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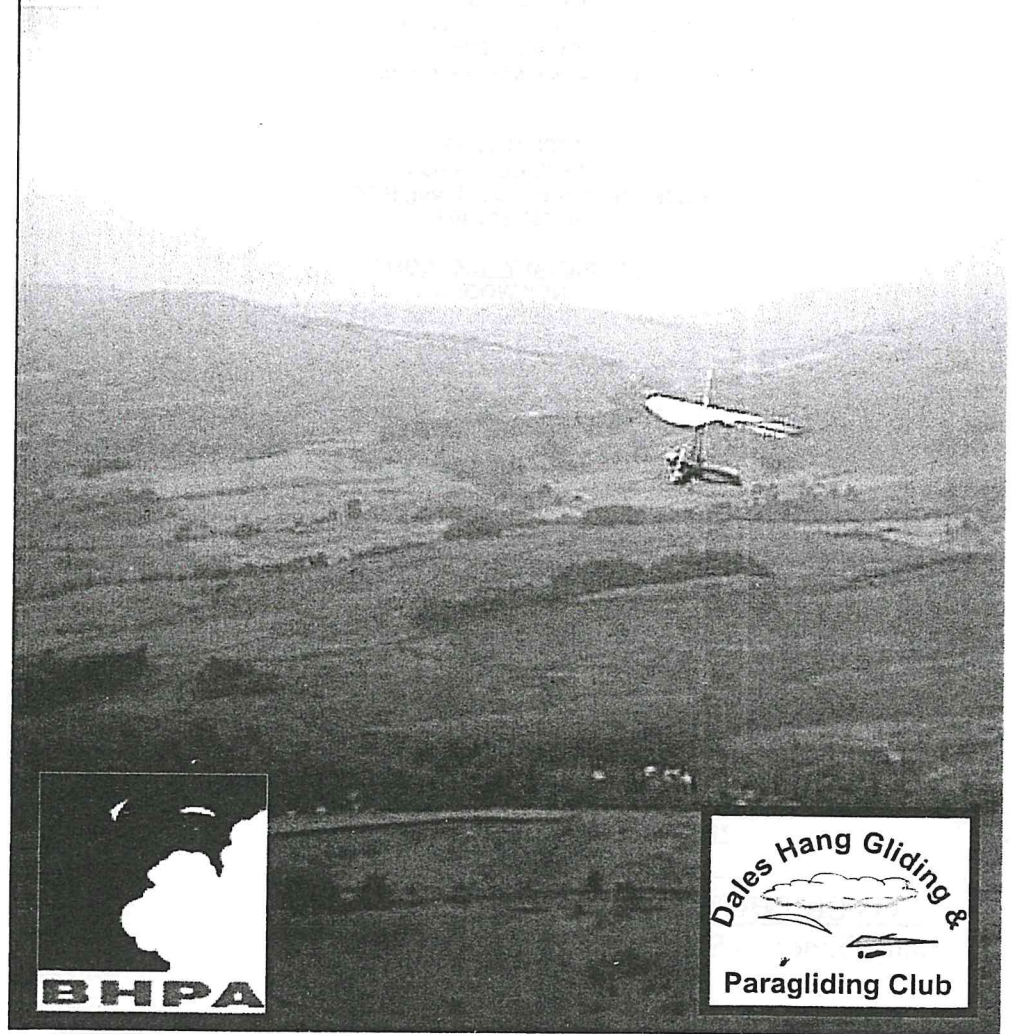
Moyes Xtra-lite 147. Good condition, No sail rips, Orange lead edge. Spare upright, new moyes glider bag, Batten profile, Apco harness (5'10-6'0"). Garaged. Any sensible offer considered.
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The above is a list of good & trusty people, who are club coaches, instructors and observers. They have volunteered to make sure there is a friendly face on the hill for new pilots. New members to the club are advised to make contact with a coach and meet on the hill.

