

## Safety

**Airworthiness Directives.** Scheibe SF25C Powered Sailplanes with a Rotax 914 F3 Engine. EASA has issued EAD 2015-0200-E which requires a before next flight (and repetitive) inspection and, where cracks are found, replacement of the exhaust end-pipe in accordance with the instructions of Scheibe TM/SB 653-94. The EAD is at <http://ad.easa.europa.eu/ad/2015-0200-E>. The Scheibe web site is at <http://scheibe-aircraft.de/>

## BGA

**Club Maintainers' Courses.** This is a new initiative to support those who help to maintain gliders at their club. It's an ideal step for anyone planning to be a BGA inspector. The course aims to give more knowledge (especially of the unavoidable paperwork) and confidence at a practical level whilst building experience performing permitted pilot owner maintenance. On completion of the course, maintainers will be able to work in compliance with the legal pilot/owners maintenance framework and be able to judge themselves if they have the relevant skills to perform all pilot owner maintenance tasks. More details and dates/venues are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/airworthiness-2/courses/>

**Inspector Courses.** The latest round of ARC Signatory and Inspector Refresher courses has been announced. Dates and venues are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/airworthiness-2/courses/>

**Youth in Aviation.** The BGA will be participating in the 'Youth in Aviation' day at the Houses of Parliament on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will celebrate the achievements of the participating voluntary organisations, with the key message for parliamentarians being that aviation is not for the privileged few. The reception will show that there are no financial barriers to experiencing aviation at first hand and enjoying the benefits that it brings in terms of personal development. The event is underpinned by the production of a Position Paper on UK Youth in Aviation entitled 'Aviation for Everyone' which profiles all of the aviation organisations involved in the reception. It also contains a number of key recommendations to Government. The document can be downloaded from the Air League website – <http://www.aireleague.org.uk>

**BGA Conference 2016.** A reminder that the 2016 BGA Conference, Exhibition, AGM, and Awards Dinner will be held at the Nottingham Belfry on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you want a room in the hotel, we advise that you book this as soon as possible with the hotel as these are filling fast. Online bookings for the dinner will open shortly.

## Club Management

**Club Management Conference.** Thank you to everybody who has already booked their place at the BGA Club Management Conference which is being held at Warwick University on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November. If you are planning to attend, then please book your place as soon as possible (deadline is 6<sup>th</sup> November). The booking forms have been circulated by email and are also available from the BGA website at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/?p=24085>. The event is especially for volunteers and staff that manage gliding clubs in the UK. This year we have dedicated sessions for club chairmen & managers, treasurers, CFIs and technical officers.

**CASC.** Following the 2015 changes to the scheme, the BGA recently ran two workshops for CASC registered clubs, and for clubs who are interested in joining the scheme. If your club was unable to attend, but would like to discuss any aspects of the Community Amateur Sports Club scheme (broadly equivalent to charity status for sports clubs) then please email Alison Randle ([alison@gliding.co.uk](mailto:alison@gliding.co.uk)). Information about the scheme, including links to HMRC information, is available in the Library on the BGA website (look in category Club Development, subcategory CASC).

## Regulatory

**TAG Farnborough ACP.** TAG Farnborough has submitted its final Airspace Change Proposal to the CAA for their consideration. Although neither the BGA or its GA Alliance partners are allowed to see the proposal on grounds of 'commercial confidentiality', we believe that despite the overwhelmingly critical response to last year's consultation, TAG are still asking that an enormous area of airspace around Farnborough be recategorised from Class G to Class D. Their proposals will fundamentally change the air space structure over a very large area of southern England. We believe that TAG's proposals are completely disproportionate to its relative importance as a local airspace user (less than 10% of the non-commercial air transport movements in the area) and that, by funnelling traffic into the remaining Class G airspace, will adversely impact on safety in this very busy area. The BGA is working with its colleagues in GA and sporting and recreational aviation to ensure that the CAA and others fully understand the depth and breadth of opposition to TAG's proposals. We may need further support from glider pilots as this issue unfolds. Please be prepared to stand up and be counted. Meanwhile, you might want to read the recently published S&G article (available at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/?p=24012>) describing the issues and then remind yourself how to contact your MP. We will ensure that clubs and pilots are appropriately informed as this critically important issue unfolds.

## Competitions and Cross-Country

**World Championship Team Vote.** The results of the vote from which the teams will shortly be selected for the 2016 World Championships are as follows:

Club Class: 1)Will Ellis 2) Peter Masson 3) G Dale 4) Tim Milner 5) Ian Macarthur 6) Jon Mayer  
Standard Class: 1)Jeremy Hood 2) Richard Hood 3) Leigh Wells 4) Howard Jones 5) Ian Macarthur 6) Matthew Cook

20 Metre Multi-Seat Class: 1) Steve Jones 2) Andy Davis 3) Peter Harvey 4) Russell Cheetham 5) Kim Tipple 6) Dave Watt

15 Metre Class: 1) Dave Watt 2) Derren Francis 3) Ed Johnston 4) Philip Jones 5) Leigh Wells 6) Matthew Cook

18 Metre Class: 1) Andy Davis 2) Peter Harvey 3) Russell Cheetham 4) Steve Jones 5) Mike Young 6) Ed Johnston

Open Class: 1) Andy Davis 2) Peter Harvey 3) Russell Cheetham 4) Kim Tipple 5) Iain Evans 6) Shaun Lapworth

The World Championships are to be held at Pociunai, Lithuania in August 2016 for Club, Standard and 20m Multi-Seat Classes and at Benalla, South East Australia for 15 Metre, 18 Metre and Open Classes in January 2017

**FAI Sporting Code.** The 2015 Edition of Sporting Code Section 3 and its Annexes are now published on the FAI website at <http://www.fai.org/igc-documents> (select > Sporting Code Section 3: Gliding > Current). This new version of the Sporting Code Section 3 has many changes from the previous one. It is the result of 3 years work by the IGC Sporting Code Sub-Committee to simplify the Code and set it out in a more accessible fashion. This has led to

some duplication of material with requirements for badges (Chapter 2) being separated from record requirements (Chapter 3).

## General

**New Met Office Web Site.** The Met Office has launched its new general aviation weather site. The new site, which has been optimised for tablet and mobile access, includes access to the most up-to-the-minute information and new aerodrome warnings. Features available without charge include TAFs, METARs, F214/215 charts and synoptic charts. The site, at <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/aviation/ga>, is free to access for private pilots (registration required) but additional facilities are available via a premium subscription. If you previously registered to use the old Met Office site, you will need to re-register to use the new site.

**Flyer Live Show.** The BGA will have a prominent presence at the Flyer Live exhibition which runs from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November at the International Centre, Telford. The show, which is the UK's largest indoor aviation event, will appeal to everybody with an interest in aviation and will feature a range of seminars in addition to the exhibits. Discounted admission is available to members of BGA clubs who purchase their tickets online - just quote code BGA10UP at <http://www.flyerlive.co.uk> - £6 instead of the normal £10. (under 18s go free). Note that the discount code link is quite well hidden, just above the green 'order now' button - enter the code, click 'Apply' and the page will refresh, now giving you the option to purchase 'Membership Admission' tickets at the reduced rate.

**Peter Lanyon Exhibition.** We gave details in the last newsletter about the exhibition of Peter Lanyon's gliding paintings that is currently running at the Courtauld Gallery, London. We have now confirmed that to take advantage of the two-for-one ticket offer for glider pilots, all you need to do is state that you are a BGA club member when you purchase your tickets.