



Newsletter

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Safety

Farnborough and RIAT. Two large, high-profile events take place this month: the Farnborough Airshow and the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at RAF Fairford. Temporary airspace restrictions are in place for both of these. For Farnborough, there are restrictions every day from 12th to 26th July in Hampshire, Surrey and the Berkshire and West Sussex borders. – see http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG_Circ_2010_M_033_en.pdf. There are further details, in the form of a NATS-produced briefing for CFIs (but applicable to everyone planning to fly in the area), at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/farnborough-cfi-briefing.pdf>. For Fairford, restrictions from 14th to 19th July extend down to ground level from a few miles west of Aston Down to south of Kidlington – see http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG_Circ_2010_M_035_en.pdf.

Airworthiness Directives. The following ADs affecting gliders have been issued: PW6U – EASA AD 2010-0108-E for a before flight and repetitive inspection of the PW6U aft tail plane attachment fitting. This airworthiness directive supersedes and cancels BGA inspection 048-01-2010. Details at http://ad.easa.europa.eu/blob/easa_ad_2010_0108_E.pdf/EAD_2010-0108-E_1 L-13/ L-13A Blanik - EASA AD 2010-0122-E (extending AD 2010-0119-E requirements to include L-13A aircraft) requiring a before next flight inspection of wing main spar and invalidating all aerobatic manoeuvres. Copy of the AD to be embodied into the Flight Manual. Inspection must be carried out and certified by BGA inspector. Airframe life survey report to be returned to Aircraft Industries within 15 days. This AD is an interim measure whilst EASA investigation progresses; further action may be required. See http://ad.easa.europa.eu/blob/easa_ad_2010_0122_E.pdf/EAD_2010-0122-E_1

GASIL. The latest edition of the CAA General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet, GASIL, is available at http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/srg_gasil05of2010.pdf

GPS Guide. The GPS Guide produced by the Airspace Communication and Education Programme (ACEP) and referred to in the last newsletter is now available online at http://www.airspacesafety.com/GPS_Guide/content/. The BGA believes that, used correctly, GPS is a significant aid to avoiding airspace infringements, particularly so in the complex UK airspace structure. The BGA is an active participant in ACEP and recommends this guide to all qualified glider pilots.

Regulatory

SERA. Following the recent consultation and the workshop on 3rd June, a SERA (Standardised European Rules of the Air) consultation comment response document has been published by Eurocontrol at http://www.eurocontrol.int/ses/gallery/content/public/docs/ses_sera_final_report

[_v1_0_30062010.pdf](#). The BGA is currently reviewing the document to identify the ongoing key issues and to clarify the potential future impact on gliding. Further information will follow.

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Child Protection Lead. The BGA is looking for a volunteer leader for Child Protection, to continue Phillip Burton's good work. Ideally we need someone with experience of CP work in a relevant environment, and with understanding of CP legislation and practice. Full details of the role and requirements are at

<http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/cp-lead-advert.doc>. Please apply in confidence or request more information from Diana King: office@gliding.co.uk.

Class G Airspace Survey. The CAA Airspace and Safety Initiative project has launched a survey to collect accurate data on the use of Class G airspace in the UK for the first time. This will enable bodies such as the CAA to have better information available when taking decisions on issues like airspace design. The information gathered will also be helpful to the BGA's airspace negotiating teams. The BGA fully supports the survey and hopes that as many glider pilots as possible will participate at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G5Z9BNB>

Date Information Placard. We are pleased to announce that the BGA has produced date information placards. These self-adhesive placards are designed to be displayed in the cockpit as an aide-memoir to help owners remember when their ARC, Annual Inspection and Insurance are due. The placards are entirely optional and are for guidance only. They are available free of charge in sheets of 10 from the BGA office. To save postage, we would be grateful if clubs could place a single order or, alternatively, if owners would group together when ordering.

Laws & Rules, edition 17. A fully revised edition of Laws & Rules has been published and is available immediately from <http://www.gliding.co.uk/forms/lawsandrules.pdf>. A printed edition will be available shortly from the BGA shop.

Juniors

RAeS Scholarships. Once again, the RAeS has generously made a number of flying scholarships available for young glider pilots. There are a few changes this year – the eligible age range has widened and now includes all pilots up to 25; both pre- and post-solo pilots can apply; and the size of the scholarships has increased to £300 each. Hurry however – applications must be submitted to the BGA by 30th July. See <http://www.juniorgliding.co.uk/affordableflying> for details.

Competitions

University Ladder. The University ladder is now live and can be accessed at <http://www.bgaladder.co.uk/SelLadder.asp>. The BGA will be presenting an Annual Trophy (courtesy of, and with grateful thanks to, The Royal Aero Club) to the top university club at the annual awards dinner in March. To make flights count towards the university ladder, your pilot details should show your university club.