WHAT'S ON

APRIL 3rd
Club Night - to be announced

APRIL 18 - 21
WAR OF THE ROSES

MAY 1st.
Club Night



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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Dinner Dance 2003

We had a good turn out at this year's Dinner Dance with about 85 people in total and I think everyone enjoyed the evening with quite a few old faces there; Ally Johnston had the whole clan with brothers John and Frank plus all their respective wives and partners. Andy Hetherington unusually had to stay sober as he was working the next day; Bob and Val Delahaye with Nick and Marie Devlin, sounding very keen to do good flying this Summer; Dave and Annette Glova who won the main raffle prize (a meal for two in the Angel Inn at Hetton) – we are going to join them for that as the food is fantastic there.

The nosh was a bit late starting and there were those that suggested I gabbed on too long over the trophy presentations but eventually we got dancing – perhaps we'll have to hurry along a bit more next

year. Noel spoke about the new Mark Sellen trophy, kindly provided by a donation from his mother, which was awarded to Liz Addy – hope she's not crippled getting it home as it weighs a lot!

There were loads of raffle prizes to be won by folk at the dinner dance including generous donations from Stewart Bond, the Aeros importer and from Dean Crosby of Active Edge.

Once again, it was great to have some of the farmers and their friends, who make it possible for all Paragliders and Hang Gliders to fly in the best area in the whole of the UK.

I made a rule with myself as a result of past events that I would never get totally blasted and go flying the next day – so drinking was restricted to getting a bit wobbly but still able to talk and so was fit to go flying on the

DALES XC LEAGUE

2003 Dales Paragliding XC League

Open 1 January sponsored by Active Edge PG School

Pos	Pilot	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL

2003 Dales Hang Gliding XC League

Open 1 January sponsored by Aerotow.com Flight Park

Pos	Pilot	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL

SPONSORS & PRIZES

We now have two generous sponsors for this seasons XC leagues.

The Paragliding XC league will be sponsored by Dean Crosby and the crew at Active Edge

A four line power kite will be awarded to the pilot who tops the Paragliding XC league.

The Hang Gliding XC league will be sponsored by Aerotow.com and a discounted holiday in Spain at the newly set up flight park, will be awarded to the pilot who tops the Hang Gliding XC league.

So with this incentive lets go out and put some Km's under our wings. As Trevor puts it

Lets see if we can get some hundred milers in and open a few eyes to the potential of Dales flying.

Craig Richardson
(Editor)

DHPC Cross Country League Rules

- Entry to the DHPC XC League is free and is open to all members of the DHPC.
- All flights must be flown between January 1st and December 31st 2003. Pilots must submit their flight details within one calendar month.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the next Dinner Dance.
- Flights must start from a Dales site. These can include non Guide Book sites such as Barkin Fell and Cautley Spout.
- Only a pilot's six best flights will count. They can be Open Distances, Out & Returns or Triangles.
- Minimum distance is 5km for straight flights and 15km for all flights with turnpoints.
- Completed Out & Return flights score double the flight distance where the majority of the flight is out of ridge lift.
- Completed Triangle flights score three times the flight distance as long as they conform to the FAI 28% rule (the shortest leg of the triangle must be at least 28% of the total distance). However a completed Triangle flight which fails the 28% rule scores double the flight distance when the majority of the flight is out of ridge lift.
- Take off and landing witnesses are recommended, if not essential, in order to prove a flight when challenged.
- All flights must comply with current airspace regulations and restrictions.

To submit entries for the league simply email: webmaster@dhpc.org.uk
or use the SUBMIT AN XC ENTRY link at www.dhpc.uklinux.net/dhpc/league.cgi

Or failing this a phone call on 07720 425146

Try to include details like:

Start site

Finish location

Date and Time

Wind Direction

Distance (see rules, points 5 to 8 on league webpage for help with this)

Type of flight (Open Distances, Out & Returns or Triangles)

Hang glider or Paraglider

Any witnesses at take off or landing.

Cheers

Pete Logan

Sunday. There were about 7 or 8 of us out on Wether Fell the next day and, although a little windy initially, by the time we got rigged it had dropped and we had a smashing afternoon's flying, though the wave never kicked in, probably as the wind was a little off to the North.



