



# Scottish Airsports Club

## Latest News

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### Forthcoming Events

#### Lanzarote hang gliding trip February 2006

Andy is organising the usual one week trip in February 2006. Flights are 07:10 from Glasgow on Thursday 2nd February, and 12:40 from Lanzarote on Thursday 9th February. Cost is £233 including glider carriage. Anyone who wants to go please contact Andy on 07866 606025.

#### Parachute Repack Session 14th January 2006

Ochils paragliding club will be holding a repack on the 14th of Jan 2006 at Broomhall Castle in Menstrie from 10 am. The event is held to assist pilots in the repacking of their own reserve parachute and is not a repacking service. Expert and experienced help will be available and pilots are encouraged to aid in the repacking of other pilots reserves.

#### Parachute Repack Session February 2006

The Scottish Hanggliding and Paragliding Federation (SHPF) are planning to hold another repacking session in the Ratho Adventure Centre some time in February next year. There will be a zip-wire to slide down so you can get a proper test of deployment. I don't have any more details at present, but keep an eye out on [www.shpf.co.uk](http://www.shpf.co.uk) for more information.

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### Pilot Exam Success

Congratulations to Scott McMeekin, Sergey Kataev and me for passing our Pilot exams recently. Also many thanks to Bob for coming down to invigilate for us. Sergey, we hope to see you at the airfield for some aerotow training soon!

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## Flying With Condors

Many thanks to Sue for her e-mail telling us about the Flying with Condors program on BBC2. I had no idea it was on and would have missed a fascinating program otherwise. For anyone that missed it, I've got the whole thing recorded onto DVD so give me a shout if you want to borrow it. It's well worth watching. My only concern is that it wasn't as good an advert for hang gliding or paragliding as I'd hoped. As far as I could tell from the programme, after 5 weeks in Peru the final score was: 4 flights in total, 1 flight with condors, 1 broken foot, 1 broken wrist and 1 written-off hang glider. Given that Judy is an ex-World Champion, I can only guess that your average viewer must think any mere mortal attempting the sport is going to fare even worse! It made jumping off a 300 foot bridge with a 400 foot bungee look safer!

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## 9th Open Canaries Hanggliding Competition

For anyone like me planning a trip to hanggliding Lanzarote in the near future here are a couple of pictures courtesy of the Oz Report from the recent 9th Open Canaries Hanggliding competition in Lanzarote to whet your appetite:



"We have a good Sunday for fly in Lanzarote! Here are pictured Robert Reisinger and Bob Baier in goal with Red Bull brindis."



There was no caption with this picture. Let me know if you recognise the site since I don't! It doesn't look like any of Famara, Mala, El Cuchillo or Macher (the only ones I know) to me.

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