

ALL BRITAIN MODEL AIRCRAFT RALLY

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BRITAIN'S GREATEST MODEL FLYING DISPLAY.

Eighteen Major Contests at Record-breaking Rally.

More than 500 competitors and over 20,000 spectators are expected to travel to the Handley Page Aerodrome, Radlett, Herts, on Sunday, 16th September, for the annual All Britain Model Aircraft Rally. Eleventh in a continuous series which began just after the war, the All Britain Rally is now the biggest such meeting to be held without commercial sponsorship anywhere in the world, and the biggest of any kind outside the U.S.A. Many trophies and well over £100 in prizes will be presented by Sir Frederick Handley Page and Lord Verulam, the Mayor of St. Albans.

Contests at the Rally - far more than at any other one-day event, and all taking place simultaneously - embrace virtually every kind of flying model. They fall loosely into four classes:

Free Flight models are of several types. Duration models, which are judged by their time of flight, may be gliders or powered by rubber, piston engines and miniature rockets. Entries for the special contests for tailless models will include members of the British team who recently won the international contest at Arnhem. Seaplanes will take off from a miniature "lake" constructed specially for the occasion in the centre of the aerodrome. A novel "Clipper Cargo" contest will test the models' load-carrying capabilities.

Control Line models fly in a circle around a "pilot", who controls them by means of high-tensile steel wires attached (via a bell-crank) both to the model's control surfaces and to a control handle held by the pilot. Flying singly, they may make attempts on Speed records (both British and World records were broken at Radlett last year); in pairs, and towing coloured streamers, they oppose one another in aerial Combat; in threes and fours, they take part in fast and furious Team Races.

Radio Control, perhaps the ultimate type of model, is catered for by one of the biggest such contests in the world. There are classes both for simple "rudder-only" controls, and for the more intricate systems capable of loops, spins, rolls and many other evolutions.

The Concours d'Elegance is probably the section for which the All Britain Rally is most famous. Judged by de Havilland test pilots John Cunningham and Peter Bugge, joined for the first time by Hedley Hazelden, Chief Test Pilot of Handley Page's, the contest includes some of

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the finest examples of the aeromodeller's art. Last year's winner was a magnificent four-engined Lincoln bomber, complete in every detail: like all other Concours winners, it had to make a qualifying flight to prove it was not just an "exhibition" model.

"Robby the Robot"

For those frustrated spectators who would like to "have a go" themselves, the Rally organisers have a unique "Spectator Event", where entrants must fly a simple glider provided for them. There are prizes for adults, boys and girls. "Robby the Robot", the genial electronic giant recently seen in M.G.M.'s film, "Forbidden Planet", will be in action helping to explain the contest to participants.

PUBLIC ADMISSION will be by Programme, price 1/- at the Gate. There will be a small charge for car parking. The entrance to the airfield is on A5 and easily reached by rail (Radlett Station L.M.R.) or bus (Green Line 712 or 713 to Radlett, or 'bus 355 passes the Gate). Roads will be signposted by the A.A.

PRESS FACILITIES.

Most of the recipients of this Release will have covered the All Britain Rally in previous years, and will know that the scope of the meeting is such that the title "Farnborough in Miniature" is both apt and well-deserved. It is therefore essential that Press cars should carry OFFICIAL stickers, since no others are allowed beyond the car park.

Requests for passes and car labels should be sent to the Press Officer (K.J.A. Brookes), 22, Grosvenor Road, St. Albans, Herts. The Press Officer will, however, be out of the country between August 23rd and September 4th, inclusive: between these dates any queries should be directed to the Rally Secretary (Mr J.J. Greening), 25 Mandeville Drive, St. Albans. Copies of the 36-page illustrated Programme will be sent out with passes in the week preceding the Rally.

Press cuttings and complimentary copies of photographs taken at the Rally would be greatly appreciated.

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Britain's Unique Aviation Meeting.

In hundreds of homes throughout Great Britain, and on many R.A.F. and U.S.A.F. Stations, final touches are being put to the model aircraft which will take part in next Sunday's (September 16th) All Britain Rally at Radlett, Herts - biggest event of its kind in the world. Models of every conceivable kind will be flying in the Rally, ranging from graceful sailplanes and complex radio-controlled models to A.P. Briggs' sensational giant Avro Lincoln four-engined bomber, which topped the Concours entries last year.

Judges for this year's Concours include the Chief Test Pilots of both de Havillands and Handley Pages - Grp./Capt. John Cunningham and S/Ldr. Hedley G. Hazelden. Sir Frederick Handley Page will present the prizes.

A copy of the Official Programme is enclosed. Sir Frederick's Message is of particular interest and may be quoted with or without acknowledgement.

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