New glider coming soon

I have ordered my new wing for this year, and Aeros 13m Combat 2, and am getting excited about flying this superb machine soon. Oleg Bondachuk, the main factory flyer, has been winning comps all over the world demonstrating that it has no shortage of sink rate or glide angle and all the other things you need to win comps.

Not that I'm expecting to shake any rafters with the new wing but I will be having a lot of fun in the British Open Series which starts in May and includes the Open and the main UK comps that used to be called the League – watch out for battles in the results between Andy Hevs and myself!

Loads of airtime in 2003?

A lot of folk were talking about seriously getting back into flying this year – one of my main aims is to get the Dales Cub into the news with some good flights so I look forward to seeing you all out there, cracking in the flights. Lets see if we can get some hundred milers in and open a few eyes to the potential of Dales flying.

Honest TJ



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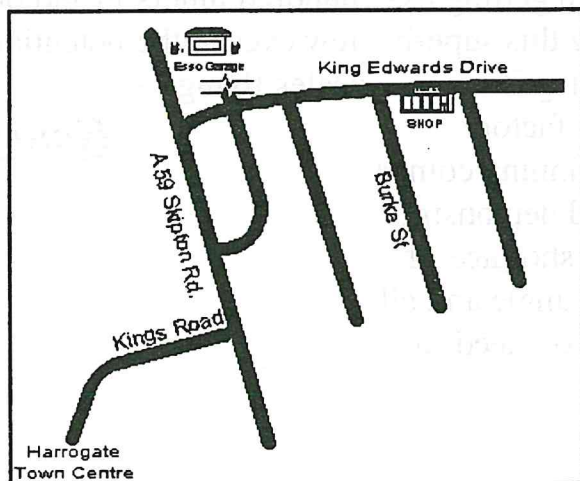
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SITES NEWS

SITE NAME	SITE REF.	WIND DIRECTION	PLEASE NOTE
Addingham Moorside	17.050	N-NE (000-025)	
Baildon	8.050	E (070 - 110)	500 ft ato limit.
Bishopdale	17.054	NE & NW (040-050 & 300-320)	Essential to contact Phil Wilkinson 01969 663766 BEFORE flying.
Brant Side	17.057	WSW (230-255)	
Cow Close Fell	17.003	NNE-NE (025-045)	
Cowling and Sutton Pinnacles Hill (Earl Crag)	17.061	NNW (340-350)	Currently closed due to access problem
Dodd Fell	17.102	WNW (270-315)	
Grove Head	17.102	NNE (0-35)	
Humesett	17.101	SW-WSW (220-250)	
Ilkley Moor	8.058	NNE-NE (020-040)	250ft ato limit
Nappa Scar	17.069	SSW (205-225)	(No XC Aug-Feb)
Nont Sarahs	8.012	SW-SE (220-140)	
Pule Hill	8.062	W (080-100)	
Semer Water	17.008	SE (115-155) NNW (330-360)	OK to land in field next to top road. (NO PARKING IN FIELD)
Stags Fell	17.009	WSW-SSE (160-250)	MEMBERS ONLY (12 max) (No XC Aug-Dec)
Tailbridge Hill	17.075	SW-W (225-270)	
Wether Fell	17.017	WNW (280-310)	
Whernside	17.010	SE-E (090-155)	Flyable, but the club does not have parking permission.
Windbank	17.011	S-SW (180-225)	
- Knipe Scar		SW (210-235)	CLOSED FOR LAMBING
- Hawkswick		SW (210-235)	



Thinking about a new wing?

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First Good Thermal Day of the Year.

