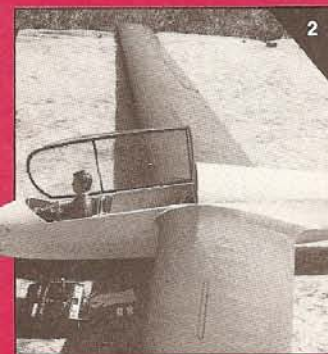


Sailplane Aerotowing Event

Two days of non-stop aerial towing for scale gliders, organised by the White Horse MC at Uffington - and still they queued for more.



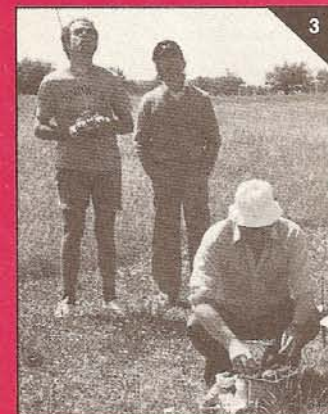
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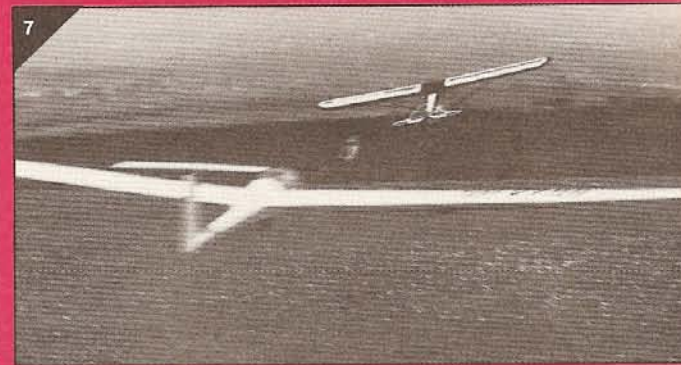
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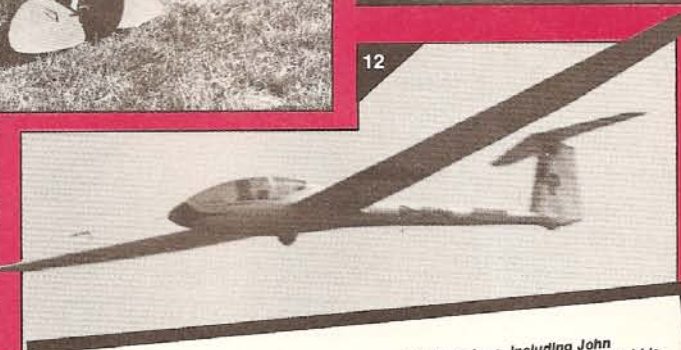
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A number of tug aircraft were used during the weekend of 1st/2nd June, including John Greenfield with a Laser 75 powered shoulder wing sports model (surprisingly effective) and his 1/4 scale Piper 'Cub' with Standard Quadra fitted.
 (1) Starting-up the Aeronca - note the polythene swalling hook-up.
 (2) John Watkins' K13 on the polythene sheet - he let me have a twiddle!
 (3) Frank Spackman used a Tarian Twin powered, much modified, Precedent 'Aeronca Champ' - with fully sprung undercarriage - and Frank Atkinson's 'Mighty Barnstormer' (Enya 120 FS) also had a go at pulling the models aloft. How much fuel was consumed over the weekend I don't know. It must have run into gallons as the aircraft were up and down virtually non-stop.
 (4) One up and one to go. Sailplanes can be hand launched or taken off the ground for aerotowing.
 (5) Four-wheeled 'dolly' for sailplanes without central wheel, only a small lip is required to retain glider.
 (6) Twin Astrir on dolly ready for towing.
 (7) High mounted towline connection on tug (over the balance point) allows the sailplane to adopt a high low position.
 (8) Berkley kit 'Tiger Moth' also provided scale towing for sailplanes.
 (9) Queue of sailplanes awaiting their turn for a tow - just like full-size practice.
 (10) Tow position on 'Tiger' was at rear of fuel tank.
 (11) Roy Pitts' K18 model is well up before the end of the polythene sheet (approx 25yds long).
 (12) Familiar sight throughout the two days. Another elegant Janier sailplane making for the thermal.