

# WINGS & THINGS

## Flying Gear For Sale

Advance sigma 5 (28), 85-107 kg, superb performance, handling and stability, docile DHV2, Blue/white/black 2002 colours, approx 50 hrs, £1,200 bargain!

Why pay £2000+ new?

Contact John Ellis, 01756 748042.

Airwave Magic I (medium)

Blue/Yellow Low Airtime Good condition (come see) Interested in sale or Possible exchange for Tandem £1000 This is a good buy!

Contact Magic for Sale, 07960725084.

Pair of size 9 Han Wag Super Fly GTX boots New condition (wrong size bought)£90 ONO.

Contact Len Smith, 01706 814984.

Touching Cloudbase the book. Written by the guys at Northern Paragliding it covers all you need to know to get started in paragliding. £5 - you can't say fairer than that.

Contact Pete Logan, 0113 238 5404.

Paraglider. Firebird Matrix (Large). 90 - 115 Kgs. DHV 1/2. Two years old with 35 hours. Blue. Good Condition. With rucksack and manual. Ideal first glider - safe, and stable but still fast. Purchased in error (too big). Bargain at only £850 ono. Any trial considered. Richmond.

Contact Martin Baxter, 01748 830748.

## Flying Gear Wanted

Moyes Xtralite 137, power-rib sail. Must be in good condition.

Contact Carolyn Garnham, 01629 56452.

Wanted. Large kingposted Solar Wings Scandal. Any condition considered. Fair price paid.

Contact Nigel Martin, 07734 732001.

Chest harness for radio wanted - or where can I buy one from please ?

Contact Tony Pickering, 01943 466632.

## General Gear For Sale

Ice Climbing Gear.

Less than a thousand miles on the clock. A pair of Asolo plastic boots size 10/11 - very warm with removable inners. Also a pair of matching grivel front point, step-in crampons. £100 for both or will split.

Contact Pete Logan, 0113 238 5404.

Tent McKinlay Moonlite 2 Two person lightweight tent used once. Photo & details by email on request.

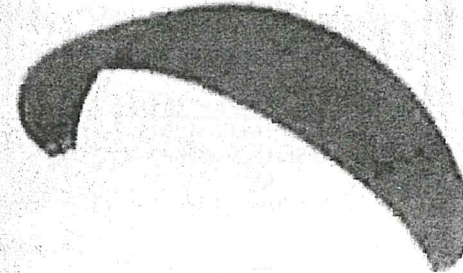
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Chainsaw. Stihl 15" - as new £120

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Baildon Sod 2003

Check out the club web site for the most up to date information on sites closures, comps. and general flying news.

Log on to  
[www.dhpc.org.uk](http://www.dhpc.org.uk)



## ARTICLES WANTED

I can only make the mag as interesting as the articles sent in.

I am desperate for articles for the mag.

If you have any stories of your recent flying activities, or even non flying stories, send them in to me.

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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

**AUG 7th**  
**Club Night**  
Air Traffic Control visiting from RAF Leeming.

**SEPT 4th**  
**Club Night**  
A talk by our own Les Cowling on constructing a microlite  
If he ever finishes it !!!

**Oct. 2nd.**  
**Club Night**  
Yorkshire Air Ambulance crew visit and presentation.

**Nov.6th.**  
**Club Night**  
A.G.M.



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# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

NO CHAIRMAN'S CHAT THIS MONTH  
 ONCE AGAIN TREVOR IS AWAY,  
 THIS TIME IN SPAIN



# 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
1	John Ellison	38.5	37.8	33.4	24.0	19.3	10.2	163.2
2	Jake Herbert	43	24.9	24.1	23.9	23.3	9.9	149.1
3	Chris Fountain	28.7	25.0	22.7	13.6	10.1	8.2	108.3
4	Harry Harrison	29.5	21.6	20.9	16.1			88.1
5	Graham Laycock	31.3	10.1	9.8	6.5			57.7
6	Steve Mann	34.4	12.4					46.8
7	Gus Hurst	32.2	14.5					46.7
8	Neil Cruickshank	25.2						25.2
9	Martin Baxter	16.4	8.2					24.6
10	J Goldsborough	20.0						20.0
11	Peter Logan	11.4						11.4
12	Les Cowling	7.2						7.2
13	Andy Wraith	5.6						5.6