We might be sat with flying there. A walk half 1041mb of cyclone over us way up Whernside con- but that didn't stop the firm that the wind was thermals coming out on off there and they were Sunday. An easterly had last seen heading in the di- blown out much of the rection of Kendal which Dales on Saturday with just goes to show even the only a few desperates get- best of us don't get the ting out to Baildon to get sites right all of the time. those important few min- Gus Hurst had booked the utes worth of airtime. first decent thermal at

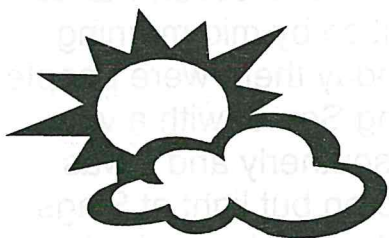
As is always the case high pressure tends to make the wind direction wander a bit so by mid morning Sunday there were people flying Semer with a very off southerly and it was also on but light at Stags. Jocky Sanderson had been running a course for about 40 pilots in the Lakes and turned up at Barkin where it was bang on ESE but a call to the farmer meant they couldn't fly there due to lambing. Over the next few months check with the farmer at High House Farm before

Stags for 12:30 and al- though one did turn up quite a few of us dropped a few ledges and had to start the walk back up. By 1 the stones were cooking enabling around ten of us to get a few hundred me- tres above take off. Push- ing out in front was good as well with the house thermal triggering off of Hardraw Force. Unfortu- nately the rather low inver- sion was keeping a cap on things which meant that ten to twenty minutes was all people were getting at a time. With the sun over Cotterdale things were

definitely dying off by 3pm so when Les Cowling (chief coach) volunteered his car for pickups around ten paragliders dove off down to the cricket pitch next to the bridge. Chris Fountain was first down with a fair amount of speed bar on and with height to spare. Its a worthwhile fly down but if you're thinking of doing it don't land anywhere near the wicket unless you want clobbering with a hefty piece of willow. The best of the day was had at Nappa Scar which had a bit more wind than Stags. A crafty Noel Whittal, James Goldsborough

(thanks for the shots and Scott Armitage had gone up there probably wanting to avoid the crowds and found that at 600 to 700 feet above there was shear which was probably the inversion they were getting into. All in all a gentle start to the season with lots of benign air about but keep your eye out for a lot stronger as soon as spring kicks in.

PETE LOGAN



I am writing to thank Les for the time, effort and tuition he has given to enable me to recently obtain my Advance Pilot rating. Anyone wanting to progress through their ratings could do a lot worse than contact Les.

John Ellison

PENNINE SITES NEWS

Negotiations for Edenfield with the landlords have been successfully concluded and a new license is being signed.

Flying can therefore be resumed.

Please be aware that there will be restrictions in the coming months due to lambing.

Please make contact with the Pennine Club prior to flying for an update on restrictions.

DHPC on theWEB

To keep up with the latest news log onto

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Site maintained by Pete Logan



CLUB NIGHTS

The first

Thursday of

each month.

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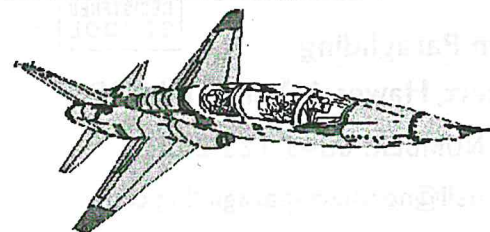
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SITES CLOSED FOR LAMBING

Windbank, Knipe Scar and Hawkswick are closed from March until end of May inclusive. Please be patient and remember that Stags Fell and Tailbridge are excellent alternatives

Repack Again.....

Demand for places on the first reserve repack was so much that the second is now booked out. We run a third with a wire of death so register your interest now with Liz on 07775 690925.

THE WAR OF THE ROSES

Easter 18 - 21 April...

