

# **The Glider Trial Flight Guide**

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pleasure of being airborne.

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Ken Stewart started gliding in 1972 on a 5-day holiday course in the Cairngorm Mountains in Scotland. It was just one of several sports that he intended trying that year, as leave from work permitted.

The weather was disappointing and allowed only a few short 5-minute flights – except for the last flight that lasted 30 minutes. On that flight, the glider soared among the most majestic mountains in Britain, giving views unimagined by most of the population busy with their daily toils on the ground.

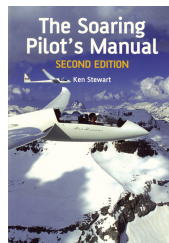
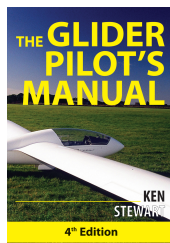
The next week was spent canoeing but the following weekend found him back at the Cairngorm Gliding Club. One flight and he was "hooked".

Ken qualified as an instructor in 1976 and soon took up gliding instruction as a profession at the Lasham Gliding Centre (*reputedly the largest gliding centre in the world*). After a few years, he became Deputy Chief Flying Instructor and, for a period, Acting Chief Flying Instructor. In 1981, he became British National Coach, a post that he held for six years before deciding on a change of career – to become an airline pilot.

He flew as a captain on Boeing 737s but still believes that gliding is "the most beautiful way to fly".

He is also the author of *The Glider Pilot's Manual* and *The Soaring Pilot's Manual*.

Enjoy your Glider Trial Flight – but beware – it could change your life. Ken will vouch for that.



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# Introduction

Whether or not the Glider Trial Flight you are about to take was a gift or your own idea, you will find your enjoyment of the experience will be enhanced if you read through this short introductory guide in advance of your flight.

This guide is written only as an introduction to the gliding experience and, as such, it is not necessary to learn and remember the contents. Its aims are merely to describe what you can expect and to prepare you so that you can fully enjoy your day's gliding.

On the day of your Glider Trial Flight, your instructor will explain all you need to know and will be glad to answer any queries you may have.

Have a good flight.

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