2003 Dales Hang Gliding XC League  
 Open 1 January sponsored by Aerotow.com Flight Park

Pos	Pilot	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Trevor Birkbeck	130.3	47.9	42	28.4	27.9	13.2	289.7



### 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](mailto:webmaster@dhpc.org.uk)  
or use the SUBMIT AN XC ENTRY link at [www.dhpc.uklinux.net/dhpc/league.cgi](http://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

## BCC Semi Finals.

**A big thanks to all those who turned up and parawaited. Unfortunately it was blown out both days so we'll try and hold the semis again in the Peaks around the 26th. Special thanks to Gap PC group from down south for coming up just to look at the view.**



# Dales Web Site Flight Log Database Launch

<b>Individual flight record</b>	<b>Flying Site</b>
<p><b>Tuesday 1st July - Cow Close Fell</b> Pilot: Biggles - Huge walk up and was rewarded by some rough air - especially coming into the bottom landing. Keep your wits about you!</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 1st July - Wether Fell</b> Pilot: Dick Dastardly - Flew with Mutley all afternoon and shot down the Red Barron later on. Finished off with a pint in the Crown at Hawes - it just doesn't get better.</p>	
<b>Pilot Name</b>	<b>Windrose Compass</b> blowing from West to East, can also be nil or variable.
<b>Text Description</b> This bit's up to you, but hints & tips, who you were flying with and humour are all welcome.	<b>Wind Strength Indicator</b> Orange - Strong Green - just OK Blue - light or nil Sun & Cloud - thermic

**What is it?**  
Its a database of flights in the Dales logged by individual members to store where they were, what they did and what they thought, even who else was there as well.

**How do I use it?**  
Access the page via the Flight Log link on the menu bar. Fill in the details at the bottom of the Flight Log page from your flight(s). The program will remember your name or nickname for future use. Then select your site, date, conditions and wind direction from the drop down lists provided. Type any comments in the free text box at the bottom. More than a sentence and less than an essay is about right. Click submit and then follow the link in the success confirmation message. If you do have a problem with filling in the details an error message will give you hint as to how to complete it.

From the middle section of the page you can search all entries in the database for wind direction, flying site or date and list between 10 and 50 results depending on how many you want to see.

**Who can contribute?**  
Dales members, flyers from Pennine, Cumbrian or North Yorks, visiting flyers. Anyone who flies the Dales really.

**What do I get out of it?**  
As more people contribute you'll be able to get a picture of where other people go in what conditions and on what days. Its like a shortcut to other people's experience so that you get to the right site more of the time. Its also a way of keeping up with what your mates have been up to. It'll be extremely useful to newcomers since what they need most is to see other people flying to help their confidence.

The odd hint and safety tip that you and others can contribute will be an invaluable addition to the existing sites guide as well. Oh - and you get your name and achievements in shining lights on the web page as well. Does wonders for the ego.

**What does the club get out of it?**  
We get to see where people are concentrated and so can direct our efforts in maintaining those sites. Its also a way for people to contribute to the web site.

# SITES NEWS

SITE NAME	SITE REF.	WIND DIRECTION	PLEASE NOTE
Addingham Moor-side	17.050	N-NE (000-025)	Check with farmer if bottom landing during lambing.
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)	Beware of rough air in valley.
Cowling and Sutton Pinnacles Hill (Earl Crag)	17.061	NNW (340-350)	Reopened - but don't fly near horse fields at the west end.
Dodd Fell	17.102	WNW (270-315)	Check with farmer around lambing time.
Grove Head	17.102	NNE (0-35)	Check with farmer around lambing time.
Humesett	17.101	SW-WSW (220-250)	
Ilkley Moor	8.058	NNE-NE (020-040)	250ft ato limit. Keep clear of passing horses
Nappa Scar	17.069	SSW (205-225)	(No XC Aug-Feb)
Nont Sarahs	8.012	SW-SE (220-140)	Mancs airspace only 3000ft
Pule Hill	8.062	W (080-100)	Don't land in fenced SSSIs.
Semer Water	17.008	SE (115-155) NNW (330-360)	OK to land in field next to top road but no parking in field. Closed for lambing.
Stags Fell	17.009	WSW-SSE (160-250)	MEMBERS ONLY (12 max) (No XC Aug-Dec)
Tailbridge Hill	17.075	SW-W (225-270)	Max 12 fliers. Don't crowd.
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)	£1.50 per pilot to Mr. Mitton £1.00 per car to Mr. Dibb
- Knipe Scar		SW (210-235)	
- Hawkswick		SW (210-235)	OPEN



