



# Newsletter

## August 2011

### Safety

**Fast Jet Formation Airspace.** The latest list of RA(T)s established to protect fast jet displays, including the Red Arrows, has been published at [http://www.ead.eurocontrol.int/pamslight/pdf/4e415453/EG/C/EN/AIC/EG\\_Circ\\_2011\\_M\\_066\\_en](http://www.ead.eurocontrol.int/pamslight/pdf/4e415453/EG/C/EN/AIC/EG_Circ_2011_M_066_en). A summary of this and other areas of temporary restricted airspace is on the BGA web site in a simple to see calendar format at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/airspace/rats.php>

**Airworthiness Directives.** Schempp-Hirth Ventus and Discus Turbo Sailplanes. EASA has published AD 2011-0146 for the change of daily inspection procedures and pylon replacement if cracks are found. The following types are affected - Ventus cT, Ventus 2cT, Discus bT, Discus 2T and Discus 2cT. See the AD for serial number applicability and exempt aircraft. [http://ad.easa.europa.eu/blob/easa\\_ad\\_2011\\_0146.pdf/AD\\_2011-0146\\_1](http://ad.easa.europa.eu/blob/easa_ad_2011_0146.pdf/AD_2011-0146_1)

**Clued Up.** The 2011 edition of the Clued Up, a dedicated CAA safety publication for General Aviation pilots, has been published. You can read it at <http://www.flyer.co.uk/cluedup/mag/>

**GASIL.** The latest edition of the CAA General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet (GASIL) (2011/06) is available for download at <http://www.caa.co.uk/gasil>

### Regulatory

**Olympic Airspace.** Following effective lobbying by the BGA and other airports organisations, the Government has re-considered the Olympic security airspace. The shape of the security airspace has been reduced and will now only cover the Olympic period from 14 July to 15 August. The revised security airspace requirements are described at <http://www.airspacesafety.com/olympics>. Significant problems remain for clubs located well within the security airspace, but now over a shorter timescale than originally proposed.

### BGA

**Where We Fly in the UK.** Ever wondered where we fly in the UK? Paul Jessop has created a set of impressive maps (including a 3D one) using details of every flight entered on the BGA Ladder from 2003 to 2010. You can read the full accompanying article in the August edition of S&G and view a set of animations exclusively at <http://www.sailplaneandgliding.co.uk>

### Competitions and Cross-Country

**National Championships.** Congratulations to Mike Young (1), Derren Francis (2) and Iain Evans (3) who took the top three places in the 18m Nationals held at Tibbenham. Tom Smith (1), Steve Nock (2) and Steve Pozerskis (3) took the honours at the Junior Nationals.

**European Championships.** The European Championships for the unflapped classes was held last month at Nitra in Slovakia. British pilots Jon Meyer and Allan Tribe finished 21<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Club Class while Matt Cook and Howard Jones were 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in the Standard Class. This month sees the flapped classes competing at Pociunai in Lithuania and the Junior World Championships taking place at Mussbach in Germany.

**World Glider Aerobatics Championships.** Paul Conran and Maz Makari finished 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively in the World Glider Aerobatics Championships at Torun in Poland.

**Inter-Club League Final.** The final of the Inter-Club League will take place at London Gliding Club, Dunstable, on 3/4 September. LGC hosted the first ever final in 1981, then invited us back for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1991, the 20<sup>th</sup> in 2001 and now, in 2011, for the 30<sup>th</sup>. If your league has not registered your winning club, please contact Mike Jefferyes - [Mike@Jefferyes.com](mailto:Mike@Jefferyes.com)

**Stratford-upon-Avon GC.** You may have read that Stratford-upon-Avon GC has been successful, after a long battle, in obtaining planning permission to operate TMGs from Snitterfield. Whilst the application was successful, it is subject to some conditions and it will take the club some time to get everything in place so that TMGs can operate from the site. The club has asked us to point out that, even once these conditions have been met, landing for non-Snitterfield based TMGs will be strictly by prior-permission only. Please respect this and help avoid the potential anger of residents and the local planning department.

## General

**Aerobatics Club.** A new aerobatics club is forming around the MDM-1 Fox and Swift S1 gliders – the world's most capable dual and solo aerobatic gliders. Members will be provided with training from Beginner to Unlimited competition standard with the UK's top aerobatic instructors and members of the British Glider Aerobatic Team. The aim of the club is to promote glider aerobatics at all levels, and to give cost effective access to the Fox and the Swift. If you'd like to register an interest in this club or find out any more, please contact [glider.aero.club@gmail.com](mailto:glider.aero.club@gmail.com)

**CAA Subscription Service.** The CAA has asked us to remind pilots of their free Email alerting service. You can sign up to receive publications and newsletter from your selection of categories at <http://www.caa.co.uk/subscriptions>

**RIN Pilot/Controller Forum.** On 28<sup>th</sup> September, the Royal Institute of Navigation is holding a forum with NATS on integrating the NATS GPS airspace warning device, AWARE, into conventional navigation techniques. It will be held at the ATC Centre at Swanwick and will include visits to London Information, D&D and RADAR Control Centres. GA pilots and instructors are invited to attend but only 20 places are available. More details, including how to book are on the RIN web site at <http://www.rin.org.uk/EventsCalendar.aspx>

**Booker Stadium Plans Rejected.** Plans for a new sports stadium and sports village complex at Wycombe Air Park which would have threatened Booker GC's existence, have been rejected by the local council.