

# CANADIAN SCENE

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## ST. MICHAEL'S GLIDING CLUB

Bro. Hormisdas reports great doings at Buckingham recently (8 October) when the Gatineau Club's GB and Olympia took part in a show near the town. Announcements were made for some three weeks ahead, and on the day of the show with a PA system heralding the imminent approach of the Olympia from Pendleton. Right on schedule it appeared and the tow plane dived over the town spreading leaflets.

Shortly thereafter the GB showed up with Guy Joyce and skimmed over the town for a long flight between 1500 and 300. Shorty Boudreault put on an aerobatic show and ended up by buzzing the town in the Olympia. The 2-22 stayed on the ground because of limited landing space. Mel Miller, L. V. Smith, Barrie Jeffrey all took part in the doings and made an impressive showing. It's a good bet that Buckingham is one of the most air-minded towns in the country, due mostly to the efforts of the Brother and his gliding friends.

## Sasatoon

Word comes from Ted Miller who, when last heard from, was organizing the Boy Scouts in his locality into a glider group. Unfortunately these plans have fallen through due to an emphatic but somewhat puzzling "No" from Scout HQ in Ottawa. It would appear that Scout HQ needs a little educating in the matter of air-mindedness.

Ted visited Fred Weber in North Battleford and fell for the neat H-17 Fred built some years ago. "I was thinking," says Ted, "of buying it, until I remembered I had no money." That's an unfortunate snag common to a large percentage of gliding blokes.

## Tenardee Gliding Club, Clargary

The TG3A took to the air on 28 October in test flights and A. R. Griffiths went along for the ride. "I've made flights in about all types of powered aircraft," he says, "but never have I enjoyed such a pleasant flight as I did in the Schweizer." Just keep up that feeling, Griff., and you'll be rising free an' easy in the Chinook yet!

Don Holman, Ottawa, on a trip West had dinner with Norm Bruce and Bill Riddell of the Tenardee Group. Plans are afoot to use a Mark II Anson for aero-tow as soon as conditions are favourable. Norm plans to go up with Bill Riddell to look over the Chinook situation.

Bill, by the way, took his "A," "B" and "C" in quick order this summer in the Robin and is giving every moment of his spare time to the club. Apart from being the President of the club he is its most indefatigable worker, being able to turn his hand to anything. Here's a tip to married glider enthusiasts—Norm and Bill have got their wives to hit it off, and so when the boys go gliding, the wives get together. The Editor being a bachelor doesn't know too much about these things, but no doubt a happy arrangement of this sort saves wear and tear.

## New Grunau Finished!

Ralph Wiseman's GB is complete now, so says the

grapevine. It is believed that he may have to go to Calgary to get instructions from Norm Bruce, but nothing is known for sure. We wish we could get some direct word from Mr. Wiseman himself.

## Hamilton, Ont.

A group of Latvian DPs have formed a group in Hamilton and plan to build a glider. It is sincerely hoped that present regulations will permit them to fly it in "free" Canada!

## Across The Briny

Frank Brame writes that he is safely and happily ensconced at Mitchell Hall, College of Aeronautics, Cranfield, Bletchley, Bucks. The place is chock-a-block with equipment, wind tunnels, engines, museum aircraft such as ME 163, B17, B24, Lincoln, Beau-fighter, Fury, etc., electronic labs., instrument labs., etc.

For recreation there is of course a glider club and power flying. The latter costs students \$1.50 per hour and the gliding even less. They have a GB, Olympia and several other types. At Dunstable, famous English gliding centre, Frank says they have a full-time Mgr., Instructor and Engineer on salary, bar and lunch counter, lots of equipment (winch-launching) and about 150 members. He spent a week in Switzerland and met several "C" boys with whom he carried on a silent, animated, gesticulatory conversation.

## Gatineau Gliding Club

November 3rd saw some 25 Gatineau Club members gather at Beamishill Chalet for the club annual dinner. Piece de resistance of the evening was the presentation by "Chips" Smallwood of Silver "C" badges to five members—Shorty Boudreault, Barrie Jeffrey, Johnnie Dure, Bill Curran and Herb Henshaw, with an entertaining anecdotal word for each. Barrie Jeffrey on behalf of the Club presented a coffee table to the newly wed Chips and Nadine. The St. Eugene films were shown and a number of interesting slides. Ideas and plans bounced like bubbles from Chips to Chem to Harry deWolf as next season's gliding was discussed; dreams were dreamed and put into words and the distant future became the exciting present—but the possibility is, with this trio doing the dreaming, that such things COULD come true. Guy Joyce of St. Michael's Club kept his camera clicking, and we hope for some nice shots. Altogether, 'twas a good go.

## Toronto Gliding Club

Jack Ames reports that Bon Claudi, now in Toronto, is out with the TGC and asking for news of the Montreal MU-13. So are we. John Agnew please note; Johnnie Dure is also out with the TGC and E. G. (Bud) Hay, onetime Pres. of the deHav. Club has returned to the sport after several years absence. Jack is starting a series of lectures to SO-ED groups during the winter months, on gliding, of course, using Charlie Miller's slides. This may well be the start of a gliding educational program which has been a pet project of the SAC for some time, but without much progress made so far.

## The Loudon Sailplane

Jack Ames has been kind enough to contribute an article on the test flying of the Loudon. This is another step in the building up of this splendid sailplane as Canada's foremost single place ship; soon you'll forget your GBs, LKs and such; you'll be flying a Canadian glider in Canada that has them all beat! These are prophetic words.