## Semer Water Closure.

Semer Water will remain closed for a while longer yet. The farmer has promised to let us know as soon as it is convenient for us to return to the site which will be when they have finished clipping their sheep. If we fly whilst they are clipping it causes them no end of problems as the sheep on site are not used to us - especially paragliders.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SITE OWNER YOURSELF - Alec Lambert called me this yesterday threatening to close the site permanently because his wife had been approached on three occasions by a man with a beard in a white car who wanted to know when he could fly there again - she felt he was rude and intimidating and on the last occasion had to shut the door on him. WE COULD LOSE THE SITE!!!!

If you want to know the latest situation contact ME - do not go round and knock on the farmers door. Thanks in advance for your continued cooperation. And if you are the one who is pestering them - DON'T, come and pester me! I

spend hours building good relationships with our landowners many of whom have become good friends to the club. An inappropriate manner can wreck that - the farmer has nothing to gain by allowing us flying on their land- we on the other hand have a lot to lose.

**Mark Ashcroft**  
**Sites Officer**  
**DHPC**

Semer Water will remain closed for a while longer yet. The farmer has promised to let us know as soon as it is convenient for us to return. Last Monday a red glider spotted flying there. If this loses us the site there will be 200 people wanting to have strong words with whoever it was.



This is a logbook for the Dales where you can post reports on your flights. The idea is that you can see what you've missed and who was out. For beginners it'll give an idea as to which sites work best in which conditions. The club would have the information to get a more accurate assessment of site usage. With the buttons on the page you can navigate around the database to find the information you want.

### Last 10 flights by date ...

#### **Sunday 13th July - Baildon**

Pilot: Pete Logan - Pissed about after weekend was blown out for BCC comp. Invented new form of parawaiting - letting the wing kite you backwards and head first through grass and bracken. Make sure you're clear of rocks before attempting this at home!



#### **Sunday 6th July - Wether Fell**

Pilot: Tony Pickering - I did 45 mins, Zena flew an hour mostly at the top of the stack. 10/12 pilots up at one time & a few HGs as well including honest Trev. Big ears + speedbar landings.



#### **Sunday 6th July - Parlick Fell**

Pilot: Mick Bolton - Only managed one flight in the strong conditions ... but it lasted 2 and a half hours! Strong lift off the hill even with 'big ears' in. Ably supported and advised by the (gorgeous pouting etc.) Pete Logan



#### **Sunday 6th July - Parlick**

Pilot: Pete Logan - Strong and a bit bumpy, did a few trips to Fairsnape trig before going over the back for a laugh. 4.83km - don't laugh.



#### **Sunday 29th June - Barkin Fell**

Pilot: Tony Pickering - Got to fly this elusive site at last. 6 or so people up. Looked promising at first but cloud build prevented thermals. Soared on an ENE for an hour or so until it blew out. Pint of Dent Brewery "Aviator" in the Sun Inn afterwards. Both pubs in Dent are for sale - now there's a thought.



#### **Saturday 28th June - Wether Fell**

Pilot: Pete Logan - Two flights in the evening in glass smooth conditions. Could see from Langdale to the N Yorks Moors. Only stopped flying to make last food orders in the pub.



#### **Saturday 28th June - Little Tailbridge**

Pilot: Pete Logan - School site really that happened to be soarable when everywhere else was blown out. Choppy feel to the air with low scratching needed.



