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British Gliding Association

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Juniors - Lend Them a Glider! This year, the Junior Nationals have a record number of applicants (over 70). Every year, there are many juniors who struggle around in old wooden gliders as those are all that is available to them (often landing out every day). Several struggle to find even that! Club committees - if you have a budding Junior, please encourage them by lending them as good a glider as you can. If you are a private owner and would like to help a Junior, please contact Pete Masson at pete.masson@launch-point.co.uk or 07773 784324. They will treat your pride and joy well!

World Junior Championships. These began this weekend at Nitra in Slovakia. Six British junior pilots are competing, all of whom will be aiming to emulate Jay Rebbeck's win in 2001. The British team is

<u>Club Class</u>	<u>Standard Class</u>
Matt Cook	Jez Hood
Andy Perkins	Luke Rebbeck
John Tanner	Leigh Wells

You can follow their progress with daily updates at

www.glidingteam.co.uk/competitions/2003/juniorworlds/competitionnews.asp

Laws & Rules. Please note that there is an error in the new edition of Laws & Rules. The weight conversion chart (kilograms : pounds) is incorrect and should not be used. A corrected chart will be sent to all purchasers and is available on the BGA web site for download. The new edition is available for purchase from the BGA office, price £2.00.

Tug & Motor Glider Lighting. Following AAIB recommendations after a mid air collision between a tug and a glider, the BGA Technical Committee has made the recommendation that

- landing lamps are used during towing operations
- tugs are fitted with white strobe lights
- motor gliders are fitted with white strobe lights

Further details, including news about modifications, are given in the July edition of Engineering News and will appear in S&G.

Daventry CTA. A new area within the Daventry CTA, up to FL55, will be made available from July 10th. Preliminary details have been sent to club CFIs but, for operational use, please plot the co-ordinates that will be published in Air Pilot and on the CAA DAP website (www.caa.co.uk/dap/dapcharts) – follow the 1:500k chart amendments link.

Parachute Sites. All pilots should remember that procedures are in place concerning gliding activity in the vicinity of parachute sites – if in doubt, please see the latest edition of Laws & Rules. Following the weekend of 14/15th June, the BGA office received calls from three separate sites, complaining about gliders which



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over-flew them and, in one instance, thermalled over the site for up to 8 minutes. It goes without saying that such actions could prove very dangerous (see below).

Result of Inquest. The inquest into the death of a glider pilot and a parachutist at Hinton-in-the-Hedges last June was held on 12th June. A verdict of accidental death was recorded for both.

Met Office Move. The Met Office is in the throws of moving operations to Exeter. They claim that they have taken all possible measures to ensure that the relocation does not have any impact on their customers, but warn that the process of transition means that products and services might be disrupted. They would like to draw users' attention to Get Met 2003, which gives details of alternative sources of Aviation Briefing products. Get Met 2003 is available to download from their website www.metoffice.com/aviation/services/getmet.pdf. Alternatively a paper copy can be ordered free at www.metoffice.com/aviation/services/getmet.html.

Royal International Air Tattoo – Fairford, 15-21 July. Temporary restricted airspace (TRA) will be established to facilitate the arrival and display phase of RIAT2003. This will involve a significant volume of airspace and will be activated between 16 July and 20 July, up to 8000ft amsl. A smaller TRA, up to 5000ft amsl will be activated on 21 July to cover the departure phase. Aircraft must obtain a positive clearance to enter the TRA from Brize Zone on frequency 119.0MHz. A map showing the extent of the TRA is on the BGA web site at www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/news.htm. Fuller details are available to registered users on the AIS web site at www.ais.org.uk/aes/pubs/aip/pdf/aic/4M087.PDF (sign in required).

PFA Rally. The PFA Rally is at Kemble (4nm SE of Aston Down) from 11th to 13th July. Cotswold GC will be representing the gliding movement at the rally, with the BGA exhibition stand and glider simulator. Because there will be up to 2000 visitors to the Rally there will be a TRA in place. There are also published routes into the rally which will be exceptionally busy. Pilots should be aware of the contents of two AICs if they are gliding anywhere near Kemble, Aston Down or Nympsfield: one regarding the TRA at www.ais.org.uk/aes/pubs/aip/pdf/aic/4M080.PDF, the other describing the inbound routes and joining procedures at www.ais.org.uk/aes/pubs/aip/pdf/aic/4Y106.PDF. Registration (free) is required in order to access the AIS web site. The second AIC, in a section warning of confusion between Aston Down and Kemble, has the 'useful' advice that Aston Down hangars are red and Kemble hangars are green. That may have been the case 20 years ago but nowadays both airfields have a mixture of red and green.

BGA Simulator. If you wish to book the simulator please apply in writing or download the booking form from the website and send to BGA office. Please note that the simulator will not be available from 6th October to 8th December 2003.