

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

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## AN INVITATION TO ATTEND

### THE 1954 F.A.I. WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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At the last Championships, in Madrid in 1952, Mr. Philip Wills of Great Britain became the World Gliding Champion, and will defend his title this summer.

We invite you or a representative of your newspaper or periodical to visit the site of the contests either for the whole meeting, or for a shorter period. Apart from the general day-to-day results, we feel sure that there will be many interesting stories about the competitors, their aircraft and the Championships themselves.

The press facilities which have been arranged are, we feel, very comprehensive. There will be a press conference every morning to inform you of the day's task and the press liaison officer will give you the details of the weather forecast, probable flights and all other relevant details. He and his staff will be available in the press tent at all times to give you all possible help, stories and introductions to pilots and crews where desired. Interpreters will also be available. The press tent will have telephones, maps, score-board and all other necessary data available.

A list of hotels near the site is appended and you should arrange accommodation as the hotels are very crowded in July and August.

We should be very grateful if you would kindly complete the form enclosed and return to the address stated thereon as early as possible. If you are able to attend we will send you a badge which must be worn at all times, and a car sticker.

*Walter Kahn*

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Press Officer.

WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1954.

The following hotels are within five miles of the site:

<u>HOTEL</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Little John Hotel, Hathersage, Derbyshire.	Hathersage Tel: 223
The George Hotel, Hathersage, Derbyshire.	Hathersage Tel: 205
The Sir William Hotel, Grindleford, Derbyshire.	Grindleford Tel: 3
The Maynard Arms, Grindleford, Derbyshire.	Grindleford Tel: 21
The Rising Sun, Bamford, Derbyshire.	Bamford Tel: 23
The Marquis of Granby, Bamford, Derbyshire.	Bamford Tel: 45
The Bowling Green, Bradwell, Derbyshire.	Bradwell -----
The Castle Hotel, Castleton, Derbyshire.	Castleton Tel: 228
The Bulls Head, Castleton, Derbyshire.	Castleton Tel: 256
The Nags Head, Castleton, Derbyshire.	Castleton Tel: 248
The Peveril Cafe (unlicensed) Castleton, Derbyshire.	Castleton Tel: 274
The Bulls Head, Tideswell, Derbyshire.	Tideswell Tel: 256
The Star Hotel, Tideswell, Derbyshire.	Tideswell -----
Foxlowe House (unlicensed), Tideswell, Derbyshire.	Tideswell Tel: 220
Queen Anne Hotel, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire.	Tideswell Tel: 246

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The last Championships, in Madrid in 1952, in which we were the victors, were given unlimited financial assistance by the Spanish government, and we are now faced with the tremendous task of putting up a show with private backing only which must not fall short of what our visitors have the right to expect.

Here is field of sport in which after many years we have achieved pre-eminence, and we feel sure that the country will not fail to give us the financial support to enable us to make a first class effort to retain it. We must raise the sum of £10,000 and although this is much less than was made available by Spain, we believe that with the enthusiasm and hard work of all members of the British gliding movement which is unstintingly available, with this amount we shall be able- weather permitting - to achieve results of lasting importance in this field of aviation.

It may not be realised that the position we have reached in International gliding has already produced important results. The export figure for British gliders and sailplanes, as a percentage of total production is higher than that of any other branch of the British Aviation Industry. A number of countries are purchasing British sailplanes which they are entering to fly in July at Camphill. They will be equipped with British instruments and British radio.

Each country is allowed to enter two aircraft in the single-seater class and one in the multi-seater class. We hope to enter one Sky (the machine which won the 1952 Championships) and a new two-seater aircraft (which will be flown as a single-seater) whose flight-trials are expected to start next month, which is at present designated the K.1., in the single-seater class, and a second new design, the T.42, in the two-seater class. These plans of course depend on the completion to time and the satisfactory flight tests of the two new designs.

We shall again be equipped with Pye aircraft-to-car radio, to aid retrieving. We are also being again equipped with Standard Vanguard Estate cars which did such admirable service in Spain.

