

Twister Meeting

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The Twister Meeting 2023

It had been a long time since many Twisters had gathered together. Therefore, Andy pushed to celebrate the Twister Meeting in 2023.



Another reason to celebrate is that 2023 was the 20th Anniversary of Silence Aircraft.

Paderborn Haxterberg was chosen as the meeting place, because this Airfield is very close to the "Twister Nest", where all the Twister kits were 'born' and where several were completed locally.

Furthermore, at this airfield, was born this year the latest Twister – Kit #33, from Eugen, with its first flight in May 2023.

50 YEARS
1973-2023
Paderborn-Haxterberg



Additionally, Paderborn Haxterberg (EDLR), founded in 1973 was celebrating its jubilee of 50 years. It should be well known since 1981, due to the 17th Glider World Championships being held there.

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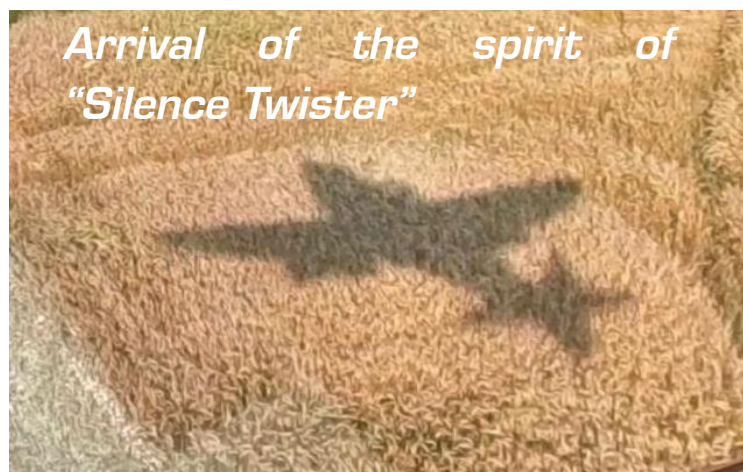
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The Arrival

On July the 8th, the 9 Twisters arrived at Haxterberg with best weather conditions for a very friendly meet and greet. We set up a nice static display of all 9 Twisters in a line up.

The hope was to welcome 12 Twisters – but nevertheless, it was very nice to see so many Twister Pilots together with their planes.



Also some other Twister Pilots joined the meeting without their Twister as they are still working on their Kit. One of them was Crispin from the south of France, where he is rebuilding his Twister. Also Engelbert arrived in another plane. Many more Twister enthusiasts visited us at the weekend to complete the Twister Family.

9 Twister

Under the best weather conditions, warm, sunny, dry and nice visibility, everybody enjoyed the time. We set up a very nice static display of all 9 Twisters. All customized in individual design and paintwork.



In these fantastic conditions, we used the time to share experiences and to demonstrate the details of each Twister. At lunch time we had a nice barbecue put on by Matthias who was sweating in the sun!

I think pictures tell more than many words and therefore follows a lot of pictures with all the nice memories.

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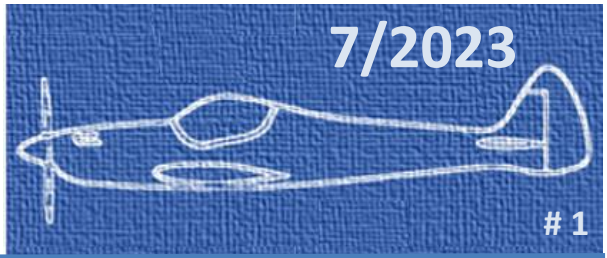


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The Twister family



Pilots of Twister Meeting 2023

Signatures of all Pilots

Eckhard Engelbert
OE-CSI
Eckhard Engelbert

Andy McKee
ANDY MCKEE
G-FUUN

Johann Teerlinck
Johann Teerlinck
OO-162

Info Boyke
D-MTMM

B. Lohnes
Barbaros Lohnes
1A-908

ERISPRU
F-PTUI

Georg Burgmaier
Georg Burgmaier
D-MTMO

F. Diell
Fritz Diell
LY-XFD

Wolfgang Schaal
Wolfgang Schaal
D-ERSE

Reinhold
Reinhold
LY-ING

Geathias
Geathias
D-KTHH

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The Twister with the Twister Pilots

In the following pages I show all the Twisters with their Pilots. Additionally we collect some interesting details of the “special pilots” with “special planes”



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Pilot

Name: **Fritz Diehl**
 I'am flying since: **1972**
 I'am flying the Twister since: **2008**
 Comments / Competitions / Note: **---**

