



4th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships

**The Soaring Centre
Husbands Bosworth
United Kingdom
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The last world gliding championships held in Great Britain, at South Cerney in Gloucestershire, were 40 years ago. Now, in 2005, we extend a very warm welcome to the best junior glider pilots from around the world, to compete in what has now become a major event in the gliding calendar.

Gliding is a worldwide community of like-minded people who revel in the freedom of the air without motive power other than that provided by nature. As those



David Roberts, Chairman of the BGA

competing in and helping with this event know, it is an exhilarating sport, not without its risks, but ultimately very rewarding.

In Great Britain, control and administration of gliding since 1948 has been the responsibility of the British Gliding Association (BGA), without state regulation. The BGA has responsibility for all aspects of gliding relating to safety, airworthiness, operations and licensing in addition to the more usual sporting matters. As a result, our sport has remained relatively free of bureaucracy and restriction, other than increasing controlled airspace, and this is perhaps one of the main reasons why there is such an active and vibrant community of nearly 9,000 glider pilots in some 90 clubs.

In Europe in recent years various threats have emerged to restrict our sport. Increased regulation - often in the

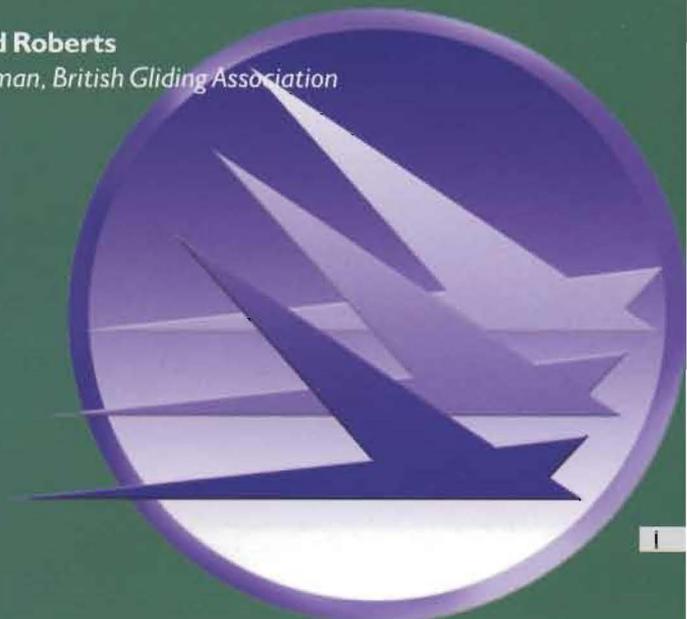
name of safety but frequently not really addressing safety issues - and the unstoppable advance of commercial air travel demanding more and more restrictions in airspace available to gliding, have posed challenges to those in the international gliding community who guide and manage the sport. The challenges are being met to try and ensure that the junior pilots of today can look forward to a long-term future in gliding. In due course it will be the turn of junior pilots to defend our freedom to "soar like a bird" as a past BGA Chairman, Philip Wills, once stated. Gliding has developed to such an extent over the last 25 years or so that in top-level competitions every second counts in distinguishing the winner. Advances in glider design, technology, instruments, and GPS have helped create very high performance gliding. We should pay tribute to the designers and manufacturers who have made this possible. But pilot skills have also increased with knowledge passed down through generations of pilots.

In Great Britain we have a long and successful tradition in gliding. In the last five years GB has won more World and European medals than probably the previous 30 years put together. Heading the list of those who have achieved individual success are the current World Standard Class Champion, Andy Davis, and Junior World Standard Class Champion, Jez Hood. Both Andy and Jez have assisted in the planning and organisation of this event, and there are also many others who have given of their time voluntarily - officials, organisers, helpers, and the host club, the Soaring Centre at Husbands Bosworth. On behalf of the competitors I extend our grateful thanks for their outstanding efforts and contribution to these championships. I should also like to acknowledge our gratitude to the sponsors, benefactors and of course UK Sport, who have provided significant financial support for this event.

To all competitors, may you have an enjoyable competition. Fly well, compete fairly, but above all fly safely and keep a good lookout.

David Roberts

Chairman, British Gliding Association





Welcome to Harborough District

On behalf of Harborough District Council and the local community I have great pleasure in warmly welcoming all the pilots and teams competing in the fourth FAI Junior World Championships to the district - and to the village of Husbands Bosworth.



We are delighted so many countries are represented at this event and we hope we can live up to the standard set by previous venues - foremost for the flying challenge but also as hosts of this international competition.

Our area, as well as Leicestershire as a whole, has a strong and successful sporting pedigree and I'm proud that The Soaring Centre and Husbands Bosworth is part of this.

The village is home to one of the UK's largest and best-equipped gliding clubs and has helped train and encourage some of Europe's top glider pilots.

The staging of the junior world championships adds to this sporting profile. I'm particularly pleased that the club and the area's resources are being used by junior competitors, as it is the young who carry the future of any sport with them.

As pilots, I hope you enjoy your unique aerial views of our tranquil, rolling, countryside which is full of hidden delights. Your vantage point, which spans five counties, is an unrivalled one from which to view our market towns and our most notable attractions, including Foxton Locks and the Grand Union Canal.

I hope you enjoy the competition and your time in Harborough district. May our British weather be kind and allow you 14 days of rewarding and challenging flying.

Cllr John Pearse

Chairman of Harborough District Council



The Junior category is a relatively recent addition to the ever growing range of FAI Championships. The first international "student" meet was held by the Dutch at Terlet in 1985, as a way for young glider pilots to fly competitively among their peers. Further contests established a tradition of Junior European Championships every two years.

1989 - Cambrai, France

1991 - Falköping, Sweden June 23 - July 6

1993 - La Roche sur Yon, France, July 24 - Aug 6

1995 - Leszno, Poland July 8-15

1997 - Musbach, Germany, 11-22 August

The idea of a fully sanctioned youth contest grew with each event until the first FAI World Junior Gliding Championships were held in 1999, once again in Holland.

There are typically two Classes (Standard and Club) but adding Classes has been discussed frequently.



First Junior Worlds, Terlet, Holland
The Tulip Tournament



The very first Junior Worlds was held in Terlet, near Arnhem in Holland, back at the site of that very first student meet in 1985. Sixty eight competitors from twenty nations flew over 150,000 cross-country kilometres during six days of competition flying and four days of practice. Pilot ages ranged from 19 to 25 years of age, whilst Luke Rebbeck from the UK was the youngest pilot at the competition. The final results were as follows:

Standard Class:

1. Gunther Stahl (GER)
2. David Allison (GBR)
3. Pekka Uoti (FIN)

Club Class:

1. Robert Scheiffarth (GER)
2. Owain Walters (GBR)
3. Sander 't Hart (NED)

A HISTORY

2nd Junior Worlds - Issoudun, France 5-18 August, 2001 (Berry Glide)



Jay Rebbeck

The second Junior Worlds was held at Issoudun in France. Sixty three competitors competed in the club and standard class for eight days. The final results were as follows:

Standard Class:

1. Jay Rebbeck (GBR)
2. Jez Hood (GBR)
3. Benjamin Schulz (GER)

Club Class:

1. Peter Toft (DEN)
2. Sylvain Gerbaud (FRA)
3. Robert Scheiffarth (GER)



3rd Junior Worlds, Nitra Slovakia, 5-19 July 2003

The third Junior Worlds was held at Nitra in Slovakia in 2003. Seventy six pilots competed in the club and standard class, alongside twenty four pilots competing in the 4th World Class championships being held at the same time. There were 10 competition days in the standard class and 11 days in the club class, with each class having one official rest day.

The overall results were as follows:

Standard Class:

1. Jez Hood (GBR)
2. Luke Rebbeck (GBR)
3. Achim Besser (GER)

Club Class:

1. Michael Streit (GER)
2. Peter Toft (DEN)
3. Stephan Zimmel (GER)



Peter Toft



4th Junior Worlds, Husbands Bosworth, UK, 6-20 August 2004

The 4th Junior World Gliding Championships are of course being held this year in the UK. We wait with anticipation to find out the final results, and wish all our competitors the very best of luck



current Junior World Champion

INTERVIEW

Jez Hood



How did you first get interested in gliding?

I come from a family of pilots, so it was quite a natural thing to do. I think I was about 5 years old when I had my first flight. Needless to say I loved every minute of it, and was hooked from then onwards.

What age did you go solo, and where and when?

I started training properly when I was 15 1/2 and went solo on my sixteenth birthday, which fortunately came around on a Sunday - what was more fortunate was that it didn't rain on a weekend in September! I starting flying at 4 Counties gliding club, and had a fantastic kick start with great training and facilities there.

Can you remember your first cross country flight?

Yeah, it was my 50k for my silver, landing at Hus Bos! I started early in the day as I was after my 5 hours as well, and headed off straight away in the K-18 I was in - straight down to 1500' -but

climbed away from what felt, at that point, like a real low spot, and then had an easy run to Hus Bos, with a boring 4hrs once there to hang around for the 5 hrs.

How did you do in your first competition?

Terribly! I flew a regionals competition in 1996 and ended up in the bottom quarter. At that point, I had little idea what I was doing, apart from staying up too late in the bar every night.

What was it like to become world champion?

It was fantastic. All the work we'd put in as a team, from getting sponsorship, training together, preparing mentally for the contest, all felt like they'd paid off. The feeling that you are the best under 25 year old competition pilot in the world is quite something. The only downside was going back to work the next week!

What appeals to you about competitive gliding?

The constantly changing challenge. Every element of every day can change, so you're always approaching things in a different way, flying over different terrain, against, and with different people. I can't think of another sport like it. Then there is the decision making, which

can sometimes just feel like an impossible task - how can I make that decision with so little information in front of me? But you do, and sometimes the luck runs with you, other times it doesn't. Put it all together and it culminates to form a rollercoaster ride of decisions/risks/luck/judgement that can't be beaten.

How do you prepare for a big competition like the Junior Worlds?

I think that preparation for any comp falls into 2 clear categories. The first is practice. It's an obvious one, but the more I practice before a comp, the better prepared I feel. So I'll try and go flying at every given opportunity in the run up to the comp. It doesn't matter if I only end up flying 100 kms on any given day, as it serves its purpose in helping me to get conditioned into the whole flying day routine. The other side is the mental preparation. I'll try and spend time thinking about the competition, about who I'm flying against, where I'm flying, etc. I'll try and run through different scenarios, and generally think about what might happen, and how I'll deal with it, and get on with the job in hand- trying to win medals.

