



## Gathering Information - Saturday

Your covering email/letter will give you a registration number. This number determines approximately when you will be using the zipwire. If you do not turn up for your allocated slot, you will be included as soon as possible.

### Saturday 24 January

#### 10.00am onwards Registration

This is primarily for the first group of names but anyone is welcome to come along at any time. However, use of the zipwire will be dictated by registration number. If you do not turn up when you are due to use the zipwire, you will be slotted in as soon as possible.

Follow signs for SHPF repack. Bring all your kit but no responsibility will be accepted for lost or damaged items.

#### 10.00am - 4.30pm Reserve deployment

#### SkyRide level 5+

The fun starts. The number of pilots allowed in the take-off area at any one time will be about 5. This gives you the chance to watch how the system works before your flight and to provide moral support or give marks out of 10 to those in front of you.

**Important** It is suggested that ALL persons attending do a static stand up check prior to using the slide. This entails putting the harness on and pull out the reserve as you would for deployment, but keep hold of the reserve at arms length. This allows you to test for harness or short packing issues where the pack falls open too quickly and risks snagging on the pilot or glider. If all is well then it can be repacked into the harness prior to using the slide.

Each pilot will be called forward by number, briefed and attached to the zipwire. Two screwlock carabiners will be used to attach the pulley system to the hang points on your harness. When you are ready and happy with the arrangements - yehahhhhhhhh - remembering to deploy reserve as quickly as possible.

When you come to a halt you will still be suspended some 10m above the floor so wait until you are lowered. Someone will then help you to detach yourself from the pulley. Bundle up reserve and remember to collect the deployment bag.

#### 10.30am onwards Reserve repacking

You then have 3 options.

- 1.) Take your reserve home for un-assisted repacking (if you are confident of what to do)
- 2.) Re-pack at Ratho. There will be qualified repackers on hand, but **they will offer advice and guidance only**. It is your responsibility to carry out your own repack, usually with the help of others who have thrown their reserves. Bring your manual/instructions.
- 3.) **Aerofix** will be on hand and can offer a full, professional re-pack for a special price of £30. If they can not repack on the day, they can take away, repack and send back for the price of £30 + £12 postage. They will also be able to collect any items for repair or service.

#### 4.30pm Bar open

#### 5.00pm SHPF AGM

The most exciting part of the day - but important! We'll try to keep it brief.

##### 1. 2008 Reports

Chairman, Treasurer, Sites & Safety, Communications

##### 2. 2009 Programme

##### 3. 2009 Committee Election

The current committee are all willing to stand for another year but new blood is always welcome. Anyone wishing to help contribute to SHPF activities, please get in touch with Naomi Miskin.

Current Committee Chairman - Mike Jardine, Secretary - Naomi Miskin, Treasurer - Gordon Smyth, Sites and safety - Steve Durkin, Hang Gliding - Sergy Kataev, Website - Bob Veitch, National Paragliding League - George McGhee, National League - Dave Thomson, Club Representatives - As nominated

##### 4. AOB

Airspace changes

##### 5. 2008

Presentations

#### 7.00pm The Chogo Lungma Crossing - John Silvester

10 years of paragliding discovery in the Himalaya, culminating in a 150km crossing of the High Karakorum Unmissable.

#### Notes:

1. The programme times may be adjusted depending on numbers - priority will be given to those who have pre-registered.
2. Please bring: Full harness and reserve, Helmet and gloves, Reserve manual (if you have), Warm clothing (it can be cold in Ratho), Radio tuned to 143.675 (if you have)

#### Important

The zipwire will be installed and supervised at all times by Adventure Centre staff. All persons using the zipwire must follow the directions of Adventure Centre staff and take full responsibility for proper adjustment of their own harness.

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 Scottish Hang-gliding & Paragliding Federation  
 24 - 25 January 2009 Edinburgh International Climbing Arena, Ratho, Edinburgh

**Gathering Information - Sunday**

After the action on Saturday, Sunday is for thinking, with a series of seminars and discussions on aspects of XC and competition flying.

**Sunday 25 January**  
**10.00am - 3.30pm (approx)**

the timing and order of sessions is not yet confirmed but should include the following.

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| <b>General introduction</b> | <b>Dave Thomson</b>    |
| <b>Competition Flying</b>   | <b>Matt Church</b>     |
| <b>XC Flying</b>            | <b>Julian Robinson</b> |
| <b>Flying Psychology</b>    | <b>Tony Spirling</b>   |

There will be a break for lunch.  
 There is a cafe/snack bar at Ratho.

