



# Newsletter

## September 2011

### Safety

**Glasgow Airspace.** The BGA is currently responding to an Airspace Change Proposal from NATS Glasgow that seeks to reclassify the Glasgow CTA from Class E to Class D. Meanwhile, pilots should be aware that this area, as an interim measure, will be temporarily reclassified as Class D with effect from 16<sup>th</sup> September. At the same time, the base of the CTA will rise from 2500ft to 3000ft amsl. Details of the change will be published by NOTAM, and in an Aeronautical Information Circular to be published on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**CAS(T).** NATS has reviewed airspace arrangements in the vicinity of Farnborough when temporary controlled airspace for royal flights - CAS(T) - is established. A standardised configuration for such airspace around Farnborough has been defined and this will be activated, as required, via Royal Flight NOTAM. When activated, this airspace will be Class D. As this affects an area of busy gliding activity, pilots should familiarise themselves with the airspace configuration which is detailed at [http://www.ead.eurocontrol.int/pamslight/pdf/4e415453/EG/C/EN/AIC/EG\\_Circ\\_2011\\_Y\\_071\\_en](http://www.ead.eurocontrol.int/pamslight/pdf/4e415453/EG/C/EN/AIC/EG_Circ_2011_Y_071_en)

**GQ Silhouette Parachute Harness.** During a recent repack of a GQ Silhouette parachute, it was noticed that the straps were adjusted very short. This led to suspicions that the harness may have been worn incorrectly with a strong chance of the wearer falling out of the harness on deployment of the canopy. A note at [http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/safety/documents/gq\\_parachute.pdf](http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/safety/documents/gq_parachute.pdf) illustrates how this parachute should be worn as well of some examples of how not to wear it.

**GASIL.** The latest edition of the CAA General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet (GASIL) (2011/07) is available for download at <http://www.caa.co.uk/gasil>

### BGA

**Buying and Selling a Glider.** The BGA has published an update to its factsheet on buying and selling gliders at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/technical/documents/buyingselling.pdf>

**Planning Legislation Changes.** The Government appears determined to press ahead with what for airfields is a potentially disastrous revision of the existing National Planning Legislation which forms the basis for Local Planning Authorities decision making. The proposed National Planning Policy Framework sweeps away previous protection by imposing a 'presumption to grant sustainable building development'. Airfields will lose what little protection they had under PPG13 and PPS3 and other guidance. The BGA, working with the Sport and Recreation Alliance, wants to see greater protection for valuable facilities by ensuring, if a decision is taken to build on a facility, that a replacement is provided. If you would like to get involved on behalf of your club, a comment response tool is available at <http://sport-recreation.appspot.com/mp/write>

### Competitions and Cross-Country

**National Championships.** Three national championships were decided in August. Gee Dale won the Club Class nationals at Pocklington, with Ian Macarthur and Ken Barker taking the other medal

positions. In the 15m Nationals at Husbands Bosworth, first place was taken by Leigh Wells with Dave Watt and Steve Ell second and third. The Open Class at Lasham was won by Pete Harvey, followed by Steve Jones and Andy Davis.

**European Championships.** Russell Cheetham added to his already impressive haul of European medals when he took bronze in the 18m class at the European Championships for the flapped classes, which were held last month at Pociunai in Lithuania. Team mates Ed Johnston and Gary Stingemore finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively. Steve Jones was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Open Class while Pete Harvey, who was looking for a fourth consecutive win, finished 8<sup>th</sup> and Kim Tipple 9<sup>th</sup>. In the 15m class, Chris Starkey was 19<sup>th</sup> and Nick Tillet 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Junior World Championships.** The Junior World Championships at Mussbach, Germany saw Matt Davis finish 13<sup>th</sup> in the Club Class with Andy Cockerell 21<sup>st</sup> and Luke Dale 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the Standard Class, Will Chappell finished 11<sup>th</sup>, Tom Smith 15<sup>th</sup> and Ollie Barter 21<sup>st</sup>.

**BGA Waypoints.** A number of new BGA waypoints have been agreed, including seven in the Lyneham area, which is now free airspace. The new Lyneham-area points are: Brinkworth, Calne W, Clyffe Pypard, Chippenham W, Lyneham a/f, Swindon W and Wroughton a/f. These can all be used with immediate effect. Full details of all new waypoints, as well as a few that have been withdrawn, are at <http://www.spsys.demon.co.uk/waypoints/stoppress.htm>

**Inter-Club League Final.** The Inter-Club League final was due to take place at London Gliding Club on 3/4 September. Unfortunately, the weather failed to cooperate and no flying was possible. There is currently a discussion underway by Email about possible changes to the ICL rules; anybody who wishes to take part in this should contact Mike Jefferyes - [MikeJefferyes@stemme.co.uk](mailto:MikeJefferyes@stemme.co.uk)

## Juniors

**Royal Aero Club Trust Bursaries.** Applications for the 2012 Royal Aero Club Bursaries are now open. These are available to young pilots, aged 16-21, who have already reached solo standard to enable them to achieve greater competence in their particular air sport. Bursaries of up to £1000 are available to help recipients advance from one recognized level of air sport to the next (for example, gain your bronze badge or XC endorsement). Applications for 2012 bursaries in respect of gliding have to be endorsed by the BGA. These need to be received at the BGA office by 3rd March 2012. Full details are at <http://www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/>

## General

**Limbach Engines Closure.** The BGA has been advised that Limbach Flugmotoren GmbH is to cease trading at the end of October 2011 with manufacturing, overhaul and maintenance coming to an end. There will be a stock clearance sale until the end of December. Owners are urged to place orders for spares as soon as possible to fulfil future requirements. It is not known yet if the business will be sold as a whole or in part and the future supply of parts is uncertain. Please contact the UK agents, Anglia Sailplanes, to place orders.

**Chris Wills Memorial Flypast.** A video of this flypast is available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=za-oyPoLRGE>

**Aerobility.** Aerobility (formerly the British Disabled Flying Association) works with people with every conceivable disability turning the dream of flying into a fulfilling reality. As part of their fund raising efforts, they are happy to accept your old GPS and other flying equipment for recycling via eBay. Details at <http://www.aerobility.com/donate-now/donate-equipment.html>