

X-Air NEWS

RANDKAR's newsletter

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One month passed since the first publication of X-Air News.

And it is to note that the things move in the ultralight aviation world ! After Friedrichshafen at the end of April, it is Popham which showed the intensive activity of our passion at the beginning of last month. We propose an outline in these lines to you.

You were numerous to react to the Newsletter, and we thank you. The chronicle treating each month of an X-Air owner had the most success. We thus will endeavor to inform you of the history of each one among you who has, or had a X-AIR.

But it is true that to make a complete report of an international fair with the little place we lay out is difficult (it is the concept of this Newsletter which wants it: short but interesting!). We will just give you our own vision of each event, while remaining simple and short.

Good flights to all of you, see you next month!



The course of the 1200 orders of kits has just been crosses! Yes, 1200 X-Airs are currently flying over the world, making the happiness of their owners. If yourself are one of these happy pilots, contact us, to tell your experiment! We will publish your history in these line, in one of the future issues of X-AIR NEWS.

Popham 2007

One more time, Popham Fair Trade was far away from a commercial event, like Friedrichshafen last month. It occurred on the first week end of May, on Popham airfield in Hampshire (UK). Lots of companies and dealers were there. The activity of this air field is amazing, with the numerous clubs and pilots. The Spitfire Flying Club have to be noticed, with its 500 members. It is definitively a marvelous event, with a very good atmosphere.



Find more at : <http://www.popham-airfield.co.uk/>

The 2nd edition of the operation organised by Randkar on our field of Frossay near Nantes (west of France) will take place on Sunday, 24th of June.



We will try to reach the record of 500 flights of 15 minutes each, for the french association of sea rescue. Last year, and despite bad weather conditions, 1150 € have been collected to help our neighbor, the city of Pornic sea rescue station. This amount is dedicated to help them to finance their new rescue boat. 115 flights have been realized last year. For every flight, the passenger gives 5 € to the rescuers, and Randkar gives 5 € to.

Some figures about this event :

- 20 ultralights : multiaxis and trikes
- 45 persons (reception, flights, meals...)
- 150 flying hours
- 1 movement each 30 seconds
- 2000 litres of gasoline
- 50 first flying experience every hour

Focus

Every month, we present you the story of a X-Air owner who catches our attention for his originality, personality, or the way he lives his passion of ultralight aviation.

Last month, we decide to have a look at Africa. Allow us to come back to the story of this woman, Eve Jackson, newcomer in X-Aircommunity. Now resident in Tanzania, Eve relied on us in her wish to buy a reliable, simple and accessible ultralight kit. She opted for a X-Air, without any modification. The perfect reliability of the multi-axis is very convenient for the tanzanian airstrip, often in bad conditions.



The Eve Jackson 's Shadow , in 1987

At the age of 26, Eve takes down a record. She was the first to dare to fly with an ultralight aircraft between the United Kingdom and Australia. It was 20 years ago, on a Shadow. Between April 26, 1986 and August 1, 1987, Eve starts from Biggin Hill in the county of Kent, to go to Sydney. The flight took 279 hours and 55 minutes.

Eve left Biggin Hill in March 1986. Her journey cost £45,000 including the cost of the Shadow. The entire event was undertaken on a tight budget. During the flight Eve was shot at, arrested, had engine failure, played red tape games with the authorities in a number of countries, and nearly couldn't get into Syria because the Foreign Office had cleared her for Sudan. Difficulties included finding appropriate fuel and two-stroke oil. When asked if she ever feared that she would not achieve her objective of getting to Sydney, Eve replied : 'No, not really. After all, there was no reason to fly unsafely, and if you fly safely you get there in the end, don't you?'

As a result of her flight, Eve was the first microlight pilot to be awarded the Royal Aeronautical Society Gold Medal.

Now she is gone to discover another sky. Its X-Air gives her whole satisfaction in its standard version, without any modification. Still a proof of solidity and adaptability of the X-Air range. There are a lot of beautiful flights for Eve, from Lake Victoria to the eternal snow of Kilimandjaro, while passing by Zanzibar.



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