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IMPERIAL COLLEGE GLIDING CLUB.

Report on the Imperial College Gliding Clubs Activities.

Having been an Officer of the Club since its formation at the beginning of 1930, I feel, that now when I am leaving the College it is my duty to sum up the Clubs activities in order that these may be known to all members.

The Club was formed at the beginning of 1930 and is one of the seven founder members of the British Gliding Association.

A primary training glider, the "I.C.1" was designed and constructional work was started, materials being paid for from the donations received from the Rector and the members.

In September 1930 a camp was held at Gore Farm near Shaftesbury and "I.C.1" was completed. However before the machine was flown it overturned in a strong wind and the damage caused has not been repaired since.

At the beginning of the 1930-31 session a grant was received from the Union and as it was considered that the repairs of the "I.C.1" would take up a considerable amount of time and it was in the interest of the Club to start flying before the interest of the members is lost, a R.F.D. primary machine "I.C.2." was purchased and flying was started at the I.C.Sports Ground in January 1931.

I will not attempt to give a list of flying meetings held since then, but will give some figures which may be of some interest:-

	1931 January to May.	1931 September	1932 October to May.
Number of flights	405	140	691
"A" Certificates	6	5	9
"45" -s	2	5	18
"B" Certificates	-	3	5
"C" Certificates	-	-	1

The purchase of a motor car and another R.F.D. primary training glider during the present session provides additional facilities for gliding meetings.

Members of the Club have prepared and published reports on launching ropes and on the cost of primary training. Two lectures were arranged by the Club during the 1930-31 Session and seven lectures during the present Session, there was also a film show. The Clubs Dance in 1931 was such a success that on request another Dance is being held this session.

The financial position of the Club may be seen from the approximate figures given below:-

	1930-31	1931-32.
Total Income	£120	£137
Income from Union Grant	£ 75	£ 50
Total Expenditure	£123	£135
Expenditure on new equipment	£ 50	£ 43
Maintenance of Gliders	£ 24	£ 26
Car Maintenance (insurance, repair, licence)	---	£ 32
General Expenses	£ 21	£ 20
C.of A.Glider insurance,B.G.A.affiliation	£ 8	£ 8
Construction	£ 20	£ 6
Number of Members	36	44

The expenses of the 1931 September Camp are included in the 1931-32 Session expenses.

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