



## Bruce Goldsmith to join Advance

Bruce Goldsmith is moving to Advance after ten years as chief designer at Airwave. Bruce will join the formidable Advance team of chief designer Thomas Ripplinger and test pilots Kari Eisenhut, Chrigel Maurer, World Champion Andy Aebi and European Champion Greg Blondeau. Bruce, 49, can trace his career back to Airwave hang gliders in the 1980s. He then led their entry into paragliding before becoming a founder member of Ozone in 1999. He moved back to Airwave when it reappeared in Austria in 2000 and has led their design team ever since. His time at Airwave saw many very successful gliders and culminated in his World Championship win aboard the Magic FR3 in 2007. Now Airwave's design team will be led by former European Para Academy technical director and chief test pilot Mario Eder.



## Mike Cavanagh wins at Manilla

Ozone boss Mike Cavanagh won both Open and Serial classes at the Manilla XC Open in Australia in February. Mike led an international field and after four tasks was nearly 600 points ahead of his nearest rival Ivan Anissimov (Gin Boomerang 5) in the Open class. He won the Serial class by an even greater margin. Other British pilots at Manilla were Ben Keayes (Mantra 3, 36th), Richard Crossley (Niviuk Artik, 46th), Steve Thwaites (Advance Sigma 7, 47th), Ronald Green (Advance Sigma 6, 61st) and Paul Russel (Niviuk Artik 2, 74th).

## Beyond Extreme on BBC TV

Beyond Extreme, Shropshire's only paragliding school, was on camera in early February for BBC1's Countyfile. CFI Mark Dann spent a day with presenters Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury, and



## Vintage Dunstable gem

Photographer Dave Secker was sorting out some old photographs and came across this superb image taken at Dunstable Downs. "It was 1974 or 75, and I was 16 years old and doing a photographic course at Dunstable College," Dave writes, "My brief was to take some action shots. As I lived in Dunstable I went up the Downs and shot these hang gliders, which were quite new and controversial at the time. I don't think the London Gliding Club were too keen on them using their airspace, and I think they were banned at one time." Hats off to David for having such amazing photographic skills at the age of 16, for capturing a little bit of history, and for bothering to track down Skywings and let us have his images. Tentative identification from the Dunstable club is that the pilot may be former BHGA member Alan Dike (sadly no longer with us), or possibly long-time Club Chairman Dennis Munn, but that's definitely a really well-used Wasp 229B3... and a Raleigh Chopper!

filming took place at the Long Mynd where Matt (pictured below with Mark Dann in the background) enjoyed a spectacular tandem flight. This is the second time Mark has been chosen to showcase the sport by the Countryfile team. Mark would like to take the opportunity to thank the many wonderful Shropshire farmers who are so supportive of the sport. The programme was scheduled to go out to Countryfile's seven million viewers on Sunday February 14th. Yes, seven million!



## Coupe Icare Blanche

The third Coupe Care Blanche was held at the Saint Hilaire du Touvet ski resort on January 29th - 31st, writes Ilan Ginzburg. The weather again co-operated and the snow, sun, pilots and good mood (in any order) were in place for a very nice weekend. The event included an official speed-riding competition, speed-riding lessons for the rest of us, costumed runs, speed-riding demos by pros (by day and by night!), equipment loans by major brands and a nascent winter free-flying film festival (a legacy of the event's bigger sister the Coupe Icare). The Coupe Icare Blanche is an event that is slowly but surely finding its place. Details are at [www.coupeicareblanche.com](http://www.coupeicareblanche.com); Ilan's photographs

are at [www.murblanc.org/cib2010/](http://www.murblanc.org/cib2010/). Photo below by Ilan Ginzburg.



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