Do you have any other hobbies/interests outside gliding?

I try to find time to go snowboarding at least once a year, and have begun surfing quite a lot in the past year or so. It's nice to do things outside gliding that are a bit more active, but a bit less intense.

How does gliding with the seniors now compare with the juniors?

I think that there is not a great deal of difference in the standard of pilots, from the very top of the juniors to flying in the nationals. What it comes down to is that there are more pilots at that level, who are generally more consistent, so you get a closer competition. The main difference is the time everyone goes to bed.

What competitions are you doing this year?

I will have just come back from the European championships by the time this goes to press, which I am really looking forward to. It will be my first senior international, and I'm team flying with Andy Davis, as well as going back to Nitra. So regardless of the result, its going to be a great experience.

Coming back from that my only other competition will be the Standard class nationals at Nympsfield, which I always enjoy flying from. This will serve as the basis for voting for the standard class team for the 2006 worlds in Sweden, so I'm hoping to put in a good result to give me a chance.

What are your future aspirations for your gliding?

Competitively, its got to be being world champion - that's the main goal. Outside of competition, I would love to do a lot more mountain flying, and complete a std class 1000kms in the UK.



WELCOME TO THE SOARING CENTRE

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signal square*

Hanger

Butts

The Soaring Centre is the second biggest gliding club in the UK, with 343 members, five two-seat training gliders (3 Puchacz, Duo Discus, K21), five club single seaters (3 Juniors, Discus, Pegase) and approximately 95 privately-owned gliders. Based on part of the old wartime RAF airfield site near the village of Husbands Bosworth in Leicestershire, we operate 365 days of the year, weather permitting.

Used by Bomber Command as a training base during World War Two, the main wartime runway is now better known as the Sibbertoft Road, extending the full length of today's airfield.

WAAF site

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The airfield is grass, which is cut regularly and levelled every year. We operate on runways 27 or 09 depending on the wind, launching via our four-drum winch or three Supermunk tugs. Five privately-owned tugs are also available for busy days. We also have a Super Falke motor glider. Winch launches regularly reach 1,500ft or more, and we have no real airspace worries, with FL75 over the airfield, and FL105 just east of us.

We run intensive gliding courses every weekday between April and September, with full-time instructors, tug pilots and winch drivers to ensure that every possible inch of gliding is squeezed out of the temperamental British weather. We also run evening courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a popular winching-only evening on Wednesdays.

At weekends there is a very active cross-country scene, with a task and met briefing every morning, and plenty of club members just itching to race each other. Warwick and Loughborough university students also fly with us.





In 2002 we completed a further extension to our clubhouse, which now offers excellent facilities including a large briefing room, TV room, task planning area with permanent online access to up-to-the-minute weather information, bar, cellar (very important for perfectly-chilled beer, I'm told!), kitchen and dining area, members' kitchen, office, seven bunk rooms, and showers.

Almost every summer we hold the hugely-popular Midlands Regionals competition - you might just get an entry for next year if you apply now! We also hold an annual Task week, and host one leg of the regional Inter-club League. Every other year we also run a national competition. This year we are of course hosting the 4th Junior World Gliding Championships. We have annual trips to Aboyne and Sutton Bank, and many members over winter in the Southern hemisphere, in locations such as Australia and South Africa, often bringing new gliding records back with them.



We also have three large hangars for club gliders and tugs, a purpose-built hangar for the Duo Discus, winch hangar, and glider and tug workshops.

We recently celebrated our first half-century, since founder members Mike Hunt and George Thomson first met at the YMCA in Coventry. The club was initially at Baginton (Coventry) Airfield, but when this developed into a commercial aerodrome, restricting gliding, the club purchased part of the old wartime airfield at "Hus Bos" and moved here in 1964. The Coventry Gliding Club has since grown steadily and in the early 1990s metamorphosed into The Soaring Centre. Of course I'm biased, but I really believe that we are possibly the best gliding club in the UK at the moment. We have great club gliders, experienced instructors, a fabulous clubhouse, a big airfield, friendly members, a great atmosphere, and we fly all year round - so if you haven't visited us yet, we hope you will soon.

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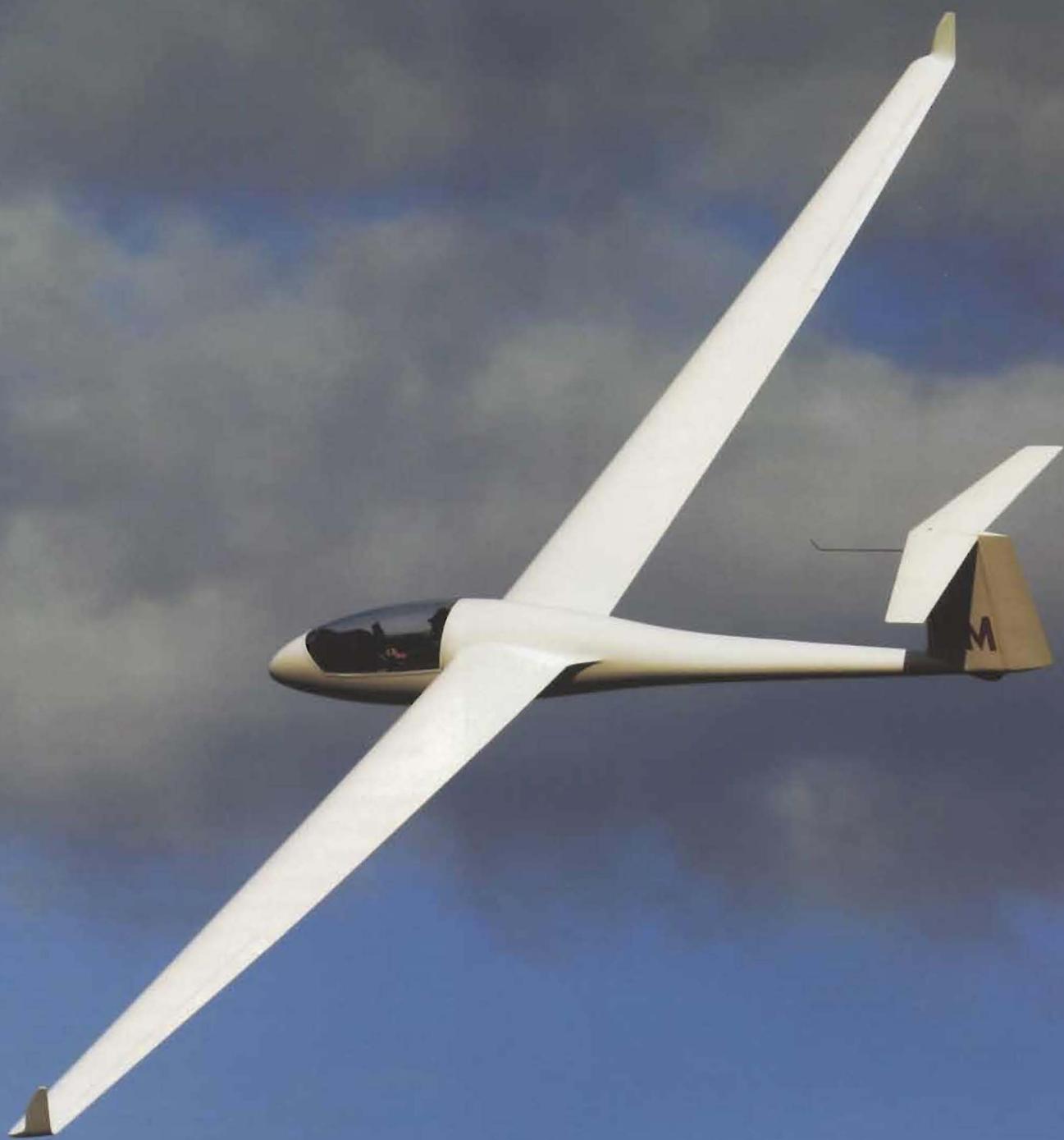
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INTERVIEW

Tobias Stumpfl



How did you first get interested in gliding?

That was somehow my father's fault... He often took me to the gliderport close to our home or to several airshows and other aviation events. Since I was a child, I wanted to become a pilot, but instead of flying big Boeings now I "quit" my aeronautical career for the benefit of being still an ambitious glider pilot:) I began the training to get a transition power

license 2 years before, but after 2 flights in the motorglider I realized that flying powered planes isn't really my passion.

What age did you go solo, and where and when?

It was at the age of 15 in Wels, which is located in upper Austria. I didn't really expect to be allowed to go solo that day, because it was my second flight after a six week expedition to the Andes. However, it was a nice experience...

Can you remember your first cross country flight?

For sure. Since it was very difficult to become allowed to go XC in my home club, I went to Nevada 2 months after I got my licence. On the first day there I met a friendly guy who owns a Stemme S10 and he offered me the 2nd place in his plane. It was very impressive flying this beautiful glider over a 600k o/r. The following week I chartered a Club Astir and did my first 300k as well as my first outlanding on a small unpaved road in the middle of nowhere.

How did you do in your first competition?

My first competition was the Austrian Junior Nationals in 2003. I was lucky to achieve 5th place.

What appeals to you about competitive gliding?

Since gliding is a kind of sport which is rather for mavericks, flying competitions gives me some feedback of how good I am or not. Except of

course that it's usually great fun flying with other people for a week or two at another site.

How do you prepare for a big competition like the Junior Worlds?

I try to fly as often as possible in the lowlands, because I usually only fly in the Alps, which is quite different. Furthermore I do some fitness training: mountain biking and climbing, to avoid getting too tired after a flying day.

Who will be coming with you to the Junior worlds - any crew or family?

That's not sure at the moment. Probably my younger brother, who is also a glider pilot and a former class mate of mine. Maybe my family will join us at the end of the competition.

What type of glider will you be flying, and is it your own, or have you borrowed it?

I'll fly a H201B Std. Libelle WL, which is mine since fall 2003.

Do you have any other hobbies/interests outside of gliding?

Before I started gliding in the year 2001 I spent most time somewhere in the mountains of the world. In the summer months, for rock climbing and high altitude expeditions, and in the winter months for ice climbing and snowboarding. I still love being in the mountains, but apart from gliding I do not have the time to go there very often.

What is your most amusing moment from gliding so far?

That's really hard to say, but I would specify the moment I first got established in a wave as one of the really most amusing moments I could experience during my gliding career so far.