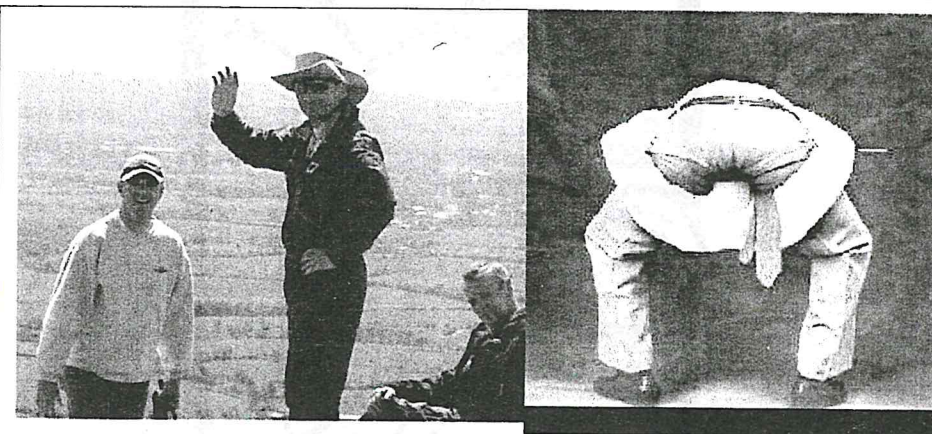
Dales verses the Pennine chaps. We were hammered last year so let's try and give as good as we've taken. Camping in and around Hawes with a BBQ at the Crown Hotel. All grades of flyer welcome for this fun comp, contact Pete Logan to take part.

First Thursday of the month
Club Night

Planned events include:
XC tips from our hot flyers.
Yorkshire Air Ambulance visit.
Air Traffic Control visit.

BCC Airwave comp volunteers to contact Pete Logan
07720 425146

HUMOUR PAGE



Let's start the ball rolling with this humour page.
Captions wanted.

Send in any captions you can think of, for the above two pics. The one on the left shows Steve Scholefield, Les Cowling and Craig Richardson at last years BCC held at Parlick. The one on the right is, well, you tell me?

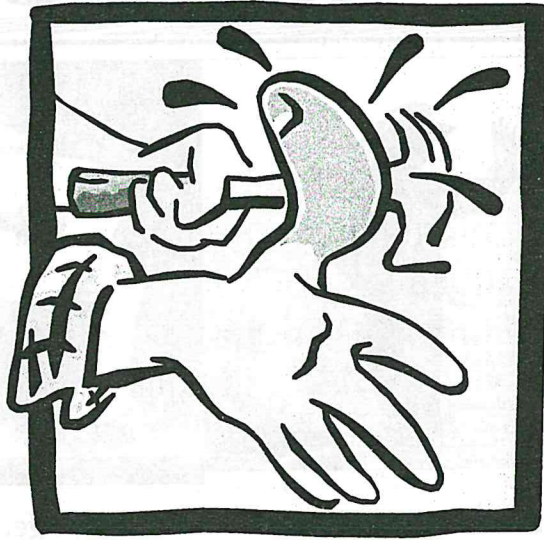
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LIZ'S SAFETY SPOT



Paraglider Collapses

The British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association – a GASCO member – has issued a Safety Notice FSC SN29-09/02 relating to collapses of paragliders at low level. Accidents continue to occur where a paraglider collapses and instead of

deploying the emergency parachute while there is still time, the pilot attempts to recover collapse but fails to do so within the height remaining. The problem of late or non use of an emergency parachute seems common throughout general aviation. A recent statistical survey of

students are all important running a vacation-based course. We are blessed with very good rooms here in Algodonales with a heavy flavour of aviation courtesy of Gerraldo Anne. The numerous hostels and bars in the area, which we organise for our guests, compliment these private rooms.

Tony's Bar

The Garage that we bought some time ago has served us well as a store and schoolroom for the past 18 months. This will shortly be changed yet again for another bar restaurant in the village. Whilst there are already several bars in Algodonales one wonders whether it is a wise move to produce another. In the mean time it is serving us well.

The Bars

The après fly in the village of Algodonales is very good. There is always plenty to eat and drink and the people here take their after work socialising seriously.

The Blue Van

We bought an old 1985 Ford Transit 15 months ago to get the equipment and us out here. It does not look pretty but after two trips back to the UK she is still going strong. We've had to do some serious work to her from time to time but she gets us up the hill and tows the winch a treat.

Lejair went through some really tough financial stuff over the past years and we are not out of the woods yet so we are expecting the van to be with us a little longer yet.

Oh yes the sound system is a bit better

now!

