

Safety

Temporary Airspace Restrictions. With the air display season at its height, all pilots are reminded of the need to be very aware of the temporary restricted airspace that is put in place to protect flying displays. Infringements of these cause serious damage to our reputation as responsible airspace users and weaken our case when fighting against further airspace restrictions (as well as spoiling the enjoyment of thousands of spectators if a display has to be cancelled or curtailed). Details of all RA(T)s, including these set up to protect the 29 Red Arrows displays this month and next are on the NATS web site at http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/public/index.php%3Foption=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=162&Itemid=59.html

Meon Valley Model Soaring Club. The Meon Valley radio-controlled model soaring club has asked us to note that they fly from three main sites: Butser Hill, Harting Down and HMS Mercury (just west of Clanfield). They advise that they keep a good look out for full-sized gliders and have asked that glider pilots are extra vigilant when ridge soaring near Butser Hill and Harting Down.

Regulatory

Rules of the Air. To help pilots in what can be an area of complex detail, we've added a new page to the BGA website describing the Rules of the Air arrangements that follow from the implementation of SERA and the retention of a number of UK differences. The webpage, at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/requirements-guidance-2/easa/rules-of-the-air/>, provides a link to a consolidation of all the various applicable requirements.

Summary of Airworthiness Requirements. The previously separate summaries of airworthiness requirements for gliders and aeroplanes have been reviewed and have been consolidated into one new document. The consolidated document summarises, but does not replace, the requirements detailed elsewhere in regulation, by manufacturers and in BGA airworthiness publications and is available at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/inspector-information/airworthiness-requirements-aeroplanes-and-motor-gliders/>.

BGA

Club Management Conference. A date for the diary of club Chairmen, CFIs and Treasurers: the 2015 BGA Club Management Conference will be held on Saturday 21st November at Warwick University. More details will follow shortly.

Competitions and Cross-Country

European Championships. Congratulations to two-time world champion, Andy Davis, who won the bronze medal in the 18m class at the European Championships which finished last month at Ocseny in Hungary. After 10 days of racing, Andy was just pipped for the silver medal by the Czech Republic's Roman Mracek who turned in a super-fast performance to win the final race of the series. Gold was taken by World No 1 Sebastian Kawa of Poland. Andy's team mate in the 18m class, Russell Cheetham, finished 10th overall while, in the Open Class, three-time champion Pete Harvey was eighth and Iain Evans, making his international debut, was a highly

creditable 15th. Competition for the Club, Standard and 15m class European Championships has just begun at Rieti in Italy. Here, the UK is represented by Leigh Wells (15m), G Dale and Ian Macarthur (Club) and Jay Rebbeck and David Bromley (Standard). You can follow the team on the new team web site at <http://www.britishglidingteam.co.uk>

World Gliding Aerobatics Championships. August also sees the 18th FAI World Gliding Aerobatics and 6th FAI World Advanced Gliding Aerobatics Championships. The UK will be represented at Zbraslavice in Czech Republic by Paul Conran (unlimited) and by Alex Harris and Graham Saw (advanced). The competition runs from 5th to 15th August and you can see full details at <http://www.wgac2015.cz/>

Club Class Nationals. The Club Class Nationals, held at Bicester last month, was won by Will Ellis in his Hornet. Tim Milner and Ken Barker, both flying Standard Cirruses were second and third respectively. The 18m, Open and 20m multi-seat nationals take place this month.

Club Development

Sponsorship for Lasham. Sydney Charles Insurance has announced a sponsorship agreement with Lasham Gliding Society. The agreement will see Sydney Charles provide Lasham with financial support over a three year period, supporting Lasham during a very exciting time when it will be hosting some of the UK and Europe's biggest gliding events, including this year's 18m Class Nationals and Lasham Glide 2016 for UK and European competitors in the lead-up to the 2017 European Championships at Lasham.

Juniors

Young Instructor Training Bursaries. The Honourable Company of Air Pilots and the BGA are working together to provide funding for a number of young gliding instructor training bursaries. These are available to help glider pilots under the age of 25 on application to qualify as either a Basic Instructor or Assistant Instructor. The BI training bursaries are £500 each. The Assistant Instructor training bursaries are £1000 each (and no BGA course fee). Details including an application form are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/juniors/hon-co-air-pilots-instructor-course-bursary-application>. Applicants should ensure that they meet the BGA instructor rating requirements (see <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/bga-requirements-guidance/instructor-requirements/>).

Careers in Aerospace LIVE. Visitors can now register for the Royal Aeronautical Society's annual autumn recruitment fair, Careers in Aerospace LIVE. The 2015 event takes place on Friday 6th November at the RAeS London HQ, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1J 7BQ. Opening times: morning session 1000-1245; afternoon session 1300-1545. These fairs provide a unique opportunity for recruiters, training providers and individuals to meet at the only UK careers fairs dedicated to the aerospace and aviation sector. More details are at <http://aerosociety.com/News/Society-News/3321/Visitor-registration-now-open-Careers-in-Aerospace-LIVE-2015>

General

Avionics for Auction. The official avionics sponsor of the Junior Nationals, NAVboys, has very generously donated some instruments which will be auctioned with all proceeds going to the Junior Nationals. Available are Flarm Mouse IGC with Flarm View (worth about £750), Oudie LT (worth about £298) and SeeYou PC and Mobile bundle (worth about £250). These will be sold via a silent auction, with the highest bidders at 12pm on Sunday 16th August taking home the instruments. All bids must be made to ukjuniorgliding@gmail.com. The starting and reserve

prices are 20% less than the values stated above (£600 for the Flarm, £239 for the Oudie and £200 for SeeYou.) However as all monies raised will support the Junior Championships, please bid as much as you can afford. More information about the instruments is at <http://www.navboys.com>. Please spread the word and place your bids for a chance to get some great instruments at a great price.

Red Bull Air Race. On the 15-16 August 2015, The Red Bull Air Race World Championship will be returning to Ascot Racecourse. The Championship sees the world's best pilots put to the test in a thrilling, pure motorsport competition, combining speed, precision and skill. The pilots use the fastest, most agile and lightweight racing planes to cleanly navigate a challenging, low-level aerial racetrack in the fastest time possible. We are pleased to let you know that a 10% discount on tickets is available to members of BGA clubs. To purchase discounted tickets, go to <https://tickets.ascot.co.uk/CONNECT/WEBPAGES/EntaWebEvent/EventAllDatePrices.aspx>, select the event and enter promotion code: RBBGA15. Please remember to book parking if required (discount doesn't apply so add this to your basket separately). More details about the race series is at <http://www.redbullairrace.com>