How has gliding influenced your life?

It's hard for me to schedule my life, because I am getting quite nervous when I'm not able to fly on a good day. So I try to stay free as long as possible, and do nasty work and so on those non flying days.

What are your future aspirations for your gliding?

Well, I'm happy when I will be able to remain a glider pilot during my whole life, which doesn't seem to be too easy.



TEAM AUSTRALIA



CAPTAIN

Name: Paul Mander
Country: Australia

Born: 7.4.42 in England, came to Australia in 1949. Family: Married to Sandy. Three kids, Susie, Henry and Mike. Commenced Gliding: 1968
Hours: 6000 hours gliding, 4000 hours power Gliders owned: Foka IV, Libelle, Kestrel 19, Nimbus 2, PIK-20B, PIK-20D, ASW-20, ASW-20B, Nimbus 3, ASH-25E Badges: Three Diamonds, 1000km. FAI Certificate #13 Nationals: Won Open Class Lake Keepit '93, Dalby '94, Horsham '95. PreWorlds: Finland, Italy, USA, Austria, New Zealand, France. Worlds: Waikerie Australia, Omarama New Zealand. Best Gliding Moments: Representing Australia in 1974 Worlds. Arriving in Finland the day Hans Werner Grosse achieved world's first 1000km FAI triangle, 1975. Achieving world's first 15m 1000km FAI triangle, 1980.



Name: Adam Woolley
Date of birth: 21st April 1984
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: D4

Nicknames: Woolley, Woolley Pup Pup, Wool dog, Woolley Dog Club: Central Queensland Gliding Club, Australia
Winner of the Inaugural Junior Australian Gliding Nationals. Command Instrument Rated, Level 2 Independent Operators, and Passenger Carrying Certificate. 900hours Total aeronautical experience, 325 soaring hours. FAI A, B, C and Silver C.

Adam was born into soaring as a third-generation pilot to grandfather Allan and father, Chris Woolley, almost being delivered at a gliding championships.

At age of ten months, his father propped him up into his LS-4. He went for his first flight at the age of 4. Since his early years, Adam has been hooked on soaring - especially soaring cross-country and now competitions.

The 15th birthday finally came around and Adam went solo on the day, and soon afterwards he achieved his Silver C. Now 20 years of age, Adam has won his first competition: the Inaugural Junior Australian Gliding Nationals and is now being given the chance to live the dream, representing Australia at the Junior World Gliding Championships! Adam has a keen interest in hanging out with his mates and outdoor sports, including Model Flying, Tennis, Squash and Golf. He is also holds a Command Multi-Engine Instrument Rating, and has flown out of the Cape of Carpenteria, Australia.



Name: David McManus
Date of birth: 5th November 1980
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: P8

Nicknames: Mudchuck, ROVE, Dave Club: Darling Downs Soaring Club, Australia

Runner-up of the Inaugural Junior Australian Gliding Nationals. Soaring Instructor Rating, Level 2 Independent Operators, and Passenger Carrying Certificate. 600 soaring hours. FAI A, B, C and Silver C.

For many years Dave had a passion for flying, but after a joy flight at the local gliding club he has been hooked ever since. Dave has a great family that has supported him throughout his soaring career, driving from one end of the country to the other for gliding championships.

Dave has a remarkable attitude towards all things in life, and is an all round good bloke. He has great support from his fellow club members, many people donating their gliders to him for a season - most of the time driving an ASW-20 around the sky - and very fast too I might add! After being lucky enough to be selected to go on one of George Lee's magnificent Advanced Cross-Country courses, Dave's natural ability in racing across-country has made him one to watch out for in his competition career, with a runner-up placing in the recent Racing class at the Multi-Class Nationals!

David is currently living in Toowoomba and is an engineer with the Australian Army out of the Oakey base, working on all the latest and greatest helicopters. In his spare time, Dave enjoys a good hit of squash for fitness and of course hanging out with his mates.

TEAM AUSTRIA



1999: Got licence

2001: Started Cross-Country Flying; achieved Silver-C

2002: First competition - Austrian Junior Nationals (4th)

2003: Flew Junior Worlds at Nitra, Slovakia (Club Class); involved in November 2003 in the George Lee Plain Soaring Course near Dalby / Queensland / Australia

2004: Austrian Junior Nationals (5th); achieved Gold-C and 2 Diamonds

Additional hobbies: model plane flying, snowboarding, Spanish (lived one year in San Sebastian, Spain)

Occupation: student (economics)

Experience: 750 hours

I started soaring at the age of 15, then flying only cross-country for three years (first cross-country flight ended with an outlanding); first competition at the age of 19, placed 6th and crewed for Friedrich Schintler at the JWGC 2001 in Issoudun in the same year; best performance yet: a day win at the JWGC 2003 in Nitra.

Competitions:

2001: Alpe Adria Cup (6th place)

2002: CMVVM in Vinon (4th place) Alpe Adria Cup (2nd place)

2003: JWGC in Nitra (14th place), Alpe Adria Cup (1st place), Austrian Juniors (2nd place)

2004: Junior Pre Worlds (1st place), Alpe Adria Cup (3rd place), Austrian Juniors (1st place)

Occupation: student (University for Applied Sciences and Technologies)

Experience: 600 hours

I started soaring at the age of 17, then flying only cross-country for four years; my second cross-country flight ended with an outlanding 500 meters before an airport (very bad). First competition at the age of 21.

Hobbies: Climbing, model flying, tour skiing, snowboarding, motorbike

Competitions:

2001: Austrian Juniors

2002: Austrian Juniors

2003: Pribinacup Nitra/Slowakia, JWGC in Nitra/Slowakia, Austrian Juniors

2004: Junior Pre Worlds Husbos/England, Austrian Juniors

2005: Pribinacup Nitra/Slowakia

Home: Innsbruck / Tirol

Gliding Hours: 800

Favourite Gliders: ASH 25, Ls 8, Ls 4, Ls 1 f, MDM Fox,

Profession: Student (Political Science/ Media/ Journalism)

Hobby: Model Planes, Skiing, Comedy

Home airfield: Langenlebarn, Austria

Education:

1988 - 1992 primary school in Vienna

1992 - 2000 Marianist Grammar School Vienna

June 2000 final examination passed with distinction; subjects: German, English, Latin, mathematics, biology, arts

2000 - 2001 military service, Austrian Air Force

since Oct. 2001 School of Business, Economics, and Computer Science, University of Vienna

Gliding licence: since 20.07.1998, 400 starts, 450 hours

Best placing: Junior Nationals 2003 ? 3rd place

Other participations: Junior Nationals 2004, Junior Pre WM 2004

Longest flight distance: May 2004: 750 km in Austria (Alps)

CAPTAIN

Name: Rudolf Schlesinger

Country: Austria



Name: Georg Falkensammer

Country: Austria

Date of birth: 15th October 1981

Class: standard

Glider: Discus 2b

Contest number: D2



Name: Andreas Brandner

Country: Austria

Date of birth: 21st Nov 1980

Class: standard

Glider: Discus 2c

Contest number: PU



Name: Markus Lewandowski

Country: Austria

Date of birth: 26th June 1980

Class: club

Glider: LS1f

Contest number: ISV



Name: Stefan Georg Hunger

Country: Austria

Date of birth: 3rd February 1982

Class: club

Glider: Libelle H-201

Contest number: TS





TEAM BELGIUM



CAPTAIN

Name: Hilde Schmelzer
Country: Belgium

She is an occupational therapist, and is now managing the ENT-consultancy for her husband. Hilde "grew" up on the airfield since she was 8 years old. She has flown solo, but because of several circumstances, she lost her licence and is now an enthusiastic passenger when she can fly with her husband, or with their two sons, who are also participants at the WJGC 2005. She has accompanied her family to many contests.



Name: Dennis Huybreckx
Country: Belgium
Date of birth: 13th March 1985
Class: standard
Glider: LS8a
Contest number: CM

I started gliding in 2000 and in 2001 I did my first solo flight, and from then on I took every opportunity to go gliding. During the same year I had my first cross country experience. In 2002 I participated in the Belgian Junior championships where I came 3rd. In that year I also flew my first 500 km. In 2003 I flew some local competitions. A year later I qualified for the Belgian junior team by finishing 2nd at the National junior championships.



Name: Tijl Schmelzer
Country: Belgium
Date of birth: 21st September 1984
Class: standard
Glider: Discus BT
Contest number: MC

Occupation: Student in Physical Engineering
Experience: 750 hours, 27500 km
Largest distance: 767 km

I am a member of a flying family. My grandfather built his first plane when he was 14 years old, so it was only natural for me to become a glider pilot myself. I started officially when I was 13 years old and from then on I tried to soar as much as possible. My biggest competition yet, was the WJGC 2004 in Nitra, where I participated in the standard class as the youngest pilot. Last year I came 3rd in the Belgian Juniors and was again selected for the Worlds this year. In the winter of 2004 I was the lucky guy who had the opportunity to fly for two weeks with 4-times world champion Ingo Renner in Tocumwall, Australia. It was my best experience in gliding and the ideal preparation for the WJGC in the UK.



Name: Bart De Krock
Country: Belgium
Date of birth: 23rd May 1980
Class: club
Glider: LS4
Contest number: PM

Occupation: Professional pilot
Experience: +- 1000 hours, 23000 km
Largest distance: 540 km

I started soaring at the age of 16 at a club near my home. After a short while I took the first steps in cross country flying and entered my first local competition. Meanwhile I was given the chance to become a tug pilot in the year 2001. In 2002 I performed TMG training and an ATPL course was initiated. Since I had ambition to fly in bigger competitions I joined the Albatros soaring club near Hasselt, because participation in these events was not allowed in the other club. Due to the great support from my new club I managed to be selected for the WJGC 2005 for which I'm grateful. Recently I completed the airline pilot training program and I'm looking for a job in aviation.



Name: Bert Schmelzer
Country: Belgium
Date of birth: 8th February 1983
Class: club
Glider: Std. Libelle
Contest number: 21

Profession: Student Civil Engineer Architecture
Experience: 950 hours
X-Country km: 35000 km
Competitions:

2001: WJGC Issoudun (France): 15th place club class
2002: Belgian junior gliding Championships: 2nd place std. class
2003: WJGC Nitra (Slovakia): 5th place club class
2004: Belgian junior gliding Championships: 6th place std. class
At 9 months old my father and my grandfather took me with them for my first flight ever. Flying in big competitions is just one of many fabatastic experiences. Since I went solo in 1997 at the age of 14 I've been flying all over Europe with all kinds of pilots. However I really like flying cross-country, I always need some challenging targets. So far I have participated in 2 WGC's for juniors. At the first one (Issoudun France) I came 15th, and in 2003 I really enjoyed gliding above Slovakia's beautiful mountains and came 5th. For this year one major event is fixedly planned: the WJGC in HusBos.

