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THE BEAULIEU AIR DISPLAY

The Association's annual summer event took place this year in conjunction with the Battle of Britain Air Display at R A F Station, Beaulieu, through the courtesy of the Station Commander, Group Captain R K Hamblin, C B E. A marquee was placed at our disposal during the display, and we were indebted to the Cierva Autogiro Company who undertook the arrangements in this respect and very kindly supplied the tea and refreshments for members and their guests who were present.

The Beaulieu display, apart from being extremely interesting in its general aspect, was quite unique from the rotary wing point of view. No less than eleven different types of rotary wing aircraft were on show, of which eight gave flying demonstrations. They were the Bristol 171, the Spraycopter loaned by Messrs Pest Control, a privately owned Cierva C 30 Autogiro, the Cierva "Air Horse," the Cierva "Skeeter," the Westland Sikorsky S 51, and finally, in the circus, the Sikorsky R 4 and R 6. It may certainly be said that never before in this country have so many diverse types of helicopter taken part in the same demonstration, and as such the fact is worthy of placing on record.

Of those aircraft on static display, the Hoppicopter, the Mk II Skeeter, and the German autogiro kite created considerable interest.

If the Association is in a position to hold an International Helicopter Forum during the summer of 1950, which it is hoped will be possible, the display at Beaulieu is a clear indication that the British contingent will be able to give a good account of itself.