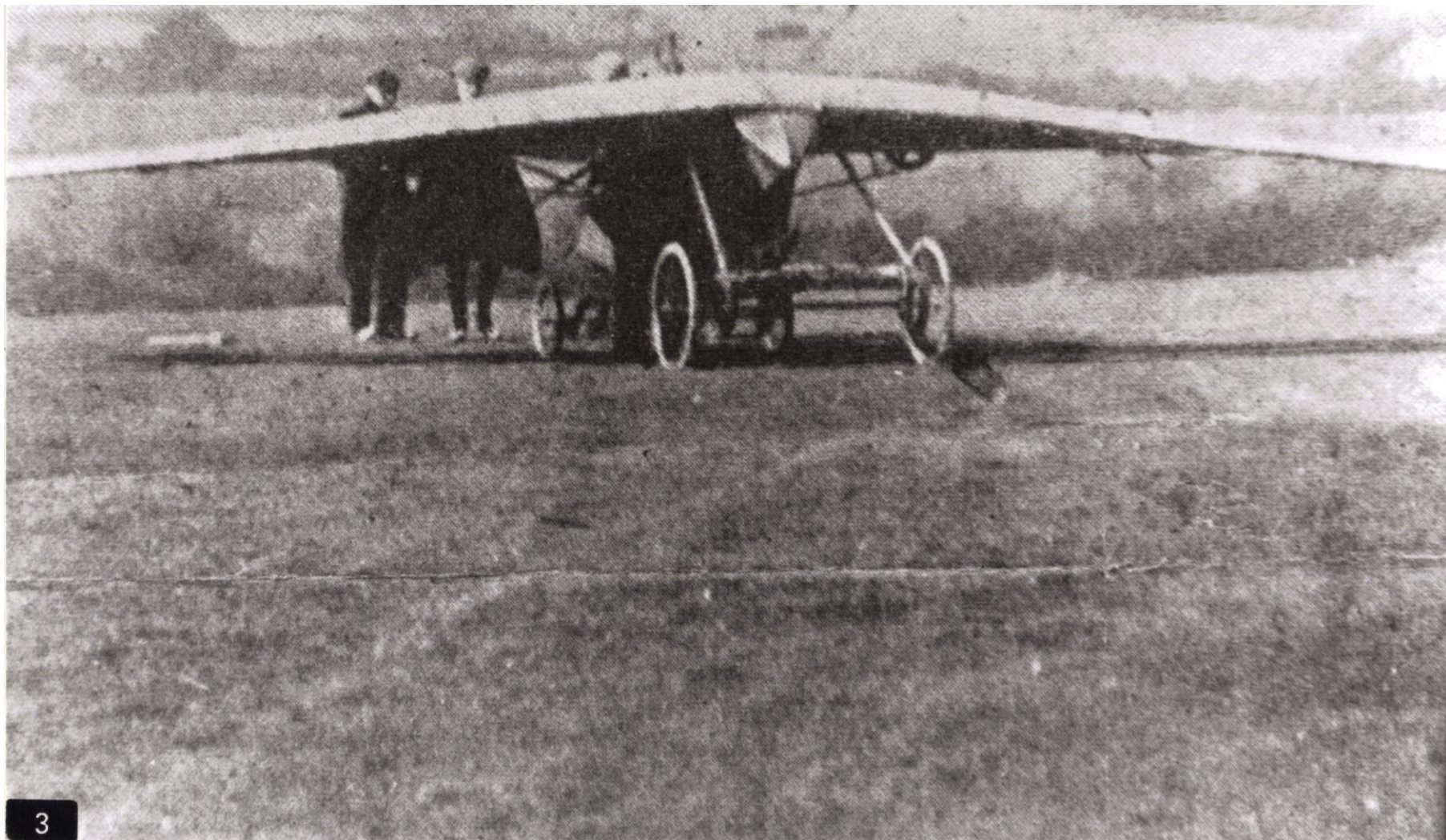




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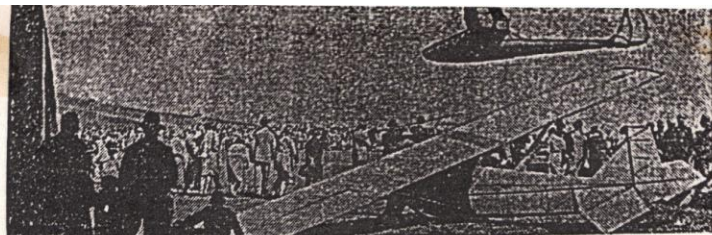
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HERR KRONFELD taking off for his record engineless flight last night.