The British pilots are Philip Wills (the present World Champion single-seater class); Geoffrey Stephenson (the present British National Champion) & Mr & Mrs L. Welch. Each pilot has three ground team members, and each British pilot's wife is in the ground-team. There seems considerable grounds to think that the first and most important choice for the sailplane pilot

who wishes to reach the top is in the selection of his wife. The British Team Manager is Mrs C. Orde, who is the Secretary of the British Gliding Association.

Particularly interesting entries have been received from Brazil, who are flying two machines not seen before on this side of the World the World, the I.P.T.-17 and the Barros Neiva I; Germany, with a new two-seater larger than usual of 65 feet span weighing 1,278 lbs; Finland, Yugoslavia, Switzerland and the U.S.A.

Competitors will be accommodated in a fleet of fifty caravans on the site. Daily tasks to be flown comprise distance flights; flights to a goal declared by the pilot before take-off and races to a goal set by the organisers.

Lauches will be by winch. Retrieving will be by road, except in the case of a cross-channel flight. Any pilot succeeding in this will be got back by any means available.

P.A. Wills  
CHAIRMAN  
British Gliding Association.

WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1954

<u>Official Number</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>1st Pilot</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
<u>Single-Seater Class</u>			
1	Israel	M. Bar	Olympia
2	Italy	G. Ferrari	Canguro
3	Spain	F. Llorente	Sky
4	Argentine	J. Cuadrado	Sky
5	Great Britain	P.A. Wills	Sky
6	South Africa	P. Beatty	Skylark 1
7	Yugoslavia	M. Arbajter	Lasta
8	Austria	F. Linher	Superspatz
9	Finland	S. Relander	Weihe
10	Sweden	P.A. Persson	Weihe
11	Switzerland	A. Kuhn	Sky
12	Australia	S.V. Owen	Olympia
13	Holland	I. de Boer	Sky
14	Belgium	M. Cartigny	Sohaj
15	Germany	E.G. Haase	HKS-1
16	Canada	A. Pow	Olympia
17	Denmark	H.W. Jensen	Spatz-L
18	United States	P.B. MacCready	Schweizer 1-23E
19	France	G. Rousselet	Breguet-901
20	Italy	R. Brigliadori	Canguro
21	Spain	M. Torrell	Sky
22	Argentine	J.S. Ortner	Sky
23	Great Britain	G.H. Stephenson	Olympia IV
24	South Africa	H.R. Lasch	Air-100
25	Yugoslavia	F. Mordej	Orao
<del>26</del>	<del>Austria</del>	<del>W. Grafe</del>	<del>Weihe</del>
27	Finland	A.V.J. Koskinen	PIK-13
28	Sweden	T. Loef	Weihe
29	Switzerland	A. Gehriger	WLM II
30	Holland	O.P. Koch	Olympia
31	Belgium	W. Witter	Sohaj
32	Germany	A. Wiethuchter	Weihe-50
33	Denmark	A. Feddersen	Olympia
34	United States	P.A. Schweizer	1-23D Schweizer
35	France	G. Pierre	Breguet-901

Two-Seater Class

36	Argentine	J. Ompre	Condor IV
37	Italy	A. Mantelli	Canguro
38	Spain	L.V. Juez	Kranich III
39	United States	S.W. Smith	Schweizer 2-25
40	Great Britain	L. Welch	Slingsby T-42
41	France	M. Gasnier	C-M 71
42	Yugoslavia	B. Komac	Kosava
43	Austria	W. Hesse	Musger MG-19
<del>44</del>	<del>Germany</del>	<del>H. Reitsch</del>	<del>HKS-1</del>
45	Switzerland	H. Nietlispach	SPYR Va

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LIST OF ENTRIES FOR PRESS RELEASE.

