

Airspace

Airspace Restrictions. There are three very high profile events taking place over the next few weeks which have significant associated airspace restrictions - Fairford Royal International Air Tattoo (6-11 July), British Grand Prix, Silverstone (8-10 July), and the Farnborough International Air Show (4-18 July). The airspace for each event is significant but taken together, especially on the weekend of 8-10 July, they represent a very major restriction on where one can legally and safely fly in the south of England. All pilots intending to fly in the affected areas must make themselves fully aware of the restrictions while planning and during flight. Most importantly, infringements compromise the safety of you and others (in the air and on the ground) but can also cause cancellations of displays leading to disappointment for thousands of spectators. The CAA has made it clear that they will not hesitate to prosecute those responsible for serious infringements. Any infringement will seriously damage our reputation as responsible airspace users and our ability to lobby for the preservation of the airspace available to us. Please read the AICs that detail the restrictions on the NATS web site at <http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com> - Mauve 054/2016 (Fairford), 053/2016 (Silverstone), and 033/2016 (Farnborough).

Infringements Seminar. Infringements are a significant issue for all airspace users. The BGA with representatives from a number of clubs will be attending a CAA-organised infringements seminar being held at the RAeS on 12th July. If anyone from a gliding club is interested in participating in the workshop, which aims to explore measures on how to modify attitudes and behaviour with the aim of reducing infringements, they can ask to attend by contacting infringementsSeminar@caa.co.uk

BGA

Competition Numbers. The right to display a unique BGA competition number instead of displaying the allocated unique tri-graph on a glider is an opportunity that comes with a fee that makes a helpful contribution to the overall team and competition costs. We contact all owners whenever this fee (currently £20 per year or £90 for 5 years) is due. However, we know that we have difficulty in ensuring that all owners receive this notification because we also know that changes of glider ownership are not always reported to us. When a competition number is shown as the fin marking on a glider's ARC renewal, we now check if the competition number fee has been paid. Please help to ensure that the system works efficiently by ensuring that your competition number is paid up to date and that changes of aircraft ownership are notified to us promptly. If a competition number remains unpaid, naturally we'll require its removal from the glider as it's only fair that someone else has the opportunity to use that competition number. If you are in doubt or need any assistance on this topic, please contact Liz at the BGA office (lizzie@gliding.co.uk or 0116 289 2956).

Club Management Conference. The provisional date for the 2016 Club Management Conference is Saturday, 12th November. We are still negotiating with potential venues and we'll let you have confirmed details as soon as possible. In designing the agenda, it's important that we capture the news and issues that have the greatest relevance for the people who run gliding

clubs. Please would you email alison@gliding.co.uk about topics and themes that you would like to see included in the agenda.

Regulatory

EGU Newsletter. The latest edition (2/2016) of the European Gliding Union Newsletter has been published at <http://www.egu-info.org/dwn/EGU%20newsletter%202-2016.pdf>. The newsletter provides a highly encouraging update on the progress being made in the development of lighter regulations for gliding operations, licensing and training (Part-Gliding) just four months after EASA formally approved the initiative. There is also an update about how airworthiness regulation may evolve in the future.

Competitions and Cross-Country

Sailplane GP. The UK Sailplane Grand Prix starts at Bicester on 9th July. There's a full field of British and international pilots who will be battling it out for the right to complete in the World Sailplane GP final at Potchefstroom, South Africa in November. More details are at <http://www.sgp.aero/uk2016.aspx?contestID=15839>. The last round, held in France at Rennes Saint-Sulpice, was won by Louis Boudelique, with Britain's Gary Stingemore and Jon Gatfield both finishing in the top 10. Full results are at <http://www.sgp.aero/france2016/results-sgp/results.aspx?contestID=15485>

LashamGlide Update. LashamGlide (30th July - 7th August) incorporates the 15m and Open Class Nationals as well as an 18m competition. To encourage more entries to the international field, with the aim of fully stress-testing the organisation ahead of the 2017 European Championships, it has been decided that the 18m competition will be handicapped, with handicaps ranging from 105-111. Although rated as a Regional competition, it will be treated in the same way as the other two classes: grid rotation, scoring priorities, prizes etc will be to Nationals rules and standards. For full details, please see <http://www.lashamglide.com/>

National Championships. The first of the 2016 Nationals took place last month: the Club Class at Pocklington and the 20m Multi-Seat and Standard Classes at Aston Down. The events were badly affected by poor weather with only one day of flying possible at each. The new Club Class champion is Derrick Roddie (Wolds). G Dale was second with Ayala Truelove (both Lasham) third. The winner in the Standard Class was George Metcalfe (Lasham GS) with Howard Jones (also Lasham) and David Bromley (Cranwell GC) second and third. In the 20m Multi-Seat Class, Andy Davis (Bristol & Glos GC) came out in front, followed by Kim Tipple (Lasham GS) and Peter Hurd (London GC).

Juniors

Reminder - Air League Flying Day. The Air League will host its annual Flying Day at Bicester on 9th July in conjunction with the first day of the Sailplane GP (see above). If you intend to be there, please register your interest at <https://theairleague.wufoo.com/forms/zjjs85w04wvw50/>

Instructor Bursaries. A further reminder that Honourable Company of Air Pilots/BGA bursaries to help pilots aged under 25 with the costs of training to become a Basic or Assistant Instructor are still available. The BI bursaries are £500 each; the Assistant Instructor bursaries are £1000 (and no BGA course fee). Details and an application form can be found at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/juniors/hon-co-air-pilots-instructor-course-bursary-application>

Caroline Trust. The Trust awards bursaries to young people, generally under the age of 18 years old, and to disabled people of any age, who want to try gliding or advance their skills. To date, the Caroline Trust has helped over 400 young people by providing solo or post-solo bursaries. If you think you might benefit, you can find out more at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/carolinetrust/bursary-application/>

General

Advanced Design of Light Aircraft. The Royal Aeronautical Society General Aviation Group hold their 2016 Conference on 14th November. As a sponsor of the conference, members of BGA clubs qualify for reduced fees - £55 (+VAT) instead of the normal £90. Full details are at http://www.aerosociety.com/Assets/Docs/Events/Conferences/2016/811/811_Conference%20Announcement.pdf