Web Site

What a treasure the web site is. We worked hard on the content and presented it in a great way. We get most of our business from this source so we spend time trying to keep it updated as best we can.

One of the biggest problems with operating so far away is the cost of communication. E-mail and the web help to cut through some of these problems. Luckily the questions about joining us on a course here can be answered by looking at the site.

However customers still like to have a voice conversation before committing to enrolling. Thanks to the web and the e-mail this telephone call can be efficient and not lengthy.

Details are available on our excellent web site, which Tony South at Seagoing Software has provided for us.

The above article was provided by John Edmonds, and was taken from an E-Mail written by Tony at Lejair

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in better shape than it has been for several years. Our new policy of ridding the unnecessary and dump and replacing inefficient equipment is finally happening.

The Gliders

We have more Targets now than before as these have proved themselves to be invaluable. Stubbies work for beginners so we still use them. Now there are several other

gliders we use for hire, namely the Rumours, K4, Re Merlin and Scandal. More will follow we are positive and they

will be up as this part of the business picks up. The winches are good although still need a lot of attention.

The Microlight

The Cosmos Phase Two tug has worked very well towing up lots of pilots in spasmodic periods. It has recently been working in mid Spain in an attempted record breaking meet. This was a very demanding meet and will almost certainly not be the last.

The Dragonfly

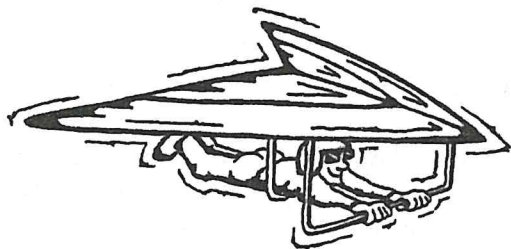
We have a friend whom has a tug from Australia/America called the Dragonfly.

This aircraft will soon be joining us in Villa Martin to operate at the school to provide improved launches. We are

very much looking forward to this addition.

Doodle Bugs

This area around Villa Martin has proved to be a superb place for powered hang gliding. Both training and general flying in the zone are wonderful. We have succeeded in teaching several pilots to fly the bug since we have been operating in Spain. Tony has amassed quite a lot of hours by himself.



On the 14th of October we are organising our first Doodlebug Safari with 5 or 6 pilots flying

around a weeklong circuit. We are providing local knowledge and back up transport. The idea is to camp out after travelling 60 kilometres or so ending at the fiesta of a local town.

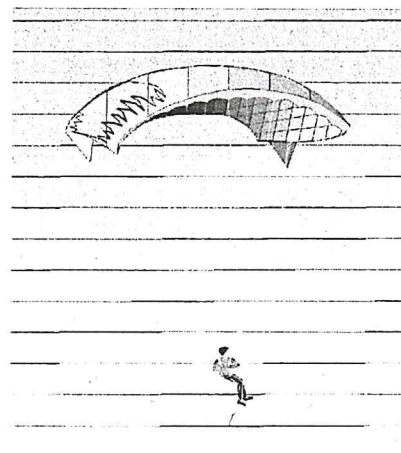
Support Team

We have to say a special thanks to our support team in the UK. St Ludkin who holds the fort while we are abroad fixing equipment and dealing with the office. Glyn Charnock who takes a lot of our calls and chats up our customers. Tony Southwood for maintaining our Web site, which has become one of the most vital links in the business.

Accommodation

Places to stay in the village for our

amongst pilots to hit the crashes of Pitts Special silk in the past and now acrobatic aircraft based in have very strict rules as to the USA showed that the height above ground although most pilots wore level at which pilots *must* parachutes these were, for bale out if control has not the most part, used only in been recovered. If you fly cases of structural or with a parachute, you control failure. There have to make an



inviolable rule as to when you must use it. Without this personal rule the parachute is likely contribute little if anything to your safety and quite a lot to your weight.

were numerous cases of aircraft spinning in, often from spins begun at considerable altitude, where no attempt was made to bale out. The military have experienced similar reluctance

Back to Spain.