TEAM CZECH REPUBLIC



I am 40 years old and my profession is medicine. From my youth I have been a member of Aeroklub Plzen Letkov where I fly mostly with gliders. In the last ten years I have completed my PPL licence for aerotowing. I usually fly my Cirrus, and I like the Slovak mountains. In the last 5 years I took place in national gliding competitions.

CAPTAIN

Name: Roman Lanzendorf
Country: Czech Republic



I am 24 years old and a student of the Czech Technical University in Prague. I started flying when I was 16 years old and I have flown around 900 hours (50 hours as an instructor). In 2002 I completed my gold badge and three diamonds.

Name: Roman Mracek
Country: Czech Republic
Date of birth: 17th August 1980
Class: club
Glider: Standard Cirrus G
Contest number: IF



I was born in the Czech Republic on 8.9.1984
I have two sisters and one brother
I have just finished secondary grammar school and I am taking a theoretical course and exams to become a professional pilot.
I am from a piloting family-we have four pilots in our family
I have been flying for seven years at Slováký Aeroklub Kunovice
I like travelling and cycling.
Last year I landed on a slope in the Czech Republic but I have never had any accidents :-)
I spend all my free time at the airport and at gliding contests, because I fell in love with this sport at the age of 14 when I first flew a glider.

Name: Slavomir Piskaty
Country: Czech Republic
Date of birth: 8th Sept 1984
Class: standard
Glider: Discus CS
Contest number: SH



I was born on 6th January 1981 at Uherské Hradite. Since October 2004 I have been studying for a PhD at Brno University of technology - Institute of Aerospace Engineering. I have one brother and one sister. I have been flying for nine years at Slováký Aeroklub Kunovice, along with my brother. Since 1999 I have been competing in junior national gliding championships.
My hobbies are (within gliding) riding a bike, cross-country skiing, books and computers.

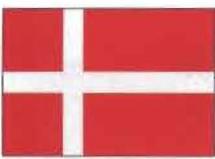
Name: Josef Novak
Country: Czech Republic
Date of birth: 6th January 1981
Class: club
Glider: Std. Cirrus
Contest number: OK



My name is David Riha. I was born in January 1983 at Vlasim, Czech Republic, and I have lived there ever since. At the present time I'm a student at the CVUT university (Mechanical engineering). I started gliding when I was 15 (1998) at aero club Vlasim. I received my pilot license in 1999 and my Silver C FAI badge was completed in 2001. The first competition that I competed at was PMJCR 2002 followed by PMJCR 2003, 2004 and PMCR 2004.
Up to today I have flown 360 hours, approximately 400 take offs and 10,000Km with my longest flight being 680km.
This year I intend to compete at the Czech Junior Gliding Championships which will be the best training for the directly following JWGC 04. I intend to win this championship.

Name: David Riha
Country: Czech Republic
Date of birth: 9th January 1983
Class: club
Glider: Cirrus
Contest number: CX





TEAM DENMARK



CAPTAIN

Name: Helmuth Egsgaard
Country: Denmark

I have been a glider pilot for 29 years, and an active gliding instructor for more than 22 years.

In the last 3 years I have joined the Danish junior national team in Sweden and Nitra for competitions as their coach.



Name: Christian Wistisen
Country: Denmark
Date of birth: 19th November 1983
Class: club
Glider: Std. Libelle

Occupation: Student Experience: 600 hours

I grew up in a flying family so it was natural that I was interested in gliding. My father took me flying when I was only 1 year old and I have spent much of my childhood at Danish airfields. At the age of 15 I finally joined the local gliding club, Aalborg Aero Sport. I got my glider licence after some months of practice and started cross country flying. After a number of years I took part in my first competition and one year later I joined the national junior team. Competitions:

2002: Sun-Air Cup, Denmark 2003: Danish Junior Nationals, Denmark

2004: Pribina Cup, Slovakia 2004: Danish Nationals, Denmark

2004: Nordic Junior Gliding Championship, Sweden 2004: Danish Junior Nationals, Denmark



Name: Nicolai Larsen
Country: Denmark
Date of birth: 22nd September 1982
Class: standard
Glider: Discus 2a

I had my first flight in 1997 in Vestjysk Svcveflyveklub, and since then have very much enjoyed being a part of the Danish Gliding society.

Current occupation: Carpenter.

Gliding hours: 600 Km: 20000 Competitions:

2001: Danish Junior Nationals 2002: Danish Junior Nationals

2003: Danish Junior Nationals 2004: Pribina Cup, Danish Nationals,

NJGC, Danish Junior Nationals 2005: Danish Junior Nationals, JWGC



Name: Anders Fauerby
Country: Denmark
Date of birth: 8th December 1981
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: SE

Occupation: Student Gliding experience: 550 hours

In middle school, a friend introduced me to gliding. His father was a gliding instructor at the local gliding club. My first flight was in 1997 and a year after that I got my licence. From then on I have spent a lot of time at the local airfield where I have been practicing cross country flying with help and coaching from the more experienced pilots. I flew my first national competition in 1999 where I joined the National junior team.

Competitions:

2001 Sub Air Cup, Denmark 2002 Sub Air Cup, Denmark

2002 Nordic Junior Gliding Championship, Sweden 2002 Danish

Nationals 2003 Sun Air Cup, Denmark 2004 Danish Nationals

2004 Sun Air Cup, Denmark



Name: Tommy Jørgensen
Country: Denmark
Date of birth: 17th October 1983
Class: club
Glider: Std. Libelle

I started gliding in 1998, in Aviator Aalborg Gliding Club. I flew my first competition in 2001 in a Duo Discus, in the back seat, and I had some very good pilots to show and teach me how to do it. I have 500 Gliding hours. Competitions:

2001: J/F Championship. Nr. 3. 2001: Sun-Air Cup. Nr. 1.

2002: Junior Nationals Nr. 4 Joined the Danish Junior Team

2003: Pribina Cup. 2003: Junior Worlds in Nitra. Nr. 15.

2003: Junior Nationals Nr. 2. 2004: Pribina Cup

2004: J/F Championship Nr. 2. 2004: Junior Nationals Nr. 2.

2005: Pribina Cup Nr. 3.



Name: Poul Frederiksen
Country: Denmark
Date of birth: 16th February 1981
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: V

Occupation: Butcher Experience: 400 hours

I started flying at the age of 14. My father has flown for 35 years and my stepfather for 25 years so it was natural that I also got the interest. My father took me flying at the young age of 1 and I have spent the most of my childhood on the airfield. I had a break for a year because I joined the military. After the military I started contest flying and joined the Danish Junior team last year.

Competitions:

2003: Danish championship nb. 11 2003: Danish Junior championship

nb. 13 2004: Danish Junior championship nb. 4 2005: Pribinacup nb. 5

TEAM FINLAND



I started gliding in 1971. Total hours: <650
I have crewed in nationals from 1977, First contacts to "world-gliding-top" at Hilton's Flying M-ranch in 1983
Team captain for Finnish team in World Air Games -Lillo / Spain, South Africa, Poland, Hungary...
Finnish Gliding Team-band (FGT-band) leader.
Longest distance of flight (with document) 50km....

I'm a 22 year old student. I have been gliding since 1998, and have logged about 850 flight hours so far. I have been gliding more competitively since 2000, and have attended several competitions including std. class junior worlds in 2003, and 15m class Finnish championships in 2004. Best result so far is 8th place in the Finnish champs. When I'm not flying, I'm probably reading or playing snooker.

You might say that Teemu was born into soaring. At the age of two weeks, his father took him to an airport to see gliders. At the age of 9 he was for the first time an official crew member, and since 1991 he has been a crew member for the Finnish Gliding team. He started gliding in 1997 and flew his first competition in 2002. A year before that Teemu spent his summer in Minden, Nevada, flying and working with gliders. Last year he had an opportunity to fly as a co-pilot in the European Gliding Championships held in Lithuania. Now at the age of 23 he has, for the first time, been selected to represent Finland at the Junior World Gliding Championships. His other hobbies are magic tricks and playing drums.

Glider hours: 250
Home airfield: Räyskälä, Finland
Age: 21 Home town: Helsinki
Flew the gliding course in 2001 at the airfield of Räyskälä. After a few years of voluntary gliding training he undertook military service in 2003, which he carried out in the Finnish Army Sports School as a glider pilot. After a short but prosperous military career he has now returned to civil gliding. In 2003 he took part in national championships in club class and standard class. When time can be spared he studies at Helsinki University of Technology. Other hobbies are music, bicycling and photography.

In year 2000, 15-year old Kaisu started gliding at a gliding club in southern Finland. During the first 3 years Kaisu managed flight instructing in his club and flew cross country flights only occasionally. In 2004, having joined a sports school project in the Finnish army, he suddenly started flying in competitions. The Junior WGC in England will be his first international competition, and he will be attending it with 650 hours experience. Kaisu believes that keeping an open mind will bring his team good results.

In his free time, Kaisu enjoys canoeing and playing basketball. Among his advantages (or disadvantages) is his ability to sleep like a rock anytime, anywhere.

CAPTAIN

Name: Harry Sundstrom
Country: Finland



Name: Markku Kuusisto
Country: Finland
Date of birth: 31st October 1982
Class: standard
Glider: Discus 2b
Contest number: P1



Name: Teemu Sundström
Country: Finland
Date of birth: 19th September 1981
Class: standard
Glider: Discus 2b
Contest number: 2T

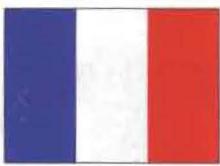


Name: Leino Kuuluvainen
Country: Finland
Date of birth: 28th February 1984
Class: club
Glider: LS1f
Contest number: UM



Name: Kai Holmroos
Country: Finland
Date of birth: 9th March 1985
Class: club
Glider: Std. Jantar
Contest number: JG





TEAM FRANCE



CAPTAIN

Name: Eric Napoleon
Country: France

I started gliding when I was very young, with my father, in the North of France at the Cap de la Hague. It was better for water sports, but what a great pleasure it was to glide over the steep heather-coloured hills..! I have participated in numerous competitions, both National and International, and was twice World Champion. I have a great many hours of instruction to my credit, mostly due to my having held the position of chief pilot of the National Gliding Centre in Saint Auban for fifteen years.