70-MILE SAILPLANE

FLIGHT RECORD.

From the Daily Express
16 June 1930

"MISSING" PILOT
THRILL FOR
CROWD.

HOURS OF WAITING.

LEWES TO HAVANT
WITHOUT ENGINE.

HERR ROBERT KRONFELD, the sailplaning "ace," who has thrilled thousands in the "Daily Express" engineless flight demonstrations, last night established a record for English sailplaning by a flight of seventy miles in about four hours.

He had given a thrilling exhibition organised by the "Daily Express" and the Bristol Gliding Association, at West Fittle, Sussex, and then decided on a surprise cross-country flight.

He started out from Itford Hill at 5.27 p.m. and after cruising about in the vicinity flew in a westerly direction and was soon lost to view.

PERFECT LANDING.

The crowd waited and waited, but Kronfeld did not return. Excitement grew, rumours arose, and still the crowd waited—hour after hour.

Telephone messages were put through to many police stations along the route, and the police were asked to keep a lookout.

At last the news came through.

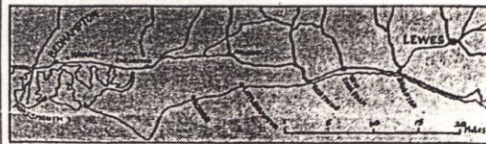
Kronfeld had made a magnificent flight, and had come down at Sedhampton Hill, a mile to the west of Havant.

The flight took him just north of Brighton.

A special squad of constables from the Havant police station were despatched immediately to the landing-place and took charge of the sailplane.

Herr Kronfeld, smiling and obviously enjoying his escapade, had landed with perfect safety on the top of the hill, and was much surprised to see the police hurrying towards him.

He stepped from the sailplane, and



The route taken by Herr Kronfeld in his great flight in a sailplane yesterday.

seemed almost alarmed at the excitement.

"I was in no difficulty during my flight," he said.

Six thousand people watched Herr Kronfeld and Herr Magersuppe give remarkable flights during the day.

The most thrilling moment was when Kronfeld, in his craft the Wein, turned into the wind and hung apparently motionless above the crowd.

His dark-tanned face smiled down at the eager watchers from a height of 200 feet. The craft was as steady as a kite.

Some one began to sing. "I am sitting on top of the world," and a ripple of laughter broke the tension which gripped the crowd.

Herr Kronfeld, with a swift forward lurch, put his craft in motion again and made a landing that almost approximated to a helicopter descent.

Sir Sefton Branker, director of civil aviation, was one of the watchers. "Marvelous," he exclaimed. "I foresee the whole country taking up the sport with the greatest zest. It seems to me an ideal way of training young pilots."

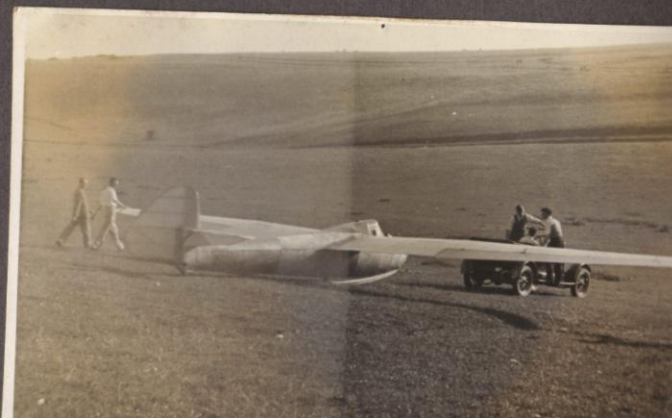
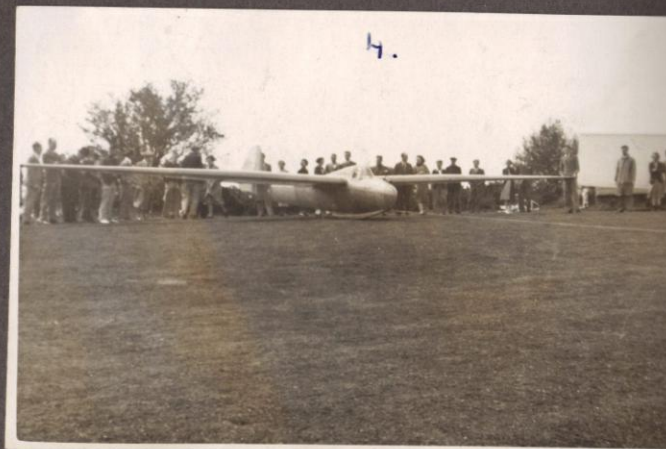




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FLYING ON THE DOWNS PRE WAR 1930-1939



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World War 2. The club was disbanded and gliders stored for the duration.
Older members helped to set up the newly formed Air Training Corps at Burgess Hill/Hassocks
161 gliding school.



