

# GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

## Aircraft Summary Sheet



<b>TYPE</b>	<b>Viking 1</b>
Manufacturer	Scott Light Aircraft Ltd, Dunstable, c/n 114
Year of manufacture	1938/39 Only 4 built, this is the third and last remaining one. Undoubtedly many more would have been built but for the outbreak of WW2 in Sept 1939
Registration marks	BGA 416, G-ALRD, AHU
Airworthy	Currently No, last flew 8 Oct 2017, last C of A expired 20 May 2018. 925 hours, 2745 flights
History	Bought new by W.E. Filmer of the Southdown GC in 1939, flew in the 1939 Camphill Nationals. Believed to have been stored during WW2 and thus was never in RAF/ATC ownership. Passed to the ownership of R.D. Dickson in 1948. Bought by the Coventry GC in 1951 and then to Lou Glover in 1962 who owned it for 40 years before selling it to Mike Beach in 2001. Sold to Willem den Baars in May 2004 and acquired by the GHC in August 2015.
Notable flights	The logbook starts in 1948. We know it went to 15,000 ft in wave at Sutton Bank, otherwise no details. Was at the 1972 Firle Beacon meeting which commemorated the famous 1922 Itford Hill event. Also at the Sept 1999 Percy Pilcher memorial meeting close to Husbands Bosworth.
Restoration history	Major restorations in 1948 and 1960 and the last, including recovering, in 1992 done by Lou Glover The GHC will give it a thorough inspection with a view to getting it flying again. The Viking flew at Lasham for the first time on Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 flown by Gary Pullen – and soared happily!
Other	Current owner the Gliding Heritage Centre, Lasham, following funds being raised for its purchase by a substantial number of Vintage Gliding Club members.



The sole remaining Viking 1, BGA 416, at the Firle Beacon memorial event in 1972

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Mr. W. E. Filmer, of the Southdown Club, is here seen standing beside his "Viking," together with his "team," Mr. and Mrs. S. Cox, at the National Contests. How he used this machine for aerial surfing in a wave cloud is described below.

[The original owner at the 1939 Camphill Nationals]



[BGA 416 at the Percy Pilcher memorial event]

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