#### **Saturday 21st June - Tailbridge Hill**

Pilot: Mick Bolton - 3 soaring flights, 2 x 10, 1 x 20 mins duration ... 1 top, 1 side (Pancake) and 1 bottom landing. Pleasant day, met friends old and new.



#### **Sunday 15th June - Windbank**

Pilot: Pete Logan - Quite strong at Knipe Scar TO - managed a hop down to a side landing then a flight to the car park. So lifty I needed big ears in all the way down. Too southerly for Gt Whernside.



#### **Sunday 15th June - Parlick**

Pilot: Tony Pickering - Zena & I both had well over an hour. Strong at take off with interesting yo yo effect in the air. Sailplanes flying through & round, safely tho. Pics on club photo gallery.





# **XC SITE RECORDS**

Pete Logan is in the process of compiling a table of XC record flights from each of the club sites.

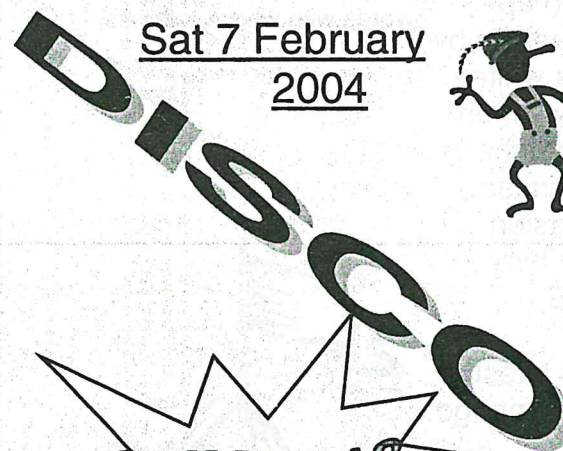
As you can see from the table opposite we are missing quite a few records.

If you have flown from the sites that are missing a record, or have flown further than the record shown, then please contact Pete who will update the record. He can be contacted on 07720 425146 Or E-Mail [webmaster@dhpc.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@dhpc.org.uk)



**THE BLACK HORSE HOTEL**  
**MAIN ST.**  
**SKIPTON**

Sat 7 February  
2004





## PEAKS CHARITY CHALLENGE

The Peaks Charity Challenge is to be held on 16/17 Aug 2003

This event is open to Paragliders, Hang Gliders and Powered Hang Ggliders

All proceeds are to go to the Air Ambulance.

For more details contact

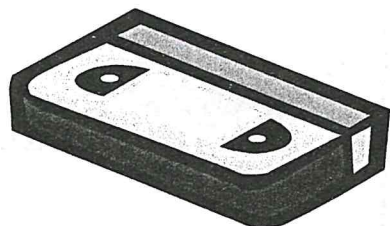
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### CLUB VIDEOS

The club video THE FIRST 25 YEARS is on sale at only £10. This video charts the history of the D.H.P.C. in its first 25 years, from the early pioneering days up to the present.