Now, as National Team Coach my chief concern is for training and supervising the different teams, and for developing the sport of gliding withing our Federation and my club.

I have a very small son - Theo - who is hilarious, and I love to glide in a Cirrus Winglet or in a Piwi.

One of my favourite memories of England is the return trip over the "Wash" that I made in a Puchacz on September 5, 2004. It was magnificent....



Name: Dimitri Choler
Country: France
Date of birth: 10th May 1982
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: ER

The glider is a family passion of my grandfather, my father flew when I was young. So I made my first flight when I was three years on my mother's knee. Now I'm twenty two and I'm addicted. I have three passions: girls, surf and gliders. But if I had to choose one, without any hesitation I have made my choice, this is the glider.



Name: Thomas Descatoire
Country: France
Date of birth: 8th september 1984
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: EU

I started gliding during the year 2000 in the South of France. I did my first circuit in 2001 between St Rémy les Alpilles, my original club, and St Auban, French gliding national centre where I was vaché (outlanded). In 2002 I flew my first championship at St Crépin in the Alps, I finished third. In 2003, whereas I was used to flying in mountain, during the French national junior championship, I did my first level ground flights. and I finished third. In the year 2004 thanks to many trainings HB, centre of France, my experience in level ground increased proportionally with my number of " vache (outlandings)". In my family I have to be performant because I have two brothers who practice gliding, it permits us to make very fun flights. Since I have started gliding, just as in the French team, there is no flight without a traditional joking appetizer !



Name: Jeremie Badaroux
Country: France
Date of birth: 10th February 1983
Class: club
Glider: Std. Cirrus
Contest number: EA

Flying address : Airfield St Crépin (North of Southern Alps)
Started gliding in St Crépin in 1996. Flew solo in St Crépin in 1998 in an ASK13. Pilot licence achieved in 1999 in St Crépin on ASK13. First 500 km achieved in K6 and ASK13 from St Crépin. Instructor ITP Qualification achieved in 2003. Member of the club "Elite Hautes Alpes". Was included 5 times on the French sportsman lists as a "Jeune" (young pilot). Achieved 3 podiums, and a title in 2003. 1700 gliding hours. I study at the IUFM in Marseille in order to become a teacher of technical sciences.



Name: Erwan Le Gall
Country: France
Date of birth: 14th May 1982
Class: club
Glider: Std. Cirrus
Contest number: ED

My father was a plane instructor and so I was introduced to flying and gliding from a very early age. My first solo flights were at the age of 15, and since then I have participated in several championships, including the Junior French Airplane Championships when I was 18 years old. I chose to specialise then in gliding, and have never regretted my choice. I have 1000 gliding hours, I am a glider instructor, and was also an instructor in the French army for two years. It was my love of judo that taught me everything I know about the spirit of competition and competition gliding. I am currently studying at the IUFM to become a teacher of technical sciences, which is ironically exactly the same professional channel as my co-pilot Jérémie Badaroux has chosen.

TEAM GERMANY



Started gliding in 1957. Have been an instructor since 1964. Helicopter-instructor-pilot 1965-1995 at the German Army Aviation School. Tow pilot. Since 1987 German Team-manager and team-captain. Since 1995 retired from army aviation and national coach. Since 1983 responsible for the German sportsoldiers in gliding. Member of the German gliding commission since 1984.

I started gliding at the age of 14 in 1999 after a long period of RC-model flying. Three years later I got my licence and good weather days became bad days regarding school education. That year I was also looking forward to fly my first regional junior championship that I finished with a ninth place in the club-class. Following year qualified for the Junior Nationals. In 2005 I finished school having an A-Level degree and tried to use every single day to make long distance flights, which often ended with outlandings (05:nine outlandings). German Champion title awarded to the youngest pilot in history after four days contest flying with moderate weather conditions and 5 years of flying.

I started gliding at the age of 13 and a half with with the special permission of my parents. I got my glider licence in 1999. The first cross country flights over 300km and 500km followed in the same season. The first competition followed one year later at the International Hahnweide Competition in FAI 15 meter Class. I enjoyed the competition flying very much, to compare with other pilots, it's the best way to improve myself. Up to now I spend most of my free time gliding either with large Cross Country Flights or with competition flights.

I started flying at the age of 15 in my home town of Mülheim an der Ruhr. Two years later in 1998 I got my glider and motorglider-licences. In 2001 I took part in my first German Nationals, where I qualified myself for the German Junior National Team. In the following years I took part in three more Nationals and the Junior Pre-World Championships in Nitra, with the assistance of "Förderverein NRW". Since 2001 I have been living in Aachen where I'm studying Technical Informatics at the Aachen University of Technology. Additionally I'm working as a programmer in the automotive industry.

Shortly after I got my licence in 1997, I started flying junior and later also senior competitions. I participated in more than 15 gliding competitions and collected about 1200 hours of flight experience. As personal highlights, I would consider third place at the 2001 Coupe de France Montagne Juniors at St Auban, third place at the German Club Class Nationals in 2003 and participation in the Club Class World Championships in Norway 2004. The more than 400 hours of competition and training that I received in the German army helped me a lot in improving my flying.

I spent a lot of time at the airfield together with my father, since I was born. Needless to say, I was interested in gliding. I started gliding in 1996 in Jena. My club is "Landessegelflugschule Thüringen e.V.". In nine years of flying I have about 1200 hours in the air. In 1998, I started cross-country flying. Until now I have done about 55000 km with many 500's and two 750's in an LSI. This was possible due to the excellent support of my parents, my girlfriend, and my many friends. In 1999 I flew my first competition in Klix and finished 4th. Moreover, I took part in three Junior Nationals. I finished 21st in 2001, 14th in 2003 and 3rd in 2004. In my opinion soaring is one of the best sports. You have to think like a chess player and must be fit like a football player. You have to know and to learn many things about aerodynamics and meteorology and you gain great experiences close to nature.

CAPTAIN

Name: Rainer Wienzek
Country: Germany



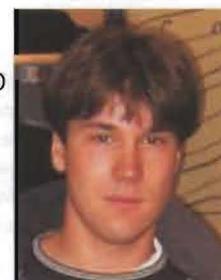
Name: Heiko Braden
Country: Germany
Date of birth: 16th April 1985
Class: standard
Glider: ASW28
Contest number: LL



Name: Michael Eisele
Country: Germany
Date of birth: 22nd July 1982
Class: standard
Glider: Discus 2a
Contest number: AK



Name: Christiaan Kocks
Country: Germany
Date of birth: 23rd November 1980
Class: standard
Glider: ?
Contest number: ?



Name: Christoph Nacke
Country: Germany
Date of birth: 2nd June 1980
Class: club
Glider: LS1D
Contest number: NAJ



Name: Jan Rothardt
Country: Germany
Date of birth: 20th November 1981
Class: club
Glider: LS1D
Contest number: 6H





TEAM GREAT BRITAIN



CAPTAIN

Name: Reb Rebbeck
Country: Great Britain

Reb Rebbeck has been gliding since 1974 and in that time has never won a competition. He has been captain of the British junior team for the last three world championships. During that time the team has won two gold and four silver medals.

His gliding enthusiasms include flying anything from his vintage Prefect to the Cirrus and LS8s which he shares with his sons. He spends his winters in South Africa with Soaring Safaris at Bloemfontein watching other people achieve their 1000 kms. He competed in the South African nationals earlier this year and achieved the distinction of scoring -180 points on one particularly good day. It was actually a very enjoyable flight only spoiled slightly by missing the start line and infringing airspace. All in all he finds gliding an exceedingly agreeable way of passing his time but leaves doing well in competitions to the team. His other enthusiasms include travelling, talking and writing poetry. He is not, at the moment, poet laureate.



Name: Jonathan Meyer
Country: Great Britain
Date of birth: 5th December 1981
Class: standard
Glider: Discus 2a
Contest number: 80

Currently an Engineering student at Brunel University in London, Jon began gliding at 14 and flew his first competition at the age of 17. Now aged 22 he has over 700 hours of gliding experience and is particularly focussed on racing. He has taken every opportunity offered by the excellent Junior training schemes available, including flying in Spain, Italy and recently Australia where he spent two weeks flying with 3 times World Champion, George Lee. Jon hopes to ultimately progress to senior team level. He placed 3rd in the Junior Pre-world practice competition, and is hoping for Team Success in 2005.



Name: John Roberts
Country: Great Britain
Date of birth: 27th January 1981
Class: club
Glider: ASW19
Contest number: HUA

John has been gliding for just over 5 years, in which time he has flown in Spain, most places in the UK and early this year he spent 3 weeks in Australia with George Lee - 3 times World Champion. John really enjoys the atmosphere and challenge of gliding competitions, he also loves to compete against other pilots at the highest level possible. John feels that when flying in competitions his strength lies in his consistent approach and ability to take each day as it comes. Having over 750 hours gliding, he likes all out racing on the strong days and relishes the challenges facing him on the weaker days. John also has a PPL and is working on a future in commercial flying. After his most successful year in 2004, John is really excited to be a team member in the 2005 Junior Worlds Team.



Name: Mark Holden
Country: Great Britain
Date of birth: 9th July 1982
Class: Club
Glider: Std. Cirrus
Contest number: 424

Mark was introduced to gliding in 1991 through his father. He started learning to fly at his local club, Portsmouth Naval Gliding Club but then took a short break to race dinghies. Mark then returned to gliding when he was fourteen and went on to solo on his 16th birthday. Last year Mark finished 6th at the Junior pre worlds and 3rd at the Junior Nationals held at Lasham. He also had the amazing opportunity to fly with three times World Champion George Lee in Australia. Apart from gliding Mark also enjoys skiing in the winter after the UK gliding season has finished and sailing when time permits.

Discus 2a

ASW 19



Ian Craigie only took up gliding in 2001 when he joined the gliding club at Nottingham University, where he was studying for a degree in biology. Since then Ian has made rapid progress and, in 2003, he won the Lasham regional championships (one level below a senior national championship) and came second in the UK Junior Nationals. As well as competition flying, Ian relishes the challenge of long distance flights. Ian has flown in many parts of the world, including New Zealand, South Africa, Italy and spent 2 weeks in Australia training with 3 times World Champion, George Lee. However, despite flying in some of the best conditions available anywhere in the world, the English countryside still has a great attraction for Ian. "While I do love flying in mountains", he says, "there is always something special about flying over the beautiful English landscape with its villages and hamlets on a fine sunny day".

