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It had been the intention of the Association to adjourn to Beinn Bhreagh immediately after the 4th of July, but when I came to consider the fact that it would take a long time to assemble the materials for the proposed tetrahedral aerodrome and that the Hammondsport experiments had attracted the attention of the world, it seemed to be a pity to stop the Hammondsport line of investigation until the tetrahedral structures at Beinn Bhreagh were ready to be flown. It also occurred to me that all the younger members of the Association, with the exception of Mr. McCurdy had had aerodromes constructed upon plans approved by them, and that if Mr. McCurdy desired in his machine, to adopt the Hammondsport type, it might be well to give him the opportunity of having his aerodrome built at Hammondsport while we were getting ready for experiments at Beinn Bhreagh.

The Hammondsport experiments had been broken by the destruction of the "Red Wing", and some time had necessarily to elapse before they could be resumed with the "White Wing". The same thing happened upon the destruction of the "White Wing". A long delay elapsed before the "June Bug" was ready for trial. After winning the Scientific American Trophy, it seemed wise to construct another aerodrome upon the same general plan without waiting for the destruction of the "June Bug". By having two aerodromes at our disposal the experiments of the Association would not be interrupted should one be destroyed.

I therefore suggested that if Mr. McCurdy desired to pursue the Hammondsport line of investigation, it would be well