & To Perth.
5/4	D-ILCA	Marquis.	Fr Southend To Cologne.
6/4	D-INAX	Queenair 80.	Fr Nuremberg N/S To Nuremberg. (LD-145).
	SE-EMA	Aztec C.	Fr Malm8 N/S To Manchester. (27-2591).
	G-ARIU	Cessna 172.	Fr & To Blackpool.
	G-ARFL	Cessna 172.	Fr & To Coventry.
	G-APXP	Tri-Pacer.	Fr Bitteswell To Lasham.
	G-ATAR	Aztec C.	Fr Coventry To Wood Vale, Fr Wood Vale To Cov.
	G-ARBZ	Turbulent.	Fr & To Pocklington.
	G-ARDE	Dove 6.	Fr Tatenhill To Birmingham.
	G-ARMX	Avro 748.	Fr Lympne. Charter B.K.S.
	G-APMV	Heron 2E.	Fr Turnhouse To Warton.
7/4	G-AGYD	Autocrat.	Fr Compton N/S To Compton Abbot.
	G-ASON	Twin Comanche.	Fr Denham To Luton.
	G-ASMR	Twin Comanche.	Fr Liverpool To Tollerton.
8/4	F-BMRB	Baron.	Fr & To Le Touquet. (TC-658).
9/4	G-ASVV	Cessna 310I.	Fr Manchester To Blackpool.
	G-AOXL	Heron.	Fr Glasgow To Manchester.
10/4	G-ARFH	Comanche 250.	Fr Elstree N/S To Biggin Hill.
11/4	G-ASWO	Cessna 210D.	Fr & To Kirton-in-Linsey.
12/4	G-AOHM	V.802 Viscount.	Fr & To Heathrow. B.E.A. Proving Flight.
	G-ARLK	Comanche 250.	Fr Pocklington To Yorkshire Light Aircraft Ltd.