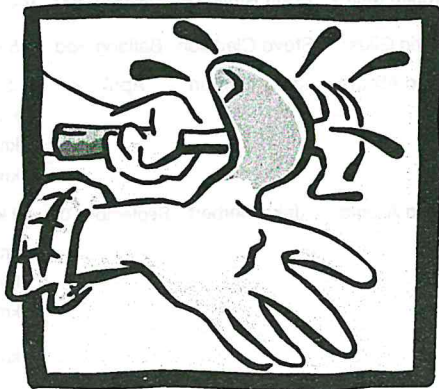
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Site	Wind	Pilot	Date	Dist	Landina
Addingham				km	
				km	
Baildon	Firebird Matrix	Scott Armitage	Baildon Sod	0.5 km	Other side of fairway
	Hand Glider	Steve Clarkson	Baildon Sod	0.5 km	Other side of fairway
Barkin Fell	Apco Allegra	Jake Herbert	April '02	16.5 km	Tebay
Bishopdale				km	
				km	
				km	
Brantside	Apco Allegra	Jake Herbert	September '02	82 km	Hexham
Cow Close Fell				km	
				km	
				km	
Cowling & Sut-				km	
Dodd Fell	Apco Allegra	Jake Herbert	2000	40 km	Pateley Bridge
				km	
Grove Head	Apco Allegra	Jake Herbert	1999	58 km	Blackpool
				km	
Humesett				km	
				km	
Ilkley Moor				km	
				km	
Nappa Scar	Apco Allegra	Jake Herbert	June '03	43 km	Weardale
	Hang Glider	Steve Gill	80s	km	Sunderland
Nont Sarahs	Swing Minoa	Mark Day	April '97	16.4 km	Heptonstall
	Aeros Combat 2	Trev Birkbeck	June '03	13.2 km	Halifax
Pule Hill				km	
	K2 Comp	Stewart Bond	'96	93.2 km	Brig
Semer Water	FreeX Mission L	Harry Harrison	April '04	21.6 km	Ravenstonedale
	Hang Glider	Steve Gill	80s	km	Workington
Stags Fell	Apco Allegra	Jake Herbert	April '02	70.9 km	Corbridge
				km	
Sutton Bank	Firebird Matrix	Steve Mann	May '03	34.4 km	Danby Bacon
				km	
Tailbridge Hill	Apso Presta	Neil Cruickshank	2000?	40? km	?
				km	
Wether Fell	?	Graham Steel	2001	50 km	?
	Hang Glider	?????????		100+ km	Licolnshire Coast
Whernside	Apco Allegra	Jake Herbert	April '02	58.3 km	Black Coobme Fell
				km	
Windbank / Hawkswick				km	
				km	



# LIZ'S SAFETY SPOT



## PARAGLIDING ACCIDENTS

On 12/6/03 at Windbank Scott Armtage was flying in strong thermic conditions.

He suffered a number of collapses on his canopy that he could not recover from; he unfortunately was too low to deploy his reserve and unfortunately landed heavily on the hill.

The air ambulance was called out, and Scott was rushed to hospital. He has suffered a stable fracture to one of his vertebrae and a fracture to his wrist.

Scott is out of hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The day previous a newly qualified C.P. was flying in strong conditions on Cautly Spout. He impacted the hill, which lead to the air ambulance being called out. He was taken to Preston Hospital suffering from a broken pelvis.

Liz

## FUTURE EVENTS

The committee is looking at organising a couple of visits in the near future.

A trip to the air traffic control centre at Leeds / Bradford Airport, and a trip to the Stockton weather centre (poss. March 2004)

## DHPC on theWEB

To keep up with the latest news log onto

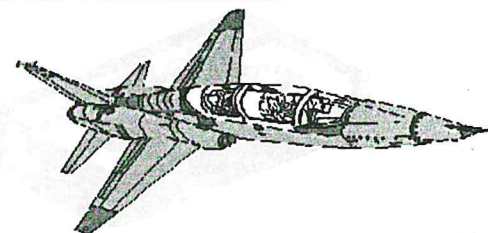
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Site maintained  
by Pete Logan



## CLUB NIGHTS

The first  
Thursday of  
each month.  
At  
The Riverside Inn  
Ilkley



## **NOTAM**

*Flying mid week*  
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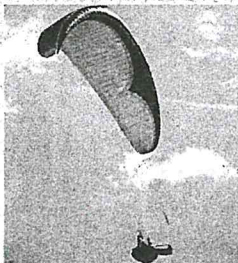




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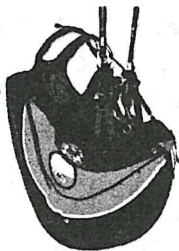
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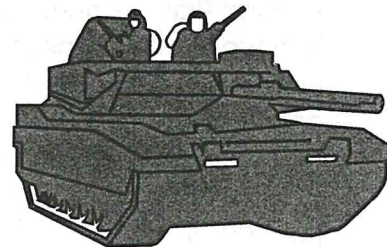
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# WAR OF THE ROSES



War of the roses will be held sometime in late September. The venue this time will be the Dalesbridge centre, just outside Austwick. More details will be published once the dates have been finalised.



# BAILDON SOD 2003

## Results:

Equal first, Pete Logan & Dave Smith.