Mucho tiempo

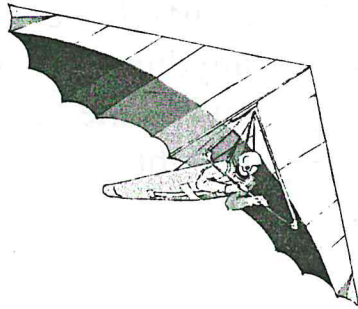
It has been nearly two years now since we made the move to Spain, it is high time for an update on the progress so far. Lets begin with the pattern of events during the year:

Lejair's Calendar

Hang gliding is weather dependent as most people know and Spain has its weather variations as anywhere has. It is generally so hot in the months of July, August and early September that it makes running around learning impractical. The majority of our client base is from the UK. Most Brits can only handle 4 hours of the heat

and this is at 7pm in the evening the few occasions that we have trained in the summer evenings light breeze our students have suffered heat stroke in the

35-degree sun. It is exhausting when learning to fly in reasonable temperate conditions (like our UK summers) therefore we have opted to restrict training in Spain to the months of October, November, December, February, March and April. January is often unpredictable, wet and sometimes windy, which is very pleasant when combining holidaymaking and a flying course. January is the time we operate fly



guidance in Lanzarote, which is the service we have offered over the past 18 years. Lanzarote continues to be an excellent place for students to advance their flying experience with easy soaring conditions.

We do not provide flying equipment when visiting the Canary Islands Pilots carry their own wings with them via the aeroplane.

Fly Guidance

In May, June and early July we provide a fly guide service for more flying. The Sierras de Cadiz and Navarda form an excellent flying playground. We have a good range of gliders for hire and are able to service and repair most damaged pieces of equipment.

UK flight training In August and the first two weeks of September we have been running a very successful summer school in Norfolk. It is based at Robert Salmor's farm, the same one that we used to operated

from. Using out of crop fields we are able to utilise the harvested seed grass fields at Fransham, which gives us 6 weeks of uninterrupted training. This last year we managed 38 good days of teaching, as the weather very good for us and our students. Transporting the equipment necessary for the school to and fro between Spain and the UK is tiresome but very worthwhile. Broadly speaking, teaching and flying in Spain follows this pattern in the first week of

the month we concentrate on beginners, mostly winching. The second week is for follow-on training for CP pilots, which can be a mix of hill and winch training. The third week is flexible using all forms of launch method. The fourth week is for resting and fly guidance.

The above is a guide but

when operating in this way the operation is manageable.

We do not operate on Sundays.

Operations

We are centred in Algodonales some 60 miles north of the coast up in the mountains, just north west of Ronda. There is hill flying all around and 20 miles west there is a plain where we keep the Microlight tug plane the airfield is next to a town called Villa Martin. The Tow Field last year was a nightmare with winching sites as we had nothing near and had to drive miles and miles to achieve the flights. We would often drive sixty miles to Seville dragging the winch with us in order to use the large airfield there. The more local field 25 miles from Algodonales had a deep ditch that had to be crossed before entering the field. When on the site there were nasty thistles everywhere, and we had to share it with horses, sheep and goats. Flying at the thistle field involved a

round trip of 100 miles. Count this with a dusty training session and it adds up to 13 hours work. If it was necessary to fly the trike to the field for some tugging the day was

definitely a nightmare. However this year we have a dirt field some 5 kilometres from the airfield, which should make a huge

difference to the workload and to the enjoyment of the students. The field is not in the exact location we would like to settle in but it is a big improvement. It is very large and is free from thistles, animals and obstructions so we hope to do some good work there this year.

The Airstrip is next to the town of Villa Martin along side a river leading into a very large lake. A disused railway line snakes its way into mountains close to Algodonales. The track has been made into a cycle path and situated along its 45 kilometres length are various hotels and restaurants. The site now has a hotel and swimming pool and adjacent hangers where our Microlight lives rigged.

The Equipment

While at present we do not have full workshop facilities we do have access to repairs of most kind. Our kit is now

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