

Report from OLC Representative Christof Geissler to the IGC 2013 Plenary

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During the 2013 season, the OLC was able to enhance considerably its popularity and significance in regard to soaring sports. 112.377 flights outperformed the 2012 record season by far. Also the number of competitors showed an increasing popularity. 14.191 pilots scored their flights at the OLC worldwide in 2013.

The OLC has consolidated its position as an all-embracing portal for soaring sports. Besides several different competitions the OLC covers other sections, too, like information (OLC magazine), news (News Ticker) and competition reports (Central Championships Ticker) interesting for top competitive as well as for leisure pilots.

The OLC magazine published 483 articles, such as flight reports, pilot portraits, News of our sponsors and even more. The number of page views, 99.552.425, remained almost static at a high level, compared with 2012. So in 2013 the OLC was again the top address for competitive soaring sports worldwide.

An absolute novelty took place at the Wasserkuppe, the OLC Glider Race from July 27th till Aug. 3rd. It was a standard class competition, with Grand-Prix rules. With 20 competitors, the competition was fully booked at this premiere. The famous Wasserkuppe turned out to be a real crowd puller and an ideal venue for this type of competition.

After 4 competition days, Christof Geissler came off as winner, followed by Anton Lugtenburg and Franz Poch. During the competition the competition website

(<u>www.gliderrace.onlinecontest.org</u>) was visited up to 5.000 times daily. More than 30.000 page views during the whole competition demonstrate how many people showed their interest in this sort of competition.

In 2014, we would be glad to welcome some competitors from abroad, 5 places are definitely reserved for pilots from other countries. The OLC Glider Race 2014 will take place from July 26th until August 2nd. Our motto for this competition is: "Catch the Champion!". We will invite a top pilot and the 20 participants are called on to defy him!

Eric Scharfenort

OLC-Saison 2013

112.377 Flüge

29.796.011 Kilometer

14.191 Teilnehmer

3.134.744 Benutzer

99.552.425 Seitenaufrufe

The OLC breaks records: 112,377 flights and 99,552,425 page views

| OLC-season 2012 | |
|------------------------|--|
| 109,822 Flights | |
| 29,539,623 Kilometers | |
| 14,083 Competitors | |
| 3,201,103 Users | |
| 104,699,289 page views | |

The Record-Season 2012: 109,820 flights and worldwide104 million visits

| OLC-season 2011 | |
|-----------------------|--|
| 101,373 Flights | |
| 26,825,032 Kilometers | |
| 13,240 Competitors | |
| 2,684,699 Users | |
| 92,477,013 page views | |

Despite a rainy summer in some countries: 101,373 flights and 92 million clicks

| OLC-season 2010 | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 102,187 Flights | 15. |
| 28,290,894 Kilometers | |
| 13,212 Competitors | |
| 2,256,349 Users | |
| 46,621,299 page views | |

The 2010 statistics: 102,000 flights and 46 million clicks