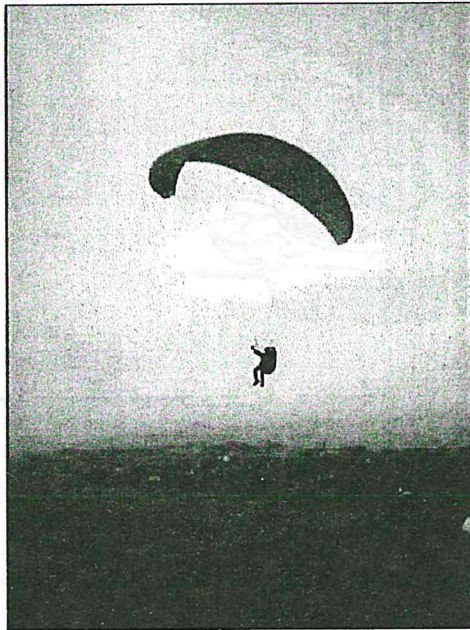
A very close second, Pete Condick.

Things kicked off about 7pm unfortunately the wind was still a bit on the strong side gusting

passed 17mph. As people gathered and started chatting it was high time someone showed them how it should be done. Noel Wittal volunteered to anchor me on launch and it only took three tries to get me up and away.

The flying was definitely on the lumpy side and I was able to gale hang for a minute or so where the hillside gets (slightly) steeper. With a bit of speed bar it was no problem going forward and also down - OK so no glide distance records were going to be set this evening. A

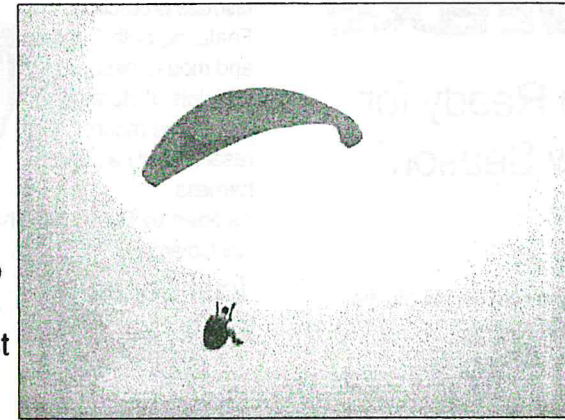
second flight confirmed the lumpyness as I rocked back into a thermal, ending up both-ering the aeromodelers quite a bit above TO. Again, I slapped a bit of bar on only to sink out just the other side of the first fairway.



Coming up to eight we discussed canning the competition and going to the pub but we all noticed the wind drop and so moved to a lower TO on Noel's advice. Thanks go to a recovering Scott Armitage for his diligent marking. He sat at the bottom with marker flag in

hand sorting out the distances. Pete Condick opened the running with a top effort getting to just the other side of the fairway. I waited for a bit of a lull and took off with a handful of brake, trying to get height early on. Once on the flat it was hands up and lean forwards. Things were looking OK until I

got a gust of sink over the fairway but I was able to use the speed of that to pull on some brake again to float on a bit. I kept my legs up for an arse landing just 2m further on the



Pete Condick.

Next we had an interesting flight from Noel who was able to do a pendulum impression for most of the way down, Craig Richardson got a good distance on his first effort but was soon eating bracken on his next try. Andy Carnall, recently back to flying, did a sort of Keystone Cops routine on take off but settled down into a good glide - he's wondering if there are any buyers for his DHV3 wing though.....

Heather Emms, a new flyer, managed well in the conditions and thanks must go to Kevin, having come from Lancaster - now that's commitment. Last off was Dave Smith as the wind was getting up again. He seemed too gale hang a bit, and then started edging forward slowly and never seemed to be

losing that much height. This carried on for a while until he

looked like he had first place in the bag. As Dave touched down Scott shouted back to us that it was a draw, he couldn't split the difference be-

tween mine and Dave's distances. I wonder if they'll mind us taking a hacksaw to the trophy?

Once again beers well earnt at the Malt Shovel.

Pete Logan  
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