Twister

Registration: **LY-XFD**
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.: **2008, #14**
 Engine type and Power: **Jabiru 2200 80Hp**
 Prop. type: **Silence Aircraft V-Prop**
 Empty weight / MTOM: **260kg / 410kg**
 Special characteristics of the Twister: **---**

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Pilot

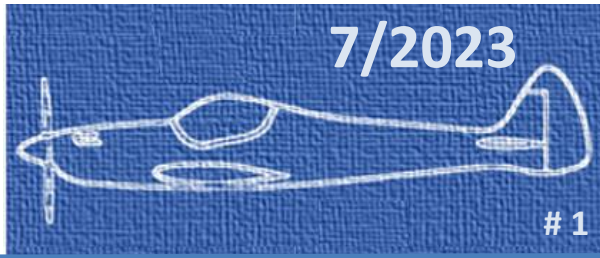
Name: **Georg Burgmaier**
 I 'am flying since: **2009**
 I 'am flying the Twister since: **2016**
 Comments / Competitions / Note: **---**

Twister

Registration: **D-MTMO**
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.: **2002, #2**
 Engine type and Power: **Jabiru 2200 80Hp**
 Prop. type: **Airmaster**
 Empty weight / MTOM: **240kg**
 Special characteristics of the Twister: **variable pitch propeller**

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Pilot

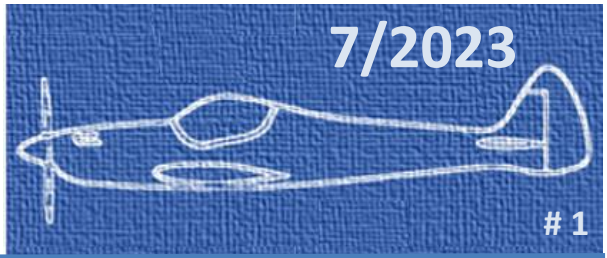
Name: **Barbaros Lohnes**
 I 'am flying since: **2019**
 I 'am flying the Twister since: **2021**
 Comments / Competitions / Note: **---**

Twister

Registration: **IA-908**
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.: **2012, #XX**
 Engine type and Power: **UL 260iSA 107 hp**
 Prop. type: **Hercules**
 Empty weight / MTOM: **302kg**
 Special characteristics of the Twister: **new engine**

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Pilot

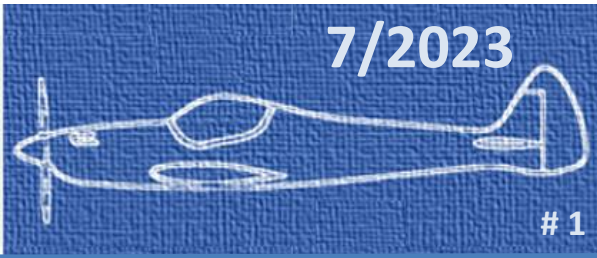
Name: **Reinhard Voss**
 I'am flying since: **1989**
 I'am flying the Twister since: **2001**
 Comments / Competitions / Note: **---**

Twister

Registration: **LY-ING**
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.: **2010, #XX**
 Engine type and Power: **Jabiru 2200 80Hp**
 Prop. type: **GT**
 Empty weight / MTOM: **274 kg**
 Special characteristics of the Twister: **---**

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Pilot

Name:
 I'am flying since:
 I'am flying the Twister since:
 Comments / Competitions / Note:

Matthias Strieker
2003
2003
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Twister

Registration:
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.:
 Engine type and Power:
 Prop. type:
 Empty weight / MTOM:
 Special characteristics of the Twister:

D-MTMH
2009, #20 (also #1, #2 and #3)
Jabiru 2200 80Hp
Silence 1.61
240kg
LSA-Category

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Pilot

Name: **Johann Teerlinck**
 I 'am flying since: **1999**
 I 'am flying the Twister since: **2016**
 Comments / Competitions / Note: **---**

Twister

Registration: **00-162**
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.: **2016, #31**
 Engine type and Power: **UL 260iSA 107 hp**
 Prop. type: **Hercules 58/53**
 Empty weight / MTOM: **300kg**
 Special characteristics of the Twister: **Oil Cooler Funnel underneath Cowling**

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Pilot

Name:

Andy McKee

I 'am flying since:

2003

I 'am flying the Twister since:

2016

Comments / Competitions / Note:

Competitions

Twister

Registration:

G-FUUN

Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.:

2016, #28

Engine type and Power:

UL 260iSA 107 hp

Prop. type:

Hercules 58/53

Empty weight / MTOM:

303 kg

Special characteristics of the Twister:

