



Newsletter

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Safety

Airworthiness Directives. L-13 and L-13A Blanik: EASA has published EAD 2010-0160-E (see <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/20100730EASAEAD20100160E.pdf>) which imposes further requirements before flight, including a review of all past operational history. If the information to conduct the review is not available, no further flights are permitted.

ASK-21: The Gliding Federation of Australia have published airworthiness alert A2010-1 (<http://2009.gfa.org.au/Docs/airworth/A2010-1.pdf>) re inspection of the trim control rod under the rear seat for bending and possible fouling of aileron control rod. The importance of diligent daily inspections to detect control restrictions is highlighted. This note is provided by the BGA for information only. Details at <http://www.glidering.co.uk/technical>

GASIL. The latest edition of the CAA General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet (GASIL) is now available at http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/srg_gasil06of2010.pdf

BGA

Office Move. The BGA is moving to new offices over the weekend of 14/15th August. The new building, in a modern business park close to junction 21 of the M1 and the M69 will be shared with the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association and, although the two organisations will remain autonomous, there will be opportunities to share common facilities. From Monday 16th August, the new address will be: 8 Merus Court, Meridian Business Park, Leicester, LE19 1RJ. Mail addressed to Kimberley House will be re-directed but this, inevitably, may introduce delivery delays so you are requested to use the new address from this date (but not before). The new telephone numbers are not yet confirmed; if you call the Kimberley House number after 16th August you will hear a message giving the new numbers. Email addresses are not affected by the move.

New BGA Visual Identity. Hopefully, you will have noticed the new look to this edition of the Newsletter. This reflects the new BGA visual identity, which is being launched to coincide with the office move. This will be progressively introduced over the next few months. We hope that the new identity, and the redesigned logo, will help us present a bolder, more exciting yet still highly professional image. The new logo, whilst maintaining strong links with the past, is simpler than before which will give us more flexibility of application in different sizes and colours, enabling us to maintain a greater consistency in branding.

Conference 2011. The 2011 Conference, Exhibition and Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday 5th March at the Nottingham Belfry. Further details will be available shortly, but please put the date in your diary now.

BGA Forms. We are still receiving many badge claims on outdated forms, along with the incorrect payment. When applying, please ensure that you use the latest versions which are available at <http://www.glidering.co.uk/bgainfo/onlineforms.htm>. Failure to use the correct forms or sending the incorrect payment will delay your application. Please would clubs destroy any stocks of forms that they hold. The accessories price list has also been updated; for details see the BGA online shop - <http://www.glidering.co.uk/shop/>

Glider Archive Files. All glider and a number of other BGA archive files have been now been removed from the BGA office into the safe hands of volunteer archivists. Should you still need any archive information on your glider or wish to carry out any research into other aspects of gliding history please contact Al Stacey (al.stacey@btinternet.com). Al and the other archivists will endeavour to answer your queries as quickly as possible

Competitions

Team Bronze in Slovakia. The World Championships in the Club and Standard Classes at Prievidza, Slovakia have come to a close. The British Team managed an excellent third place in the team prize, behind Poland and Germany. Final individual positions were, in the Club Class, G Dale 6th (narrowly missing 5th by 2 points), Ian MacArthur 14th, and in the Standard Class, Jay Rebbeck 10th and Howard Jones 13th.

And in Hungary..... The World Championships for the flapped classes (15m, 18m and Open classes) is now nearing completion at Szeged in Hungary. After losing much of the first week due to bad weather, the competition has come alive. With just one day remaining, British pilots are in strong contention. Leigh Wells and Steve Jones, two UK pilots seeking second world championship wins, are lying second in the 15m and Open Classes respectively. European Champion Pete Harvey is 6th in the Open Class and Tim Scott 20th in the 15m event. In the 18m Class, the British pair of Russell Cheetham and Phil Jones is 10th and 30th respectively.

World Gliding Aerobatics Championships. UK pilots recorded some great results at the 1st FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships which finished on July 24th at Jämijärvi in Finland. Team GB, comprising David-John Gibbs, Alex Haddad and Maz Makari, finished 4th overall in the team championship, with Maz taking individual silver in the Known Compulsory event. In the European Glider Aerobatic Championships, Mike Newman came 11th overall.

Regulatory

NPPLs Now Valid in France. The CAA has announced that holders of a National Private Pilot Licence (NPPL) with SSEA rating can now fly in France. Following agreement with the DGAC (the French CAA), NPPL SSEA rating holders with a Class 2 Medical Certificate and a NPLG certificate confirming a minimum level of experience, may enter French airspace. The procedures to be followed by pilots wishing to take advantage of this opportunity are described in the French AIC A2010_13 at: https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/dossier/aicfrancea/AIC_A_2010_13_EN.pdf. Note that NPPL SLMG licences can already be used outside the UK by following the steps described at <http://www.glidering.co.uk/bgainfo/nppl/faqs.htm> (last entry on page).