<u>NATIONS AND PILOTS.</u>		<u>SINGLE-SEATER</u>	<u>MULTI-SEATER</u>
<u>ARGENTINE</u>	Full details not given	2	1
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
S.W. Smith		Schweizer 1-21	
P.B. MacCreedy Jr		Schweizer 1-23E	
C.W. see Jr*			
P.A. Schweizer*)			Schweizer 2-25
<u>AUSTRIA</u>			
F. Linher		Superspatz	
W. Grafe		Weihe	
W. Hesse*			
A. Hasenknopf*)			Musger Mg 19
<u>BELGIUM</u>	Full details not given	2	
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	" " " "	Olympia	
<u>BRAZIL</u>			
G. Munch		I.P.T. 17	
A.W. Viera da Rosa		Barros Neiva - 1	
<u>CANADA</u>	Full details not given	Olympia	
<u>SPAIN</u>	" " " "	2	1
<u>DENMARK</u>			
H.W. Jensen		Not known	
A Feddersen		Olympia	
<u>FINLAND</u>			
A.V.J. Koskinen		PIK - 13	
S. Relander		Weihe	
<u>FRANCE</u>	Full details not given	2	1
<u>SWEDEN</u>	" " " "	(Weihes) 2	
<u>GERMANY.</u>			
A. Wiethuechter		Focke Wulf Weihe 50	
E.G. Haase.		HKS 1	
Hanna Reitsch* )			
Erika Leutloff* )			H K S 1
<u>GREAT BRITAIN</u>			
Philip Wills		K.1	
Geoffrey Stephenson		Sky	
Lorne Welch*)			
Ann Welch*)			Slingsby T.42
<u>HOLLAND</u>			
I.de Boer		Sky	
O.P. Koch		KNVvL - 491	
<u>ISRAEL</u>			
M. Bar		Olympia	
<u>ITALY</u>			
R. Brigliadori		Spillo	
M. Guerrini		Not known	
A. Mantelli*)			
L. Braghini*)			1 (type not known)
<u>SOUTH AFRICA.</u>			
H.R. Lasch		Air 100	
P.J. Beatty		Skylark Type 37	
<u>JUGOSLAVIA</u>			
F. Mordej		Orao	
M. Arbafter		Lasta	
B. Kenac*)			
Z. Rajn*)			Ilic-Kisovec "Kosava"
<u>SWITZERLAND</u>			
A. Gehriger		WLM-II	
A. Kuhn		Sky	
H. Nietlispach*)			
B Muller *			Spyr V.

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18th February, PRESS RELEASE F.I.I. WORLD

GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1954.

DETAILS OF ENTRANTS etc.

AUSTRALIA. Selwyn Vernon Owen, aged 37 from Sydney N.S.W., who has been gliding for 14 years and holds a Gold "C" with Goal Diamond, was an R.A.A.F. pilot during the war and served in England. At present employed as a pilot with Quantas Empire Airways, and has logged some 8,200 hours as a power pilot. Will fly an Olympia to be borrowed in England.

Team Manager. Pat Bourke of Melbourne, a light plane power instructor.

Crew. Charlie Bonds and Peter Killmier from Adelaide.

General. This is the second international event to be attended by Australia, but in 1952 they were represented by different pilots. There are about 25 gliding clubs in Australia with an active membership of about 450.

AUSTRIA

Pilots: Franz Linher of Zell-am-See who will fly a single-seater "superspatz".

Waldemar Grafe, of Ennstal, who will fly a single-seater Weihe.

Dipl. Ing. Walter Hesse of Graz-Waltendorf and Ing. Alois Hasenknopf of Kutstein/Tirol, who will fly a two-seater "Mugger Mg 19"

Team Manager. Pol. Obstlt. Gustav Hauck, of Salzburg.

General. This is the first time the Austrians have attended the World Championships since the war. The last Contest they attended was the International Meeting held in July 1937 at the Wasserkuppe in Central Germany.

BRAZIL.

Pilots: George Munch of Sao Paulo, who will fly the I.P.T. 17 experimental single-seater glider, with a wingspan of 62 feet span. He competed in the Brazilian Team at Madrid in 1952.

