



# Newsletter

British Gliding Association

## BGA Newsletter March 2010

### Safety

**Red Arrows.** The air display season will soon be upon us and the first batch of 2010 display dates for the Red Arrows has been announced by aeronautical information circular. It is vitally important that all pilots are aware of these dates and the temporary restricted areas of airspace associated with them as infringements of this airspace can and does cause display cancellations, resulting in disappointment to thousands of spectators, to say nothing of the safety implications. Details of Red Arrows airspace is at [http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG\\_Circ\\_2010\\_M\\_005\\_en.pdf](http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG_Circ_2010_M_005_en.pdf)  
The BGA maintains a summary calendar of all areas of temporary restricted airspace – RA(T)s – at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/airspace/rats.php>. Please make this part of your pre-flight planning.

**New Chart Issues.** A new edition (edition 36) of the 1:500,000 Southern England & Wales VFR chart is scheduled for publication on 11 March. The new edition will be available from the usual stockists. You can review the publication status of all charts and access amendment details at <http://www.caa.co.uk/charts>

**GASIL.** The latest edition of the CAA General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet, GASIL, is now available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/gasil>. This edition contains, among other useful information, a list of the remaining GA Safety Evenings scheduled for this winter.

**MCASD.** A reminder that the next Military Civil Air Safety Day will be held at RAF Lyneham on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Full details are at <http://www.caa.co.uk/mcasd>

**French Requirement for FLARM and Anti-Collision Markings.** The BGA has been advised by two well known professional CFIs at clubs in the southern French Alps that the FFVV requires that all gliders flying in the southern French Alps must be equipped with FLARM and anti-collision markings. The BGA recommends that, before travelling to France with their gliders, owners make enquiries with the club they are visiting in France to confirm the applicability of this French mountain flying requirement.

### BGA

**BGA Conference.** A final reminder that the BGA Sporting Conference is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Daventry. As ever, the event is free to attend and, with presentations from some of our leading pilots, the upgraded BGA simulator and an exhibition of all things gliding, there is something for everybody. Some places are still available for the ever popular dinner and awards ceremony – more details and

online booking are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/notices/conference.htm>  
To book hotel rooms, please contact the hotel directly, quoting the BGA.

**Instructor Training Availability.** Due to cancellations we now have places on the following assistant instructor courses: I/C 6, 5-13 June (2 places) and I/C12, 4-12 September (1 place), both running at Dunstable. To book, please contact Debbie Carr at the BGA office.

**Glider Archive Files.** As the BGA now holds all incoming EASA and Annex 2 glider documentation electronically, we no longer need to hold paper copies of this. We are therefore making our archive glider documentation available to glider owners. Owners who wish to receive the hard copy archive documentation that the BGA has on file for their glider, should complete the Glider Archive Request form available on the BGA website at [http://www.gliding.co.uk/forms/gliderdocs\\_application.doc](http://www.gliding.co.uk/forms/gliderdocs_application.doc) and either post it to Lizzie Pike at the BGA Office, or scan the completed and signed request and email it to [lizzie@gliding.co.uk](mailto:lizzie@gliding.co.uk). This free service will be available until 31st August following which unclaimed files will be shredded.

**Simulator Requirement.** The BGA and its Junior Gliding Development Team wish to purchase a highly transportable gliding simulator that will be used to promote gliding to young potential pilots. The new simulator will be complementary to the current, highly successful Cyberglide simulator. If you are interested in building and supplying such a simulator or if you have any input which might help us, please contact Steve Pozerskis ([steve@gliding.co.uk](mailto:steve@gliding.co.uk)) tel 07905 833564 by 14th March.

## Club Management

**Chairmen's Conference Report.** The report covering the 2009 Chairmen's Conference and Treasurers' Forum is now available for download from <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/chmnconf09report.pdf>. Printed copies are available upon request to the BGA office.

**Child Protection Awareness Training.** A further child protection awareness course has been made available on 18th March at Bicester from 6-9pm. The seminar originally scheduled for 28th February in Newcastle has had to be rescheduled. The full list of seminars still available is: Booker GC: 14th March 2010 10am – 1pm; Bicester GC: 18th March 2010 6pm - 9pm; Newcastle: 11th April 2010 10am – 1pm. Run by the BGA Child Protection Lead, Philip Burton, the training is ideal for nominated club Child Protection leads and deputies as well as club committee members and CFIs. The sessions are certificated and look at the issues within gliding for Child Protection and the wider society covering legislation, best practice, making a referral and the CRB system. Full details are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/clubmanagement/index.htm>

## Regulatory

**Renewal of Radio Telephony Licences.** Glider pilots who do not hold any other forms of licence can now renew their Flight Radio Telephony Operators Licence using a BGA CFI for verification of experience. Previously, renewal could only be

done via an Air Traffic Control Officer. The renewal application form (SRG 1106G) is available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/SRG1106FFenabled.pdf>

**Consultations.** BGA volunteers and staff are constantly working on responses to the many consultations that affect gliding in the UK. Details of our recent response to the DfT Aviation Security consultation and information about three consultations currently under review by the BGA (Standardised European Rules of the Air, Radio Spectrum Charging and Updating the Aviation Regulatory Framework) are on the BGA website at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/news.htm>. The first of these includes proposals that are potentially very damaging to gliding and we will be providing guidance to clubs and individuals on this issue over the next few weeks.

**Flying Training from Unlicensed Aerodromes.** The CAA has announced that, subject to a change to the Air Navigation Order, flying training will be permitted at unlicensed aerodromes. Subject to the change, training will be allowed for fixed-wing aircraft up to 2,730kg Maximum Take-Off Mass (MTOM) and Helicopters and Gyroplanes up to 3,175kg MTOM. The decision follows a recommendation from the UK General Aviation community, including the BGA, a full public consultation, and an analysis of the safety record of flight training in the UK. The BGA will advise clubs in due course about ongoing SLMG PPL training that currently takes place under a CAA exemption and about other issues related to powered flying training at BGA club sites. Meanwhile, more information is available at [http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/1993/Letter%20of%20Intent\\_TrainingUnlicensedAerodromes.pdf](http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/1993/Letter%20of%20Intent_TrainingUnlicensedAerodromes.pdf)

## General

**Airports World.** The second series of the Breitling Airports World TV series is now available to order from <http://www.airports.tv/>. The film has been produced by the FAI media partner, Flying Aces and features coverage of competitions in a range of airports including the 2008 World Gliding Championships at Rieti.

**Booker Regionals.** The Booker Regionals have been brought forward to run from the 29th May to the 6th June this year. All are welcome, please contact the Booker Gliding Club Office on 01494 442501 or email [office@bookergliding.co.uk](mailto:office@bookergliding.co.uk)

**Royal Aero Club Awards.** The 2010 RAeC Awards ceremony will be held at the RAF Museum, Hendon on Tuesday 27th April. This prestigious event will celebrate the achievements of UK aviators and behind-the-scenes workers from all branches of sport flying. Held in the midst of the historic collection at Hendon, the awards will be presented by the Club's President, HRH the Duke of York. A number of achievers from the gliding world will receive awards and the RAeC extends an invitation to anybody with an interest in sporting aviation to attend. Tickets, priced by the RAeC at £35 (£60 for a pair) are available via the BGA shop at [http://www.gliding.co.uk/shop/product\\_info.php?cPath=27&products\\_id=108](http://www.gliding.co.uk/shop/product_info.php?cPath=27&products_id=108) More details are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/documents/raecawards2010.pdf>