

Airspace

TAG Farnborough Update. TAG Farnborough airport has recently commenced a 'limited' consultation proposing further controlled airspace in addition to their proposal submitted to the CAA in July 2015. This additional proposal would potentially have a devastating impact on Southdown GC by putting an airspace barrier between Parham and gliders returning from the west. Lasham pilots and others using trying to operate in the south east of England will also be severely impacted. The proposal will also result in significant noise pollution over a large swathe of countryside.

We strongly recommend that pilots who fly in the south east of England respond individually to the consultation. If very few responses are submitted, TAG Farnborough airport will be able to report that there is very little objection to their proposals. Details are on the TAG Farnborough website at <https://www.consultation.tagfarnborough.com/>. The BGA will be responding to this consultation.

Inverness ACP. Inverness Airport has also previously consulted on a proposal to establish a large area of controlled airspace. The BGA and others responded to that consultation. This has resulted in a revised proposal which is now subject to further consultation. Details are at <http://www.hial.co.uk/inverness-airport/jet-centre/nats-nautical-information-service/>

Unmanned Warrior. The Royal Navy is hosting a large scale demonstration of the latest unmanned system technologies, including air, surface and sub-surface vehicles and sensors from 3rd to 21st October. A series of Temporary Danger Areas covering parts of the west coast of Scotland and Outer Hebrides will be established. The objective, when designing these, was to minimise the impact of UAS operations on other airspace users. In addition to the AIC that will be published this month and the usual publication of NOTAMs, the Navy will publish other information as it becomes available at <http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/uw16>

BGA

Club Management Conference. Invitations to the 2016 BGA Club Management Conference have now gone out to club officials. If you are a club chairman, manager, treasurer, CFI, or technical officer (or otherwise actively involved in the running of your club) and haven't received a copy, you can download a copy and see full details of the event via the conference page on our web site - <https://members.gliding.co.uk/mgmt-conference>.

Junior Gliding Conference. This year for the first time we are running a Junior Gliding conference. This is for anyone involved in running junior (under 25) gliding activities (whether or not within a Junior Gliding Centre environment), University gliding clubs, and for juniors who are interested in becoming more involved in the management of junior gliding. We know from the number of junior glider pilots participating that there are many more dedicated volunteers in clubs than we have contact details for so apologies if you have not already received details. Again, the booking form is available on the main conference page at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/mgmt-conference>.

Regulatory

ANO and EASA PART-NCO. A reminder that the Air Navigation Order 2016 and EASA Non-Commercial Operations (Part-NCO) rules both became effective on 25th August. Part-NCO rules apply to EASA aeroplanes and TMGs. EASA gliders, including turbos and self-launching sailplanes, are excluded from Part-NCO and continue to be regulated operationally by the ANO, i.e. no change. Non-EASA aeroplanes and non-EASA gliders are also unaffected by Part-NCO. Detailed guidance is available at <https://members.glidering.co.uk/laws-rules/operations/>

EAS Newsletter. Europe Air Sports has published its latest (July 2016) newsletter. This contains a report on EAS work and the progress in achieving more proportionate regulation. The gliding community may be particularly interested in the progress being made towards the introduction of 'Declared Training Organisation' instead of 'Approved Training Organisation'. The BGA is fully involved in these initiatives through EAS and will continue to keep you up to date with developments. The newsletter is available at <http://www.europe-air-sports.org/activities/newsletter/>

National PPL Medical. The CAA has confirmed that the previously announced medical self-declaration process for National PPLs has now gone live. The medical declaration can now be completed and submitted online using the form linked to from <http://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Pilot-licences/Medical-requirements/Medical-requirements-for-private-pilots/>

Competitions and Cross-Country

World Championships. The British Gliding Team took team bronze with another fine performance at the World Gliding Championships (Club, Standard and 20m classes) which finished last month at Pociunai, Lithuania. The top individual performance was a bronze for Steve and Howard Jones in the 20m Multi-Seat Class. Jez Hood was 9th in the Standard Class, with brother Richard 23rd. G Dale finished 23rd in the Club Class, with Tom Arscott and Will Ellis 28th and 32nd respectively. The World Championships for the 15m, 18m, and Open Classes takes place at Benalla, New South Wales from 8th to 22nd January 2017.