Scout II at Burgess Hill during the war



Scout II

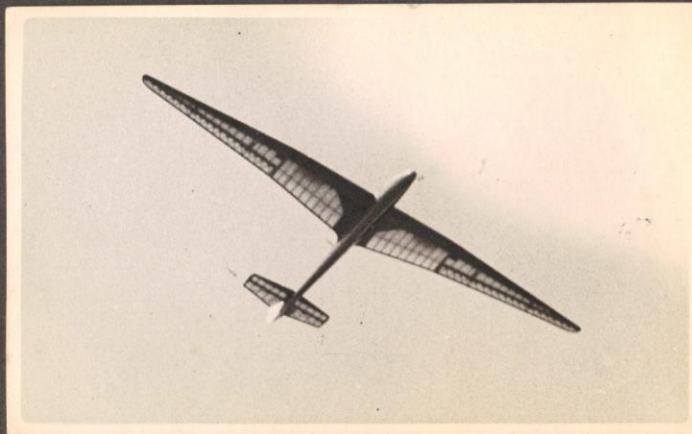


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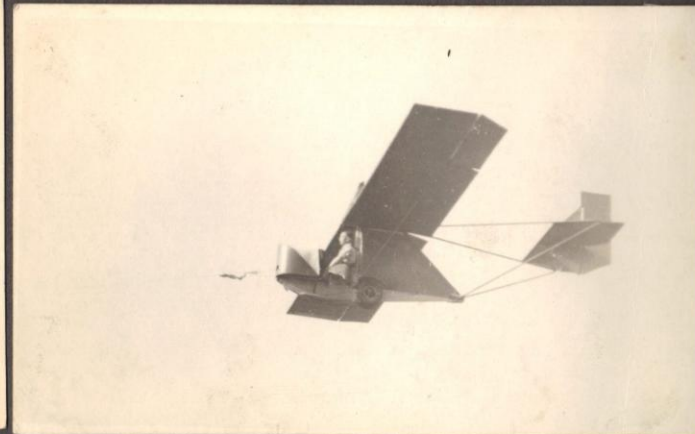


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Stevenson's Petrel



Burgess Hill - a pupil in Dagling

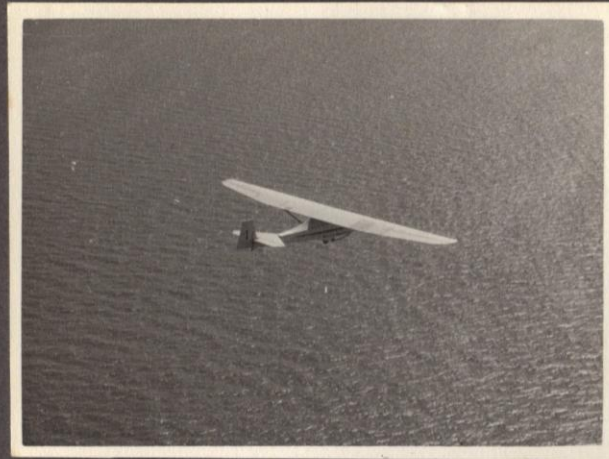


Saud II at Fleck Air



Post war.

In 1946 Ray Bridgen and other former members of SQC reformed the Club and after trying a few other sites settled at the pre-war and wartime RAF airfield at Friston on the Seven Sisters west of Brachy Head.



Slingsby Tutor at Friston

There was inadequate security of tenure and operations became difficult as the site was gradually returned to agriculture.

In 1955 the Club moved to Fittle Beacon.



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RAY BRIDEN, GEORGE CONSTABLE, PETER HEALEY, CHRIS HUGHES

JOHN MURRAY AT THE LONG DYND, 1951

WITH THE MARGUETTE, OWNED BY THE CLUB, REGISTERED DEC 1930



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Alan Simmonds - member April 1950 - 1957; 1976. Treasurer 1954; gave the photographs 2003.



Painting the hangar at Friston, September 1950.



