

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



FLYING FLEA	(Replica)
Manufacturer	Currently unknown
Year of manufacture	Currently suspected as 1972 but unconfirmed
Registration marks	None (HM14 on the tail is the model number)
Airworthy	No, display only in the Chris Wills hangar
History	The "Pou du Ciel" (Flying Flea) was designed by the Frenchman, Henri Mignet, and first flown by him in 1933. Over three hundred were built. Control was exercised via wing warping which in the early years proved dangerous – several pilots were killed. Later models were better, but the Flying Flea has never really lost its bad reputation in the 1930s.
Notable flights	None, never flown.
Restoration history	Graham Searle of the GHC has renovated the engine
Other	Trailed from Shoreham to the GHC by Gary Pullen and Colin Simpson on 7 th May 2015



Flying Flea on the GHC meadow after first rigging (Paul Haliday)

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Flying Flea replica at Shoreham on the day it was retrieved to the GHC (Colin Simpson)



About to depart Shoreham for Lasham, 7th May 2015 (Colin Simpson)