

› It is with great sadness that we report the death of Wally Kahn MBE, who passed away on 15 March. Wally served on the BGA Council from 1954-1990, was a member of the Royal Aero Club committee and received a RAeC Silver Medal in 1995. In 2011, he was awarded an MBE for services to gliding and, in 2014, was presented with a BGA Gold Medal. Wally first soloed in 1946 and earned his Silver C in 1947 (number 85 on the UK register) and Diamond badge number 50 in 1975. Having created the Lasham Trust in 1983, he was instrumental in securing the purchase of the airfield from the MoD. More recently, along with the late Peter Redshaw, Wally was the driving force behind the creation of the Wally Kahn Library, a digital collection of UK gliding books. See obit on p71.

› Schleicher's new ASG 32 EI, with electric sustainer, will be seen for the first time at AERO 2015, Friedrichshafen (15-18 April). As mentioned in the last issue, Schempp-Hirth will be introducing its Ventus 3 at the show.

› Three 17-year-olds have qualified as Instructors at Lasham. Jordan Bridge, Michael Harrison and Olly Metcalfe are now qualified to give trial lessons and air experience flights. The new instructors are a product of the Lasham Youth Group, which offers heavily subsidised flying training to about 60 teenage student pilots.

› A BGA Safety Briefing, *Mounting Cameras for Use in the Air*, has also been published. The publication includes a number of important considerations that might not be immediately obvious to those thinking about using a camera in the air and is essential reading for anyone contemplating aerial photography. See www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/safety/documents/mountingcameras.pdf

› Congratulations to Kay Draper, whose 4 August 2014 flight from Lasham in her LS8-15 secured her the UK Feminine Standard, 15m, 20m and Open Class 200km Triangle Speed Record (104.951m/h).

› In Diana King's letter (*Lifetime commitment*, p6, Feb/March 15) she attributed the creation of the Development committee to Chris Nicholas, Bill Scull and John Holland. It was, in fact, started by Wally Kahn in 1963, who was followed by Joan Cloke as chairman.

BRITISH-MADE HYBRID SSSDR SET TO TAKE OFF

PROJECT GloW is a hybrid-powered soaring microlight that aims to fill a price/performance gap in worldwide markets. This British-made, pilot-funded light aircraft, designed and manufactured by ProAirsport Ltd, has recently been awarded Government funding through the Smart technology programme. Also supported by SEMLEP (South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership), initial stages of production have begun at the company's premises in Northamptonshire.

Experienced glider pilot and founder of ProAirsport, Roger Hurley, explains: "Its self-launching capability significantly increases the opportunity to fly when you want and

from where you want. The pricing, yet to be announced, will be groundbreaking."

GloW's hybrid technology combines electric assist powered wheels that can accelerate rapidly to take-off speed and jet turbine propulsion for climb and cruise. Twin main wheels and steerable nosewheel allow the aircraft to sit wings level and it can be pilot manoeuvred before take-off and after landing. It is said to be simple to rig and ready in 15 minutes.

Roger says: "In flight, the engine can be easily turned on and off at will, without needing to extend it, meaning the aircraft can be flown as a pure sailplane in engine-off soaring flight or power climb, or cruise to transit. Cruise ability remains, but pure

soaring flight or a combined cruise/soar profile becomes an interesting reality."

The aircraft was designed following reductions in CAA red tape that came into effect in May 2014 and fits in the SSSDR category.

www.proairsport.com



SSDR Project GloW is the work of British glider pilot Roger Hurley

DATES

NATIONALS, REGIONALS AND OTHERS

Standard Class Nationals	Hus Bos	23-31/5/15
15 Metre Class Nationals	Hus Bos	23-31/5/15
Competition Enterprise	Sutton Bank	4-11/7/15
Club Class Nationals	Bicester	11-19/7/15
Europeans	Osceny, Hungary	12-25/7/15
(18m, Open, 20m two-seater Classes)		
Open Class Nationals	Cambridge	1-9/8/15
FAI 20m two-seater Nationals	Cambridge	1-9/8/15
1st 13.5m Class Worlds	Pociunai, Lithuania	1-15/8/15
Women's Worlds	Arnborg, Denmark	1-14/8/15
Europeans	Rieti, Italy	2-15/8/15
(Standard, 15m, Club Classes)		
18 Metre Class Nationals	Lasham	15-23/8/15
Junior Championships	Aston Down	22-30/8/15
Two-Seater Competition	Pocklington	23-30/8/15
UK Mountain Soaring Champs	Aboyne	6-12/9/15
Junior Worlds	Narromine, Australia	1-12/12/15
Glider aerobic competitions		
Dan Smith	Dunstable	5-6/4/15
Aerobatic nationals	Saltby	20-24/5/15
World Glider Aerobatic Champs	Zbraslavice, Czech	5-14/8/15
Saltby Open	Saltby	28-30/8/15

SHENINGTON REGIONALS
20-28/6/15

BOOKER REGIONALS
27/6 - 5/7/15

BIDFORD REGIONALS
18-26/7/15

HUS BOS CHALLENGE CUP
18-26/7/15

DUNSTABLE REGIONALS
25/7 - 2/8/15

NORTHERN REGIONALS
1-9/8/15

BICESTER REGIONALS
1-9/8/15

LASHAM REGIONALS
15-23/8/15

COTSWOLD REGIONALS
22-30/8/15

INTER-SERVICES REGIONALS
29/8-6/9/15