Aldo Weber Vieira da Rosa also of Sao Paulo, who will fly the experimental Barros Neiva - 1 with a wingspan of 55 feet., and is also the Team Manager.

General. This is the second International Meeting to be attended by Brazil, in 1952 they entered one single-seater and a two-seater.

DENMARK

Pilots: Harald Wermuth Jenson of Aarhus, is better known as "Cowboy", is a pioneer of soaring in Denmark, he obtain his first certificate in 1942, and in 1946 obtained the first Danish Silver "C". He is the present National Champion, and flew in the Danish Team at the World Championships in Sweden in 1950 when he was 16th and also at Madrid in 1952 when he came in 12th in the two-seater class. He has not chosen the aircraft he will fly this year. "Cowboy" is the Manager of a factory making stainless steel sinks of his design. He is married and has one son.

Aksel Feddersen, who took up gliding in 1947, obtained his Silver "C" in 1951 and that year also became the first Danish National Champion. He flew in the single-seater class in the World Championships in Spain and came first on the Free Distance day. He came second in the National Championships in 1953 flying the same Olympia as he will fly this year. This machine is modified "a la Raspet" and has a definitely improved performance. Feddersen who is unmarried is a Civil Engineer.

General. This is the third International Meeting the Danes have attended.

PRESS RELEASE - Details of Entrants.

ARGENTINE.

Pilots: These have not been officially announced yet, but they have entered two in the single-seater class and one in the two-seater class. They will fly two British designed and constructed Sky aircraft, manufactured by Messrs. Slingsby Sailplanes, Kirbymoorside, Yorks. This is the same machine that was used by the victorious British Team in 1952 in Madrid.

General.

This is the second World Championship they have competed in, and in 1952 at Madrid one of their pilots finished 4th in the single-seater class.

CANADA

Pilot: This has not yet been officially announced, but they will fly a borrowed British Olympia in the single-seater class

General. This is the second World Championship they have competed in. In Madrid in 1952 they flew two single-seaters and one two-seater

FINLAND.

Pilots: Antti V.J. Koskinen of Kauhava, who will fly an experimental PIK-13, single-seater, which is the same machine he flew at Madrid in 1952.

Seppo Relander of Helsinki who will fly a Weihe, single-seater, he has never competed in a World Championship before.

Team Manager. Lennart Poppius of Kapyla, also Managed the Finnish Team in Switzerland in 1948, Sweden in 1950 and Spain in 1952.

GENERAL. This is the fourth International Meeting to be attended by Finland. In 1948 one of their pilots was placed 11th in the single-seater class, and the same pilot came 14th in Sweden in 1950. And in Madrid in 1952 their two single-seater pilots came in 15th and 16th.

FRANCE.

Pilots: These have not been officially announced yet, but it is almost definite that one of the single-seater pilots will be G. Pierre, who came second in the single-seater class in Spain in 1952, is the French National Champion, and also won the Competitions in Germany in 1953.

GENERAL. This is the fourth World Championships to be attended by the French. In Switzerland in 1948 one of their pilots came in 6th, and the same pilot came in 10th in Sweden in 1950.

ISRAEL .

Pilot: Menachem Bar. of Tel Aviv, who will fly a borrowed British Olympia.

Team Manager. Emil Pohorille, also of Tel Aviv.

General. This is the first International Meeting to be attended by Israel. The Team is sponsored by The Manchester Jewish Sportsmen's Committee.

ITALY.

Pilots: Riccardo Brigliadori of Milan, who will fly a Spillo, single seater, and who also flew in the Italian Team in Spain in 1952.

Massimo Guerrini of Rome, who will fly a single-seater, and was in the Italian Two-seater Team in 1952, which came in fourth in that class. :

Adriano Mantelli of Rome with whom Guerrini flew in 1952, will again fly a two Seater, this time accompanied by Luciano Braghini, who is competing in a World Championship for the first time.