Name: Ian Craigie
Country: Great Britain
Date of birth: 12th October 1980
Class: club
Glider: LS1F
Contest number: LS1



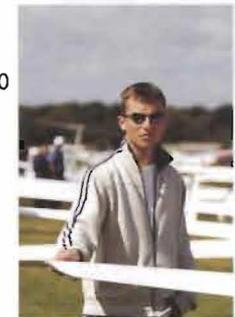
Andy will be the youngest member of the team at the age of 18 and is excited about competing at an International level. Since going solo at 16 he has competed in Regional and National competitions and clocked up around 500hrs gliding experience, Andy learnt, and currently flies at, the London Gliding Club. He is on a gap year before going to University and will be spending the winter gliding in South Africa. Having been brought up around gliding and competitions, his father Robin is a former World Championship competitor and National Champion, it is not surprising that Andy is also passionate about gliding, especially competition flying. When not gliding Andy likes to pursue other hobbies which include snowboarding and basketball.

Name: Andy May
Country: Great Britain
Date of birth: 28th February 1986
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: 70



Mark Parker started gliding at Aston Down in 1996 at the age of 16. He currently has around 700 hrs including Diamond distance and goal, and has also experience working as an instructor. He has competed in several regional and junior national competitions. In addition to gliding Mark holds a UK PPL, and is a pilot in the Royal Air Force.

Name: Mark Parker
Country: Great Britain
Date of birth: 26th September 1980
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: R3





TEAM ITALY



CAPTAIN

Name: Leonardo Brigliadori
Country: Italy

I started to fly in 1954 at the age of 14 years having my older brother as instructor. World Champion standard class 1985. European Champion Standard Class 1982. 2nd WGC Standard Class - France 1978. 2nd WGC 18m class Spain 2001. 19 times National Champion.

Presently FAI Vice-President for Italy

6500 hours flight 1000km badge

I founded my present club Aero Club Volovelistico Lariano Alzate (Como) in 1990.

I'm going to publish a book in English "Winning in a glider (winning with your mind)"



Name: Mattia Costa
Country: Italy
Date of birth: 22nd July 1981
Class: standard
Glider: LS8-18
Contest number: PG

I'm 24 years old and I started to fly at 16 because of my father who permitted me to fly a Discus very early. I've accumulated more than 600 gliding hours and I've made several competition and long distance flights. Gliding is deeply rooted in my family as: my grand-father and my father are both glider pilots and it has been funny once to be all the three flying the same competition. At the moment I'm going to take a degree in Arts and Multimedial Communications at the "Accademia di Belle Arti" of Brera (Milan).



Name: Davide Schiavotto
Country: Italy
Date of birth: 1st October 1980
Class: club
Glider: LS1F
Contest number: L70

I had my first flight solo when I was two years old - launching myself out from the baby-seat! Since then my mother has forbidden me to fly and I was able to do it only after eighteen. She is still really scared about it and keeps telling me to fly "low and slow"...that is something that, luckily, I've never respected.

**TEAM
LITHUANIA**



Name: Adomas Grabskis
Country: Lithuania
Date of birth: 17th March 1982
Class: standard
Glider: LAK 19
Contest number: AG



Name: Domas Punius
Country: Lithuania
Date of birth: 15th March 1984
Class: club
Glider: Std. Jantar
Contest number: HX

Name: Linas Miezlaiskis
Country: Lithuania
Date of birth: 1st November 1984
Class: club
Glider: Std. Jantar
Contest number: CG

Name: Aleksandras Bateika
Country: Lithuania
Date of birth: 26th October 1982
Class: club
Glider: Std. Jantar
Contest number: ?



TEAM POLAND



CAPTAIN

Name: Lukasz Blaszczyk
Country: Poland

I'm from Jarocin a small town in Western Poland. I started gliding in 1995 (Ostrów Wlkp 92km east from Leszno). Total glider hours 1100, aircraft 220. My best flight - triangle 763km in a Jantar 2B. 2 years ago I started in JWGC Nitra Slovakia in std class. My other hobbies are cycling and skiing. I'm a student at the Technical Aviation Academy in Rzeszow.



Name: Piotr Jarysz
Country: Poland
Date of birth: 20th June 1982
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: LOT

I began gliding in 1998. In my first competition I was 3rd. In 2001 I took part in my first Junior Nationals - I finished in 2nd place. In 2002 I was 3rd in the Standard Class Junior Nationals. In 2003 I competed in my first international competition - the World Gliding Junior Championships in Nitra. I was 8th. This year I was also 2nd in the Club Class Nationals. In 2004 I was in Norway - I finished the WGC Club Class in 7th place. I also won the Junior Nationals that year.



Name: Krzysztof Herczynski
Country: Poland
Date of birth: 27th October 1981
Class: club
Glider: Std. Jantar
Contest number: ZM

In 2002 I completed my first 300km, an out and return task in Puchacz (No.1, first prototype). The next year I started to fly in AZM - Aeroclub of the Copper Mining Region in the city of Lubin, south-western corner of Poland this time:). That year was also my first year of contest flying. For my first steps in competition gliding I had chosen the Regionals in Lisie Katy near Grudziadz. I flew there in Junior "MM" glider and came second in the Club class. My next competition was the XXXI Polish Junior Championships '03 in Pila. I became Polish Junior Champion '03 in Clubs. In 2004 I took part in three competitions in the more advanced Jantar Standard 3 glider with "CU" markings. Season '05 is so far fortunate for me. Despite bad weather during the biggest International Contest in the Club class (34 competitors) in well known Leszno, I scored twice first and once third, which gave me the winning place.



Name: Kamil Wojcik
Country: Poland
Date of birth: 11th January 1980
Class: club
Glider: Cirrus 75
Contest number: 3M

I am from Kutno, a small town in the centre of Poland. I am 25 years old and a student of Arts at the Academy of Arts in Lodz. I started graduate gliding in 1996 - when I was 16, in Wloclawek Aeroclub. One year later I flew my first 300 kms return flight to Olsztyn. In 2000 I came to my first competition, which was The Regional Competition in Ostrów Wielkopolski. I took 14th place there. I have started in many competitions, including senior Championships in Standard and Club class. My best results were: 5th place in Polish Gliding Championships in club class, 3rd place in Junior Championships in 2005 and 4th place in Junior's in 2004. My longest route is a 500 kilometer flight made during the Competition in Ostrow Wielkopolski. I have almost 800 hours experience and 23 thousand kilometers. I will fly in the 4th Junior World Championships together with my younger brother Lukasz.



Name: Lukasz Wojcik
Country: Poland
Date of birth: 14th February 1981
Class: club
Glider: Std. Jantar
Contest number: ZS

My name is Lukasz Wójcik. I am from Kutno, a small town in the centre of Poland. I am 24 years old and a student of Marketing at the Technical University of Lodz. I started graduate gliding as fast as I could, in 1997 - when I was 16, in Wloclawek Aeroclub. That year I did all the needed exercises to keep a licence, which I brought in the next spring. One year later I flew my first 300 kilometers return flight to Olsztyn. It has been my first and only diamond so far. In 2000 I came to my first competition, which was The Regional Competition in Ostrów Wielkopolski (second league as we call it). I took 10th place there. I have started in many competitions, including senior Championchips in Standard and Club class. My best results were: 3rd place in Regionals in Grudziadz, 5th place in Junior Championships in 2003 and 2nd place in Junior's in 2004. My longest route is a 500 kilometer flight (not FAI) of over nine hours, mostly in the blue thermals. I have about 800 hours experience and 25 thousand kilometers. I will fly in the 4th Junior World Champs together with my older brother Kamil.

TEAM SOUTH AFRICA



Reb Rebbeck has been gliding since 1974 and in that time has never won a competition. He has been captain of the British junior team for the last three world championships. During that time the team has won two gold and four silver medals.

His gliding enthusiasms include flying anything from his vintage Prefect to the Cirrus and LS8s which he shares with his sons. He spends his winters in South Africa with Soaring Safaris at Bloemfontein watching other people achieve their 1000 kms. He competed in the South African nationals earlier this year and achieved the distinction of scoring -180 points on one particularly good day. It was actually a very enjoyable flight only spoiled slightly by missing the start line and infringing airspace. All in all he finds gliding an exceedingly agreeable way of passing his time but leaves doing well in competitions to the team. His other enthusiasms include travelling, talking and writing poetry. He is not, at the moment, poet laureate.

CAPTAIN

Name: Reb Rebbeck
Country: Great Britain



Douglas is 21 yrs old and is currently studying Geographic Information Systems at the University of Pretoria and hopes to complete his degree at the end of this year. He also plays Hockey for the University 1st team, who were the best team in the country in the men's premier league last year. Douglas comes from a gliding family and grew up on airfields all over South Africa. After going solo when he was 16 he flew his first South African Nationals in 2001. To date Douglas has flown the 3rd Junior World Championships in Nitra in 2003, with George Lee in Australia in 2004 and in numerous Regional and National competitions in South Africa. Douglas has a total of 450 hrs.

Name: Douglas Bradley
Country: South Africa
Date of birth: 17th March 1984
Class: Club
Glider: DG300
Contest number: 257



TEAM SPAIN



Industrial Engineer. His main activity is gliding. He started flying in 1992 and competitions in 1999, as a hobby. He works in an Electrical Company building power plants all around the world. If he is in Spain, you can find him flying in Ontur during the winter, the Pyrenees Mountains in Easter, Ocana in spring and Cuenca Sotos in summer. His first Worlds was last year at WGC in Norway. He isn't very famous but everybody knows Sylvia, his girlfriend.

CAPTAIN

Name: Jorge Arias Riera
Country: Spain



Miguel Monedero is an air and space engineer student. He started airmoelling at 13 and contested in several glider model championships. He started gliding at 15 and soloed at 16. He has been part of the Spanish National Team since last year, in WGC 2004 at Norway. Last year he was Spanish National Champion in the Standard class and in 2000 he was bronze medallist in the Spanish National Championships in Club class.

