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## Local Men Beat the World to Bring Home Wakefield Cup



### HOME WITH THE TROPHY

A victorious British team arrived back in London yesterday from U.S.A. They are members of the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers who competed for the Wakefield trophy for model aircraft in America—and won it, with New Zealand second. Three of the team and the trophy are in the picture. Left to right: B. Plaxel (Croydon), R. Chesterton (Northampton) and K. Copland (London).



ROY Chesterton (left), 25-year-old Northamptonshire modeler, beat the world to bring back the Wakefield Cup from America. With Roy is Ted Evans (22), designer of the smooth-lined Jaguar plane which won the award for Britain for the first time since 1936. Ted, too, is a Northampton man. The cup is the world's premier prize for rubber-driven model aircraft.

## Chronicle & Echo

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### MODEL AERO CLUB SUCCESSES

After producing the winner of the Wakefield Cup, and having a most successful season so far, members of Northampton Model Aero Club went to Langar Aerodrome, Nottingham, and again carried off a number of prizes.

The designer of the "Jaguar" model which won the Wakefield Trophy Mr. E. W. Evans was first prize-winner in the contest for rubber-driven models of unrestricted design, with Mr. H. W. Revell, Press secretary of the Northampton club second and the winner of the Wakefield Cup Mr. R. B. Chesterton, third.

All were flying "Jaguar" models of their own construction.

The club also had a success in the glider contest in which Mr. M. Wilkinson was third.

Northampton Independent, September 24th, 1948.

## In and Around Town . . .



"WHEN Northampton, through one of its sons or daughters, does well, we want to shout it from the housetops. We want to do it because a worthy deed demands a worthy response, and because, what is more important, we want to encourage others." Thus did Mr. W. Cowper Barrons, managing editor of the "Chronicle and Echo," point the purpose of a reception, sponsored by the paper, and given at the Rauceuse Pavilion in honour of Mr. Roy Chesterton, who, at 22, won the Wakefield Cup, international model aero trophy, for Britain for the first time since 1936. Here pictured at the reception are, left to right, Mr. Barrons, Mr. J. T. H. Pettit, the Mayor (Alderman Mrs. H. M. Nicholls), Mr. Roy Chesterton, Mr. A. F. Houlberg (chairman of the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers) and Mr. E. W. Evans (designer of the winning model).

## FLIGHT

SEPTEMBER 20th, 1948

### BRITISH MODEL SUCCESS

AT a recent meeting in America, a member of the British Team, E. B. Chesterton, succeeded in winning the Wakefield International Trophy for model aircraft. This creditable result was achieved in the face of keen competition from six countries. The contest is held in the country whose team won the trophy the previous year and this year's contest—the first since the war—was held at Akron, Ohio, on August 27th. The trophy, presented by the late Viscount Wakefield to the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers in 1937 for competition by national teams has now been won by Great Britain six times, the U.S.A. five and France once.

The British Team was selected by means of preliminary elimination trials held throughout the country and final trials were held at Fairlop Aerodrome, Essex. A photograph appears on page 20. In view of the present currency difficulties the American controlling body undertook to sponsor the chartering of a transatlantic air liner to convey the European teams to the venue of the contest; unfortunately this arrangement broke down at the last moment and the S.M.A.E. found itself with a team but no means of getting it to the U.S.A. Nothing daunted, they set about the formidable task of raising the £1,000 necessary in the extremely short period remaining and thanks to the generous and generous support of the members of the aircraft industry, the model aircraft trade, the clubs, and individual enthusiasts, sufficient funds were raised in time to send the team. The results must be most gratifying to the team and to those who so generously gave their support.