Team Manager. Manillo Zerbinati, President of the Aero Club of Italy.

General. The is the second World Championships to be attended by Italy.



PRESS RELEASE - Details of Entrants.

GERMANY.

August Wiethuchter, of Württemberg, born in 1913, started gliding in 1928, got his Silver "C" in 1937, came third in the German Nationals in 1953, and will fly a Weihe-50 Single Seater, this year. Has never competed in a World Championship before.

Ernst Guenter Haase of Aachen, was born in 1913, started gliding in 1931, competed in the Rhoen Gliding Competitions in 1934, holds Gold "C" No. 17, and came second in the French National Championships in 1953. He will fly the new H.K.S. 1. He came 12th in Spain in 1952 in the Single-Seater class.

Hanna Reitsch was introduced to gliding in 1932, and she has flown in South America, Finland, North Africa, Portugal and the U.S.A. At the 1938 German Competitions she won the German Goal Flight Competition, thereby beating all male competitors. She held several World Records in the thirties. She competed in the first International Competitions to be held at the Wasserkuppe in 1937, when the principal prizes went to the five German entrants. She also competed in Madrid in 1952, when she flew the Kranich III two seater into third place. This year she will fly the new H.K.S. 1, details of which are given below.

Erika Leutloff will fly with Hanna Reitsch in the Kranich III, but only as a passenger.

General. The H.K.S. 1 was first flown in the Competitions in Germany in 1953, and is designed by Haase and Heinz Kensche who flew in the Championships in Spain in 1952. It was built near Aachen and is a high performance Sailplane, featuring a swept-forward wing of high aspect ratio, a V-tail and a tail parachute instead of air brakes. It has no ailerons but the camber of the laminar-glow airfoil section can be changed mechanically (which is a kind of warping the wing). It is also the heaviest two-seater to have been built. Span 65 feet and weight 1,278 lbs. This is the second Championships the Germans have attended since the war.

BELGIUM.

Pilots: These have not yet been officially announced, but it is thought that they will be two in the single-seater class flying the Belgian Schaj glider.

General. This is the second International Meeting they have attended, in Spain in 1952 they entered one pilot in the single-seater class who came in 19th.

HOLLAND.

Pilots: Otto Paul Koch of Badhoevedorp who will fly a KNVvL - 491 in the single-seater class, and it is the first World Championships he has competed in.

Ilbert de Boer of Amsterdam, who will fly a British Sky in the Single-Seater class, who has also not competed before.

General. This is the third World Championships to be attended by the Dutch. In Sweden in 1950 they came in 17th, and in Spain in 1952 also flying a Sky in the single-seater class they came in fourth

SOUTH AFRICA.

Pilots: H.R. Lasch of Johannesburg who will fly a French Air 100, He flew for South Africa in Sweden in 1950 when he came in 21st, and he flew also in the single-seater class in Spain in 1952. By Profession he is an Engineer, and is married.

P.J. Beatty. Also of Johannesburg, will fly a British made Skylark, the prototype of which flew at the British National Championships in 1953. Mr. Beatty is also an Engineer and is married.

General. This is the third International Meeting the South Africans have competed in.

PRESS RELEASE - Details of Entrants.SPAIN.

Pilots: These have not yet been officially announced.

General. The Spanish participants in 1952 came first in the two-seater class, flying a Kranich made in Germany, and two of their pilots came 10th and 17th in the Single-seater class flying German Weihe's. They also competed in Switzerland in 1950, where their pilots came 5th and 12th in the Single-seater class. This will be the third International Meeting they have attended.

SWEDEN.

Pilots: They have not yet announced the pilots or aircraft that will compete this year.

General. This will be the fourth International Meeting they have attended. In 1948 in Switzerland P.A. Persson won the Single Seater World Championships, flying a German Weihe. In 1950 in Sweden B. Nilsson again won the Single-seater class, and in 1952 at Madrid he came 19th in the same machine and another pilot came 22nd in a Weihe

SWITZERLAND.

