1935/6 This ‘Pou- du -Ciel’ was built by Edgar George Davis; Scott Squirrel A2S engine. Constructor’s number EGD.1. Davis was serving with No.286 Squadron RAF based at Western Zoyland, Somerset from 1935; the aircraft was built in a garage in Bath from the spring/summer of that year. Davis was assisted with the fabric work by his fiancée.

Photo undertaking engine runs, possibly at RAF Western Zoyland in 1936; Air Britain Archive No.1 1999. Ground testing revealed the need for various modifications to the airframe.

13 Mar 36 Registered as G-AEEH.

16 May 36 Authorisation to fly No. 68 issued; 76 UK registered Fleas received Authorisation to fly, July 1935 - May 1939.

1936 Moved to Whitchurch airfield, near Bristol late that summer.

5 Nov 36 First straight ‘hop’ from Whitchurch, flown by Davis.

20 Nov 36 Favorable weather permitted Davis to make a full circuit at Whitchurch.

36/37 Winter loan of the Flea to a cinema at Weston-Super- Mare for exhibition in the foyer to draw attention to a flying film then being shown.

May 37 Flown again by Davis on four occasions (8th, 10\textsuperscript{th}, 14\textsuperscript{th} and 16\textsuperscript{th} May).

Reported as ‘grounded until 21.6.37’ when it next flew, seemingly for the last time.

15 May 38 Authorisation to fly expired.

C.1938 Engine and propeller sold to Bruce Douglas for £25.00; airframe stored.
Airframe stored in the garage at Bath with the wings slung in the rafters.

Aug 46  Registration cancelled in census.

66   Spotted still in store at the Garage by a young RAF Hastings pilot from nearby RAF Colerne who asked if the aircraft could be kept with the station’s collection of historic aircraft; it moved to Colerne shortly afterwards.

Formally donated to station Museum at RAF Colerne; fitted at Colerne with a motorcycle AJS V-twin cylinder engine. Photo with former owner; Royal Air Force News w/e 5 January 1974 p.2.

Late 75 To Regional Collection at RAF St.Athan, Glamorgan following closure of RAF Colerne and its museum.

Dec 92 To Aerospace Museum, RAF Cosford, Salop by this date following closure of the St Athan regional collection.

93/94 Major restoration undertaken at Cosford by volunteers Don Lapworth (airframe) and Ray Jones (engine). Restoration completed January 1994.

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