Tail of A Winter 1951/2



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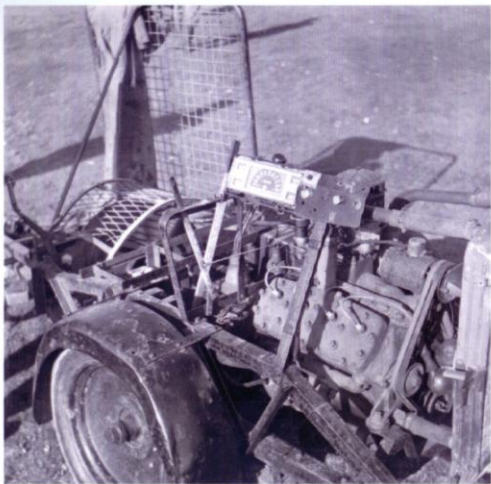
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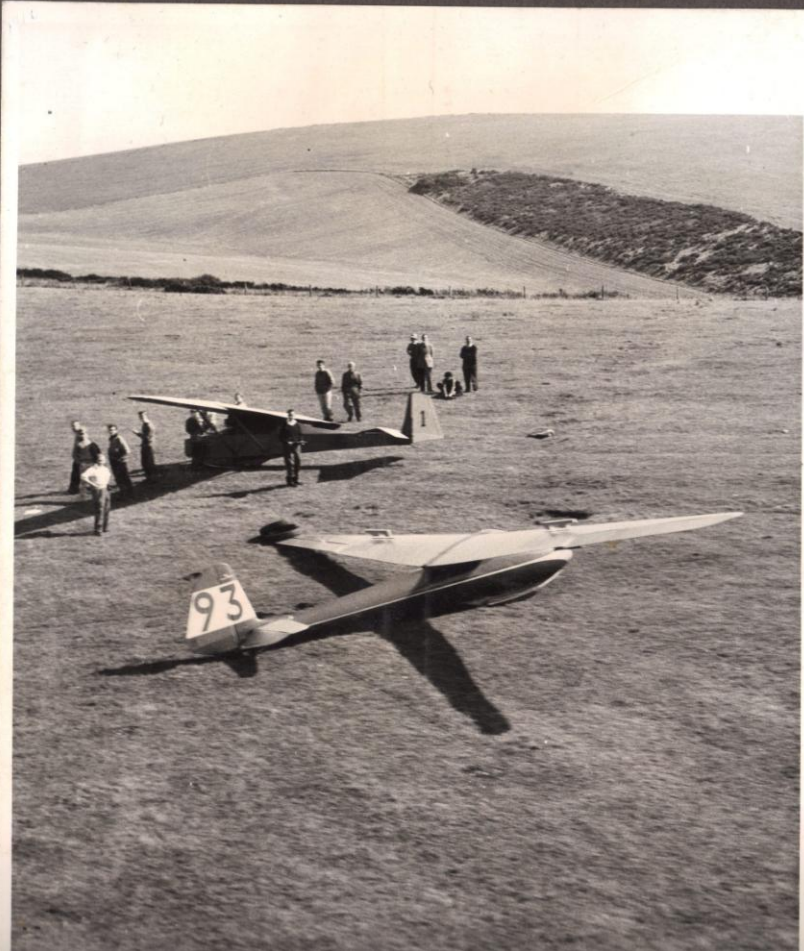


Chris Hughes in a Tutor being bungee launched at Bosval Hill (Field). April 1951.



FIRE BEACON.

In 1955 the Club was granted a lease on land at Fire Beacon
by Lord Sage, the landowner, who had permitted the 1922 and 1930 mach



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File from NE showing the hangar and small blister hangar in a hollow to the East. In 1955 the gliders were kept in the small hangar and rigged each day.



Hangar opened by Lord Gage 1956
 Flora Glassborow John Christine Lady Sir John Lord
 Burns Rose Salmond Gage



PARHAM AIRFIELD 1974 -



PROJECT PARHAM

a new site for the Southdown Gliding Club



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Pavham
1974



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SGC 50th Anniversary Dinner in the hangar 1980 ..

JOAN CLOKE

TREASURER 1954-1977

CHAIRMAN 1982-3-4

MDE "for services to Gliding" 1982.

BGA Treasurer & chairman of Development.

Les was a member of the Allard family which made and raced the famous Allard cars. His brother Sydney was the National rally

T. L. ALLARD "LES"

CHAIRMAN 196- 1981 President 1982

Died 1982.



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David Parsey

Chief Flying Instructor 1957

Philip Wills, Chairman BGA,
presents trophy at the Club
dinner, Brighton, 194 - ?

He emigrated to Canada
1957, and was active in
gliding in Canada



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Joan Coker
Tutor
Frisen 1953



Joan Coker Olympia 463



Joan Coker Olympia 463
Tibbenham 1963