Pilots: Adolf Gehriger, Secretary of the Swiss Aero Club and President of the International Gliding Commission set up by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in Paris. He was the initiator of the idea of holding World Championships, and assisted in their organisation at Samaden Switzerland in 1948. He flew in the World Championships in Sweden in 1950 where he came in 8th, and in Spain in 1952 he came in 5th flying a Weihe in the single-seater class. He will fly the new prototype WLM-2, with laminar air foil wings, stressed skin-construction (monocoque wings and fuselage).

Alwin Kuhn. Came first in the 1953 Swiss National Competitions, and also in 1944, 1945 and 1952. He flew for Switzerland in 1948 and came in 3rd, in 1952 at Madrid he came in 8th flying a Moswey III. He will fly a British designed and built Sky this year.

Hans Nietlispach and Bernhard Muller who will fly a Kranich II or Swiss Spyr 4a, in the two-seater class, have never competed before. Nietlispach however, holds a Gold "C" and two diamonds and three Swiss National Records.

Team Manager. Kurt Fahrlander, is an old timer of the Swiss Gliding movement. He flew for Switzerland at Samaden in 1948 and in Spain in 1952. He also competed in the British National Championships at Bramcote, in 1947 where he established a Swiss two-seater Record for Distance.

General.

Switzerland have competed in all four International Meetings that have been held, and themselves organised the World Championships at Samaden in 1948.

UNITED STATES.

Pilots: Stanley W. Smith of New York, who will fly a Schweizer 1-21, he competed in 1952 in Spain.

Paul B. MacCready Jr., of California, who will fly a Schweizer 1-23E, and who came 6th in Spain in 1952 flying the same aircraft. He also competed in Sweden in 1950 where he came in 2nd

C.W. See Jr. of New York, who will fly with Paul A. Schweizer in a Schweizer 2-25 two-seater. C.W. See has never competed before, but Schweizer came in 18th in the single-seater class at Madrid in 1952. He is also the designer and constructor of the Schweizer aircraft which all the American Team will be flying.

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PRESS RELEASE - LIST OF ENTRIES.

Jugoslavia

Pilots: Franc Mordej, who will fly the Yugoslavian designed and constructed "Orao", which was flown into third place at the World Championships in Sweden, in 1950.

Maks Arbajter: who will fly the Yugoslavian machine "Lasta" which is still in the course of construction. He came in fourth at the Championships in Sweden, in 1950.

Bozidar Komac and Zvonimir Rajn will fly in the two-seater "Kosova", which won the Yugoslav National Championships in 1953. Komac flew the same machine in the 1953 German National Championships where he came in third.

General. This is the second World Championships that the Yugoslavian have participated in since the War. They also competed at the Wasserkuppe in 1938. In 1950 in Sweden their Team took third and fourth places.

GREAT BRITIAN.

Pilots: Philip A. Wills. Has taken part in all previous World Championships, at the Wasserkuppe in 1938; Switzerland in 1948; Sweden in 1950; and Spain in 1952 where he won for Great Britain the World Championships in the Single-Seater Class. He will fly the new K.1 Two-Seater in the single-seater class. Mrs Wills will crew for her husband.

Geoffrey Stephenson. Won the British National Championships in 1953, competed in Spain in 1952 where he came in 11th. He will fly a Sky in the single-seater class. Mrs Stephenson will crew for her husband.

Lorne Welch competed in the World Championships in 1948, 1950 and 1952. In Spain in 1952 he came in 9th. He will fly the new Slingsby T42 in the two-seater class. His co-pilot will be his wife Mrs Ann Welch, who like Mr. Philip Wills has attended all previous World Championships as Manager of the British Team. Mrs Welch is a well-known pilot in her own right. This is the first time that a husband and wife have been co-pilots in a World Championship.

Team Manager Mrs Cuthbert Orde, Secretary of the British Gliding Association, and who also accompanied the British Team to Sweden and Spain.