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MODEL AIR SHOW.

Hundreds of model aircraft enthusiasts gather for their All-Britain Rally at Radlett Aerodrome. Famous test pilots have come to judge the models at the rally - Peter Bugge of De Haviland, Hedley Hazelden of Handley Page and John Cunningham of De Haviland. Sponsored by the St. Albans Model Aero Club, it includes both gliders and powered models - but they all have one thing in common; all of them really fly. Even the detailed scale models.

Mind you, some of them don't fly very far. But it's all in the day's sport.

There are special contests for delta-wing models - a class in which British modellers excel - and for the almost uncanny radio-controlled aircraft, which can manoeuvre and stunt just like full-sized piloted planes.

Packing an engine and a receiver into such tiny craft produces some queer-looking models, but who cares what they look like, so long as they work - and give the crowd some thrills?

The aero model enthusiasts - and Britain is full of them - will tell you that these rallies are just as exciting as real air displays, and this is the biggest of its kind in the world.