Name: Miguel Monedero
Country: Spain
Date of birth: 3rd July 1980
Class: club
Glider: Std. Cirrus





TEAM SWITZERLAND



CAPTAIN

Name: Ernest Meier
Country: Switzerland

Born - 17.09.1932 Nationality - Swiss and French
Married with 4 children and 6 grandchildren (one is English) I am retired. Former Electro Engineer and Company Manager. Languages - German, French, English, small knowledge of Polish and Vietnamese.
Gliding Experience - Glider 2600h, Motorplane 700h. First flight 1954.
Licences - Glider and Glider instructor (Switzerland), Motorplane PPL, ULM
Membership of Gliderclub Geneva Switzerland and Aéroclub de l'Estuaire de la Seine, Le Havre France.
Competitions - Lots of Regional Championships in France and Switzerland. Now stopped competition flying.
Types flown - All types of gliders. First flew in a GRUNAU BABY.
Goal in Husbands Bothworth: 2 pilots in the top ten.



Name: Daniel Rossier
Country: Switzerland
Date of birth: 18th July 1980
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: RD

Living near Fribourg, Switzerland. Electronics Engineer for Phonak Communications in Murten, Switzerland. Hobbies are gliding, Radio controlled and mechanics. The LS8 I'm flying is a home rebuilt plane. Speaks French, German and English
Flying since 1995. About 1300 hours, most in the Alps. Gold C with 3 diamonds. Swiss Team member since 2000 .
Hus-Bos will be my 3rd WGC, after Issoundun 2001 Club Class and Leszno 2003 Open Class.



Name: Christian Lyrenmann
Country: Switzerland
Date of birth: 19th October 1981
Class: standard
Glider: LS8
Contest number: CE

Born in 1981. After school, I did a four years apprenticeship as a Polymechanic. Now I am studying at the Horizon Swiss Flight Academy.
First school flight in a Glider: 3.5.1998
Glider exam: 28.3.1999
I am flying in a club which is located in Langenthal (Bern)



Name: Stefan Leutenegger
Country: Switzerland
Date of birth: 16th February 1983
Class: standard
Glider: Discus 2b
Contest number: W6

I'm aged 22, I'm living in near Winterthur, a town near Zurich, in Switzerland. I started when I was 16 (in 1999) and began to like cross-country flying and competitions as well, soon. I flew some junior nationals and nationals, and I was elected into the junior national team in 2002. I was lucky to be able to go to the junior worlds Nitra 2003, but unfortunately, my glider was damaged when out-landing in the middle of the competition, which unfortunately made me abort it. Yet, I got into the national team 2004, which allows me to participate in the Europeans (in Nitra again) this year, which will be some kind of second chance there. I'm also looking forward to this year's junior worlds taking place just afterwards! The training for that event has been ideal, because we (the Swiss team) participated already in the pre-worlds Hus Bos last year.

When I'm not in the air, I'm studying technical engineering at the ETH Zurich. Apart from gliding and my studies, I of course like to go out, meet friends and I have got some other hobbies - like skiing for the winter, windsurfing for too windy days and painting when I find some time.

As we were asked to write some humorous anecdotes, I browsed through my mind searching for the funniest of the many stories and I chose that one: Imagine a Swiss pilot taking off in Slovenia in a glider with Slovenian registration flying to Italy. Of course, it was me and of course I flew too fast and too low. So, it's clear, what had to happen, isn't it... Five minutes after the out-landing, I saw the police arrive - with three cars, blue lights and much noise. When they told me to take my sandwich with me when accompanying them, I was suspecting bad... Some officers guarded the glider, while I was asked thousands of questions (in Italian, which I don't know well) about my reasons of landing there and its legality, how an airplane could fly without an engine and what form had to be filled out. I was happy that the discussion slowly diverted towards complaining about their job and the Italian politics. So they have left me free (after 5 hours), they even helped me putting the glider into the trailer and we finally took a picture of us all...

TEAM NETHERLANDS



I started gliding in 1967. I was married to George Schuit who flew several World and European championships. I was Team captain during several World and European Comps and I had the honour of winning gold, silver and bronze with pilots in my team. Through gliding I have met lots of Australians, nice pilots, great people, and so I left Holland for Australia in 1995 and took over one of the biggest gliding schools in the world; the Sportavia Soaring Center in Tocumwal. My job now is PR manager, hostess and I write, when I live 6 months (October 1 till March 30) in Australia, also every day the Latest News on our web site. I will be a steward in Rayskala this year during the European Comps.

I started gliding in 1995 at the West Brabantse Aero club in Woensdrecht. In 1997 I obtained my glider licence and in 2000, won the Juniors game in Venlo. After this game I became entirely addicted to flying games. After the benelux game in 2001, in 2002 I bought a discus CS with my father, where I qualified myself with the summer games and the benelux game for the Juniors selection. In 2003, I participated in the WC Juniors in Nitra, where I finished 13th in the standard class. After my second place at the pre WC juniors in 2004, I hope for a good placing in 2005. My remaining games for this year are the Pribina cup in Nitra and NK at Issoudun and the shorter Weelde wedstrijd, Jac Jansen and the Amstel Glide.

At the start of the gliding season in 1996 Jelmer Wassenaar started his gliding career with a membership of the 'Gelderse' gliding club. After having made his first cross-country flights he took place in his first contest, flying the two seater. That particular contest was the Duoglide at Eindhoven Airport in 1998. There he was truly affected by competition soaring. After that, he did the junior nationals in 2000, followed by the Summer championships in 2001. By qualifying for the senior nationals of 2002, he simultaneously got awarded by a membership of the junior selection.

In 2003, he competed in the junior worlds in Nitra. In 2004 he flew the Dutch club class nationals as well as the pre worlds at Husbands-Bosworth, England. On both occasions he placed 4th.

Next to all contests he is training to become gliding instructor. He guesses that fact directly follows from his passion for two seater flying. All added, most of his spare time is spent on Terlet, or any other gliding site. His hobby has thereby evolved to an important part of his life. And as so many, he intends to make a living out of this hobby. So besides gliding, he is studying aerospace engineering at the Delft University of Technology

Born on the 27th of October 1981. He is currently studying Architecture in Groningen, the Netherlands, and is expected to graduate in June 2005, probably starting with Real Estate & Housing at the University of Delft in September 2005. The gliding adventure became a reality in 1996, after my victory at The National paper plane Championships at the airbase of Valkenburg. The reward I received was a two day course of gliding at our National gliding field in the Netherlands. In the first two weeks I had the possibility to fly alone for the first time. I got my Glider Pilot Licence when I was 16 years old and started cross-country flying a couple of years later. During The National Junior Championship I ended up 5th in the standard class in 2002. The competition experience was great and gave me lots of energy and made me decide to take part in a big championship the following year. During the Summer Championships I finished 1st in the standard class in 2003. In the following year I decided to improve my experience during an International Championship. In 2004 I finished 7th during the championship in Bailleau (France). Gliding is a way of chilling-out, which is giving me lots of pleasure and booming energy. Not only related to my study, but certainly for gliding, the following sentence is a fact: "The sky is the limit, so let's go beyond".

CAPTAIN

Name: Rietje Schuit de Luij
Country: The Netherlands



Name: Robbie Seton
Country: The Netherlands
Date of birth: 20th August 1980
Class: standard
Glider: Discus CS
Contest number: MR



Name: Jelmer Wassenaar
Country: The Netherlands
Date of birth: 3rd May 1980
Class: standard
Glider: Discus CS, WL
Contest number: E2



Name: Tjalling Thoe
Country: The Netherlands
Date of birth: 27th October 1981
Class: standard
Glider: Discus BT
Contest number: IKK





Name: Rens van Broekhuijsen
Country: The Netherlands
Date of birth: 16th December 1981
Class: club
Glider: ASW 19 WL
Contest number: YX

Rens van Broekhuijsen was born on the 16th of December 1981. He flies for KLM (www.klm.com) as an airline pilot. He started his flight training in October 2000 at the KLM Flight Academy (www.kls.nl). Rens' grandpa flew at the Kennemer gliding club (www.kzc.nl). His father grew up there, started gliding too, and finally moved to the Amsterdam Gliding Club (www.acvz.nl). That's where Rens grew up. He made his first flight in a ASK-13 when he was four years old, together with his dad. When he was fourteen he learned to fly himself and he got his gliding licence when he was 16. That's when he started to fly cross-country and he participated a couple of times in the competition of his club, the Amstelglide.

His first big championship was the Dutch Junior Championship in 2001 when he ended up 4th. In 2002 he was in Florida for his flight training so he didn't participate in any competitions. In 2003 he ended up 4th in the Club class Nationals. In 2004 he ended up 9th in the Pribina Cup, Nitra (Slovakia). In the summer he became 2nd junior in the Dutch Nationals Standard class. In 2005 he wants to go to Nitra again, and he participates in the World Junior Championships, club class. He will fly in YX, the ASW-19 of the Dutch junior team.

Gliding is part of his life, that's why you will find him many weekends at Soesterberg (EHSB) and during weekdays at other airfields. "If flying would be life, then gliding would be the sex in it", that's something he totally agrees with!



Name: Bart Berendsen
Country: The Netherlands
Date of birth: 2nd February 1983
Class: club
Glider: Cirrus 75
Contest number: XII

Bart started gliding in 1997 at the 'Twentsche Zweefvlieg Club'. He got his Glider Pilot Licence when he was 16 and went cross-country almost immediately. Soon after he entered the junior competition at Venlo and other competitions followed.

Since 2003 Bart has a share in "II", a Std.Cirrus75. With this glider he entered the Club Class Nationals 2003, where he flew himself in the junior squad.

In 2004 he was 13th in the Standard Class Nationals and he shared an entry with Tommy Kalsbeek during the Junior Pre-Worlds to get to know the area around HusBos. At the end of 2004 Bart also became a full cat. instructor.

Besides being in the air as much as possible, Bart studies Aeronautical Engineering in Haarlem at the INHOLLAND University of Professional Education. He hopes to graduate in June 2005, after which he can completely focus at the Junior Worlds.



Name: Leeuwe Runhaar
Country: The Netherlands
Date of birth: 22nd April 1980
Class: club
Glider: Std. Cirrus
Contest number: CN

24 year old Leeuwe Runhaar started with gliding in 1999 at the gliding club Flevo. This gliding club is located 4 meters below sea level so he really is a "lowlands" glider pilot. In 2001 he flew his first competition in Venlo and the year after that he flew the "summer competition" at Malden. After this comp he entered the Dutch junior team in 2003. He did not fly any comps in 2003 but in 2004 he flew the Dutch Nationals in the standard-class. In 2005 he re-entered the Dutch junior team. He usually flies the Std. Cirrus 'CN' and also the Discus 2b 'YF' of his club. He is looking forward to meet and to fly with the other junior pilots from around the world in Hus Bos!