National Championships. Three UK National Championships and the Junior Championship were decided in August. The winner in the Open Nationals, held at Lasham, was Pete Harvey, followed by Russell Cheetham and Dan Pitman. The 15m Nationals, also held at Lasham, was won by German pilot, Thomas Wettemann with compatriot Michael Eisele second. The top three British placings were Leigh Wells, Tim Scott and Gary Stingemore who took third to fifth places. The 18m Nationals, at Tibenham, saw a victory for Brian Birlison, narrowly ahead of Andy Davis and Russell Cheetham. The new Junior Champion, after a much-interrupted competition, is Dam Smallbone who took the honours after the only race of the competition ahead of Tom Arscott and Jake Brattle.

2017 Nationals. There have been two changes to the dates previously announced for 2017 national championships. The Club Class will now PROVISIONALLY take place at Husbands Bosworth from 17th to 25th June. The date for the 18m Class at Bicester is unchanged but is now also provisional, subject to final confirmation of dates for the British Formula 1 Grand Prix at Silverstone. The full 2017 calendar now reads: Club Class: 17th-25th June (prov), Husbands Bosworth; 18m Class: 1st-9th July (prov), Bicester; 15m/Open Classes: 22nd-30th July, Aston Down; 20m/Standard Classes: 12th-20th August, Tibenham; Juniors: 19th-27th August, venue TBA. Dates and venues for this year's competitions are at <https://members.glidering.co.uk/competitions/>

Notable Flights. There were some decent days in August producing 6 flights of over 600km. Dave Masson topped the ladder flights with 673.8km from Lasham on 14th August. Other 600k+ ladder flights during the month were achieved by Robin May, Rob Rose, Al Nunn, Dave Masson (again) and Andy Davis. Rob's flight, however, totalled 784km (HEX-PAT-ASP-PA2-CAO-HW2-CUR) which we believe makes it the longest flight of the year as well as being the longest flight ever from Currock. Please let us know if you know differently!

15m Nationals Trophies. The trophies awarded to the second and third placed pilots at the 15m Nationals have gone astray. If you know of the whereabouts of either the Centenary Trophy (awarded for 2nd place) or the Dart Trophy (3rd) please would you let Debbie at the BGA office know (debbie@gliding.co.uk)

Juniors

Well Done Alex! Alex Harris of Essex Gliding Club has become a Full Rated instructor at age 19. Alex completed the BGA modular course to become a BGA Assistant Category instructor in September 2014 when just 17. Alex, who was the first pilot to take advantage of the reduction in solo age from 16 is an active supporter of Junior Gliding events, has been a seasonal course instructor at London Gliding Club and participates in competitions.

General

Wing-Walking for the Caroline Trust. Not content with flying in an aircraft, the BGA's very own Lizzie Pike is taking to the skies later this month strapped onto an aircraft. Liz's death-defying stunt is to raise funds for the Caroline Trust, a registered charity that supports young people, especially women, to take up gliding and encourages and enables disabled people to participate. Please sponsor Liz by visiting <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/carolinetrust/338411>, or downloading a donor form from <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/ct/caroline-trust-donation-form> or by sending a cheque payable to 'The Caroline Trust' directly to Lizzie at the BGA office. Thank you.

Tissandier for Lemmy. Lemmy Tanner has been awarded a Tissandier Diploma by the FAI. The Tissandier is awarded to those who have served the cause of general and sporting aviation by their work, initiative, devotion or in other ways. Lemmy is a long time member at Cotswold GC and has been a BGA Full Cat instructor for over 50 years. In addition, he has spent many seasons instructing from Omarama in New Zealand and was the British Team Manager at the recent World Gliding Championships in Lithuania. Well done, Lemmy.

Fred Marsh. We are also pleased to report that the Honourable Company of Air Pilots has recognised RAeC Vice President Fred Marsh in their 2015/16 Awards with the award of their Sword of Honour. Details of all of the awards are at <https://www.airpilots.org/file/2365/pr-list-of--award-winners-2016.pdf>. Congratulations to Fred!