

Title: Mike Engström southwest of Bjorli, Norway, pilot Ulf Jonsson In the background, the valley "Asbjørnsdalen", one of the entrances to the Reinheimen National Park

8 Norway for advanced pilots

As a pilot in Bjorli, you always have to keep an eye on the föhn wind, be able to deal with strong turbulence and master the landing approach at 150 km/h.

14 It is not simple

Up- and downslope winds, convergence areas and descending air masses over the center of the valley – using the thermals over the Mittelgebirge is not easy.

24 600 kilometers in the rain

Making the most of a day with difficult weather is more fun than flying a record in perfect weather.

32 Motor gliders Part 3

It's better to have a turbo than to need one – but only reliable technology and well-thought-out procedures will maximize safety.

In the sky with "tea bags" and kites

As a glider pilot, you are rarely alone in the sky and then it is good to be able to correctly assess the colleagues of the other thermal sports.

46 Cooling tower thermal

The cooling tower plume is sometimes lopsided, so will the thermal currents also tilt or will they remain vertical?

On the airwaves over San Francisco

On his big flight around the San Francisco Bay, Ramy Yanez surprised everyone by making a wave flight along California's Pacific coast.

Picture: Petr Kolmann

60 Lienz twice different

Two days with almost identical conditions at the Alpine flying camp surprise with different weather developments.

68 A gliding life

Riccardo Brigliadori was born with the pilot gene and, contrary to the advice of his father Leo, he has devoted himself to gliding. With great success.

74 Before there were training planes

They weren't squeamish back then; they simply "threw" the young trainee pilots into the air and "in submission" waited to see what happened.

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This time, it is his first passenger flight.

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