Custom Cowling, Oil Scoop, Custom Spinner

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Name: **Eugen Schaal**
 I'am flying since: **1985**
 I'am flying the Twister since: **May 29th 2023**
 Comments / Competitions / Note: **---**

Twister

Registration: **D-EXSE**
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.: **2023, #33**
 Engine type and Power: **UL Power 260iSA 107 hp**
 Prop. type: **Airmaster AP 421**
 Empty weight / MTOM: **298 kg / 440kg Acrobatic / 480kg utility**
 Special characteristics of the Twister: **first Echo-Registration in Germany**

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Pilot

Name:

Ingo Zoyke

I 'am flying since:

1994

I 'am flying the Twister since:

2008 / 2012

Comments / Competitions / Note:

Twister

Registration:

D-MTMN

Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.:

2003, #3

Engine type and Power:

Jabiru 2200 80Hp

Prop. type:

Silence 1.61

Empty weight / MTOM:

220 kg

Special characteristics of the Twister:

retractable gear

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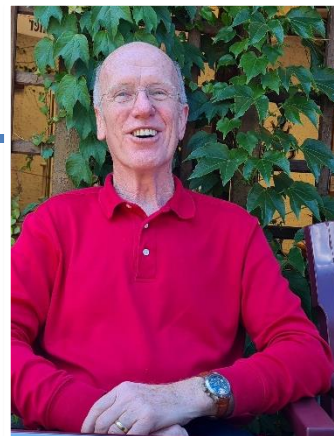
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Pilot

Name: **Crispin Brown**
 I 'am flying since: **1968**
 I 'am flying the Twister since: **2013**
 Comments / Competitions / Note: **---**



Twister

Registration: **F-PTVI**
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.: **2013, #25**
 Engine type and Power: **UL Power 260iSA 107 hp**
 Prop. type:
 Empty weight / MTOM: **420 kg**
 Special characteristics of the Twister: **Aerobatic, Subject to "significant" rebuild**

Pilot

Name: **Engelbert Ecklmaier**
 I 'am flying since: **1998**
 I 'am flying the Twister since: **2016**
 Comments / Competitions / Note: **---**

Twister

Registration: **OE-CSI**
 Year of Build / Silence Aircraft Kit-No.: **2006, #6**
 Engine type and Power: **D-Motor LF26**
 Prop. type: **Hercules**
 Empty weight / MTOM: **265kg / 410kg**
 Special characteristics of the Twister: **---**

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Best Twister 2023

Andy made a trophy and therefore had the honor to nominate the "Best Twister". The prize was handed over to Eugen, who finished the build 2 months prior and presents a brand new Twister with a nice paintwork, a high-grade setting and a powerful Acro-Twister.



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Drone Demo by Thomas



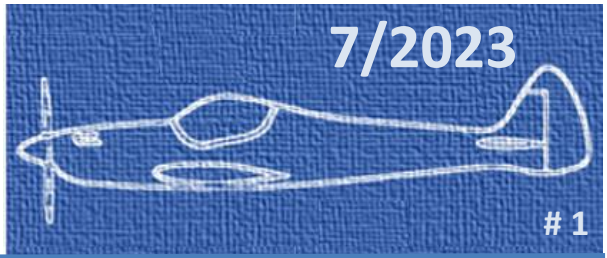
With the rising twilight, Thomas starting to prepare his new big commercial drone. Thomas, one of the “Silence-Brothers”, currently designed a very special drone for commercial purpose. The concept is a bit different to the main stream. The drone can act like a standard drone and like a standard plane. Thanks to this, the payload and operating time is much better than many other drones on the market.

It was nice to see, how the drone handled the transition from vertical takeoff into the standard flight mode and later back to the vertical fight mode for the landing. The full flight program was running fully automatically without any help of an operator.



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Nice dinner on Saturday

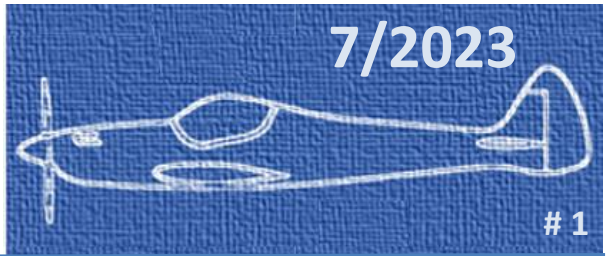


The nice day was closed with a nice dinner at the airfield until the sun goes down. Thanks to Matthias, who invited the complete Twister family to this social dinner.



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Group Flight on Sunday



Some Twister Pilots used the opportunity to made a group flight before they left. We made some pictures, but I think the best pictures are in your mind and in your memories. I hope this will motivate and make you look forward to the next Twister meeting.