TEAM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Bob Leve's flying career began after college when he flew cargo and transport helicopters as a military pilot. He presently holds a commercial licence in helicopters, power, and gliders and is a CFIG. Bob had his first glider ride during a bike trip in Calistoga, California and a year later began taking lessons. He soloed a Schweitzer 2-33 in 1996 at age 60 and then began flying a club Grob 103 and Blanik I-23. He completed his first cross country flights in Spain with the German Oerlinghausen club and last year was able to spend a week each learning mountain flying in the French and New Zealand Alps. He bought his first sailplane, an ASW-20 in 1999 and now flies a Ventus 2a at the Wurtsboro New York airport. He, his wife Linda and three cats live in Canton, Connecticut in the home he built 12 years ago. Bob tries to compete in two or three contests each year because he believes that he learns more about cross country flying in one contest than he would have in an entire season of soaring. As a Ph.D. Psychologist he is on the faculty of the Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology at the University of Hartford where he specializes in Clinical and Sport psychology. Bob was the team psychologist for the USA World Soaring team in St. Auban, France in 1997 and Bayreuth, Germany in 1999.

CAPTAIN

Name: Robert Leve
Country: USA



Garret Willat really soared into gliders, on his 14th birthday by soloing 18 different sailplanes. He is now ranked 156 out of 621 US competition pilots. Within a week of turning 14, he went on a soaring safari flying a Grob 102 over 430 miles. Garret lived his first 8 years on Sky Sailing Airport in Fremont California and then moving to Sky Sailing in Warner Springs California when his parents relocated the business. Garret is going to school and is a full time glider flight instructor with a total flight time of over 2000 hours.

Name: Garret Willat
Country: USA
Date of birth: 9th September 1981
Class: Standard
Glider: LS8-18
Contest number: L58



His consuming interest has been in soaring which has taken him around the United States crewing for the likes of Bill Bartell, Dan Ladd, Eric Larson and former Junior team members and fellow Kolstad scholarship winners Sean Franke and Gordon Boettger, and then competing in contests himself in Region 9 and 9 West, Sports Class Nationals, and last year the Standard and 15 meter Nationals. Garret went to France to crew for Danny Sorenson in the 2001 WJGC. Garret has participated in three time world champion George Lee's XC training course in Australia, flown the 2003 Junior World Gliding Championships, competed in the 18 meter and 2004 Standard Nationals having won the 2004 Region Nine Championships in Standard Class. You can normally find Garret around the airport unless the Cu's are popping.

Mike Westbrook took off solo for the first time on his fourteenth birthday, though he had been involved with the Texas Soaring Association since he was two years old. While still fourteen, he earned his A, B, C, Bronze, and Silver badges. Soon after solo, Mike discovered both interest and talent in competitive soaring. Mike had his first contest experience at 15 flying a I-26 in a local contest, and he has since flown in two I-26 Championships. He continued to pursue his passion of competitive soaring by flying in two regionals and three national contests in the World Class, Standard Class and 15-meter Class. In 2002 Mike won the junior trophy for both the I-26 and World Class contests, also winning a few contest days along the way. Later on in 2004 he bought a damaged Schreder HP-11a, which he is currently working on to make airworthy.

Name: Michael Westbrook
Country: USA
Date of birth: 22nd January 1985
Class: Standard
Glider: ASW-28
Contest number: C6



Now, at 20, he is a Commercial glider and power pilot with his CFI-G. He holds a Gold badge with one diamond, Century I, II, and III awards, three Texas state records, and is a recipient of the SSA's prestigious Kolstad Award (2000). He has 500 hours in gliders and 125 hours in powered aircraft.

Mike is the president of the US Junior Soaring Association and the TSA Youth Program. He is currently attending the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University campus in Ft Worth, TX with the dream of becoming a professional pilot. Mike is looking forward to competing in the UK, where he will be flying ASW-28 "C6".



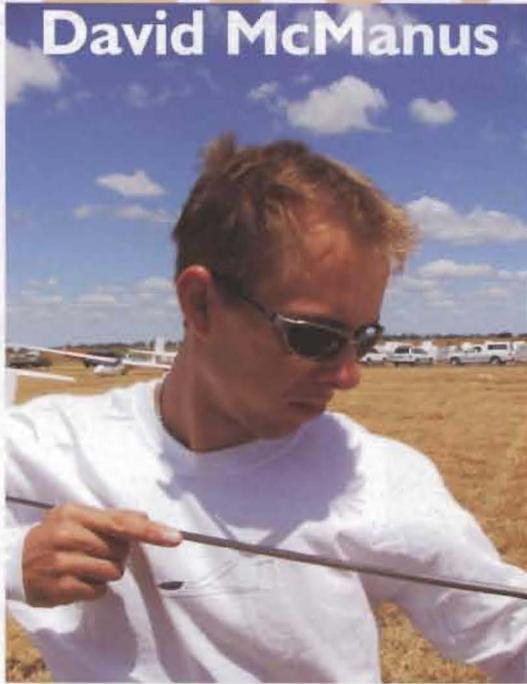


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the pilot
from furthest away

INTERVIEW

David McManus



How did you first get interested in gliding?

When I first saw a glider on TV I thought it was a ridiculous way to fly but after my first flight when I was 14, I was hooked straight away. I initially started as a means to getting my PPL. I had planned on stopping gliding once I got my PPL but found I couldn't stop. I couldn't afford to fly both power and gliding so I ended up giving up power flying. I don't regret that at all.

Are you from a gliding family?

No. I'm the only one in my family who flies.

What age did you go solo, and where and when?

16 years 10 months at the Darling Downs Soaring Club, Queensland in 1997.

Can you remember your first cross country flight?

My first solo cross country flight was a 100km out and return. I achieved my Silver C on this flight.

How did you do in your first competition?

My first competition was the 2001 Queensland Easter comp. I placed second on one of the days and was 8th over all.

What appeals to you about competitive gliding?

I love winning, competing against others, the social life and being able to smoke the line without getting busted.

How do you prepare for a big competition like the Junior Worlds?

I take a relaxed attitude towards the preparation for the event. I fly most weekends but also take time out to chill and have fun with my mates. When I fly we set challenging tasks which use most of the day and also set scenarios to make us think outside the box.

Are you looking forward to the competition?

Yes.

Who will be coming with you to the Junior worlds - any crew, friends or family?

My teammate Adam, crew Charlie and our team manger Paul will be coming. A few friends who will be in Europe at the time of the comp will be coming and one of my cousins who lives in the UK will be visiting.

What type of glider will you be flying and who have you borrowed it/hired it from?

I'm flying an LS8 borrowed from Clive Bruce.

Do you have any other hobbies/interests outside of gliding?

Motorbike riding, hiking/camping, keeping fit, spending time with my friends.

What is gliding like in Australia?

Big distance flights are quite common here. In a normal season 500km flights are very common and easy to do. We get great thermals, my best being 14kts, but they can be large distances apart with a lot of sink in between. There isn't any airspace issues so thermals can be taken all the way to the top. We can also fly all year round with the odd 300km flight in the middle of winter being achieved.

Have you flown in Europe much before?

Never.

What is your most amusing moment from gliding so far?

Probably when I beat up a nearby ridge and scared some local kids off the lookout. I then didn't have enough height to make it back to the gliding field so I landed on a military airstrip only to be interrogated by the army fire fighters. After the hundred and one questions on why I landed at the army base I was then asked if the fire truck (an Oshkosh) would be big enough to tow the glider to the terminal area. Also the last night of the 2004 Australian Junior Nationals was very memorable.

How has gliding influenced your life?

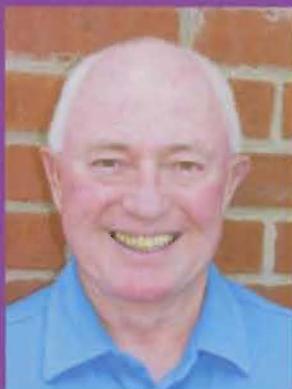
My life basically revolves around gliding. I have planned my career, holidays and social life around gliding.

TEAM

Below we introduce four of the key personnel running the competition. A great number of other people have kindly volunteered their time to help with running the competition too, but there is not room enough to mention them all here unfortunately. We are grateful to all of the many helpers, without whom this competition would definitely not run!

Competition Director - Ronald Bridges

Ron is married to Jayne, and they have two sons, James and Alistair, and a dog named Dan (the man). Jayne, who regularly helps at competitions, will also be working in Administration. Ron is an independent financial adviser. He has been flying for over 30 years, and flies in both regional and national competitions. Ron has been directing competitions for at least 10 years (it could be more!) He is Chairman of the British Gliding Association Competitions and Awards Committee, and he is an "alternative" IGC delegate. He was also team Captain for the British Women's team in Lithuania, where Great Britain won two Gold medals.



Assistant Director - Derek Westwood

Derek is an experienced competition glider pilot and has entered British Nationals in his LS8 for a number of years. He is a retired airline pilot and spends the British winter in Australia, shipping his glider ahead of him each year. His wife Jean gives him every support and will be working in Administration during the Junior Worlds. Derek has considerable Competition Director experience, having directed several British Nationals.

"Met" Man - Hugh Brooks

Hugh joined the Met Office in 1958 and worked all his life there. He spent eleven years overseas in Germany and the Arabian Gulf where he met his wife, Lynn. He began forecasting in 1982 and began forecasting for glider competitions soon after. Since then he's forgotten how many competitions where he has been the Met Man - there seem to be so many! Hugh started gliding in earnest when he went to Germany in 1970 and eventually became an instructor as well as taking part in competitions, but is now more of an armchair pilot.



Task Setting & Scoring - Paul Crabb

Paul comes from the village of Rosscarbery in Ireland. He is a self-employed computer programmer, who now lives in England with his wife Siobhan and dogs Scott and Fergus. Paul has represented Ireland at three world championships, four European championships, and has also flown in many UK national competitions. The high points of his gliding career to date are winning the standard class at the European Championships in Leszno in 1998, and climbing to 25,000 feet in wave. Paul has provided scoring systems for National, European and World Championships and is an experienced task setter, particularly in the competition area. He is a current member of the Irish Gliding Team.

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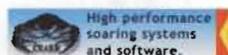
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