



Scottish Hangliding and Paragliding Federation

Ratho Paragliding Gathering 2012

General Info: <http://www.shpf.co.uk/shpf-Ratho-Repack.php>

Date and venue: 4th of February 2012 – Edinburgh International Climbing Arena - Ratho

Final Program:

09:00 to 18:00 Zip Line Parachute Jumps / Re – Packs
(The zip line operators will take a lunch break from 12:00 through 12:30)

11:00 / 11:40 2 Liner Paragliders - Design, behaviour, glorious and brown trouser moments by Brendan Reid. Our friend will bring along his glider for some touching, feeling, looking, etc by the audience. Brendan has been flying this machine pretty successfully for the last season, smashing one or two records in the process.

12:00 / 14:00 Speed Flying by Gordie Olliver (CFI) Gordie is or is about to become the first Speed Flying Instructor in UK, he is one of the first ones pushing the activity in the Island in addition to having a life worth of free flying instructing experience, in addition to other outdoor sports. Is the man for the Lakes District, and somebody that will thrill the audience with a workshop or talk or whatever Gordie wants to do to get Speed Flyers and potential pilots interest covered.

14:30 / 15:30 XC Flying by Triantafyllos Gkikopoulos (Dr T) . Trias like everything else in his life, got into flying full on, fully dedicated, a flying maniac that would trade his mother for a 120K triangle in UK. It is the man to beat in the highlands, and a truly conosseur of XC freeflying. He made it this year into the Advance Serial Team , and it has a talent to teach. Trias..we look forward for your workshop, and even more for your 50% proof ale....

16:00 / 16:45 AGM (If you feel like is the right time to give something back to the sport, then this is an opportunity to do so. Any volunteers to join our committee are very welcome to step forward, available positions will be Chairman, Secretary, etc)

16:45 / 17:00 2011 SHPF Comps - Price giving

17:00 / 18:30 Redbull X-Alps by Richard Bungay and Steve Nash..Team GB 1. This will probably be the event every one is looking forward to. Steve and Richard have a pretty smooth and well rehearsed presentation that includes exclusive footage, pictures and even mobile phone conversations during the race. A real and unique in sight into arguably the best human race on earth. I can't wait to hear and see the tales!

Event prices and benefits for registered Pilots and accompanying family/friends:

- **Pilot Registration:** £30,00 (includes zip-line, re pack area and access to presentations on “ 2 Liner Paragliders”, “Speed Flying” and “ XC Flying”)
- **XC Alps presentation:** £ 5,00

	Public Price	PG Gathering attendees
• Access to the climbing wall*	£9.30	£6.60
* Equipment hire (if needed) via Tiso additional charge		
• Gym	£6.90	£3.50
• Spa	£3.20	£1.50
• EICA Cafe (beverages and food) 10% discount for registered pilots (please ask for your voucher on arrival and registration).		
• Childrens Soft Play area (prices per hour):		
• 0-6months - free		
• 6-12 months £1.5		
• 12 months + £4.20		

Accommodation:

Cowgate Turist Hostel: <http://www.cowgatehostel.com/>

Very close to the main train station in central Edinburgh we have booked 20 beds for pilots at a preferential rate of £28 for Saturday night (Sunday there's a big England Vs Scotland Rugby match in town and everything is fully booked).

Includes:

- Linen Included (no need to bring sleeping bags)
- WI-FI access
- Guest Kitchen
- Check in 14:00hs, check out 10:00 hs

We have 4 beds still available, please contact Paolo (purocabro@yahoo.es or 07756206823 for reservations). All speakers plus us, hard core party animals are staying here, join us for a memorable night... :)

IMPORTANT:

- Parachute Repacks: There will be at least 3 parachute repack assistants but their role is to give advice not necessarily to fully repack your kit. The idea is for pilots to learn repacking their own kit. Bring your re packing manual and spare elastic bands for your lines.
- It is your responsibility to secure a correct clipping to the zip line hooks. EICA staff will secure the link between the zip line and the zip line hooks. Make sure your gear is in working order and please bring helmet and gloves.

Ultimately is up to each one of us to make of the 4th of Feb a brilliant Paragliding day.

Let's make of Ratho a winter classic! We look forward to see you!

Paolo Bellezze ((o]<

Event organizing committee.