

# GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

## Aircraft Summary Sheet



SZD24-C FOKA 4	
Manufacturer	SZD factory, Poland
Year of manufacture	1963, c/n 198 out of 204 Foka 4s built (Wikipedia)
Registration marks	BGA 1414
Airworthy	Finally flown at Lasham April 2017 once the EASA transition had been completed which took considerably longer than had been expected
History	This Foka 4 was first flown in 1963 and then again in 1966 before being sold to Ib Braes, Denmark. Bought by Gwyneth Sutton in 1968. Last flown June 2000. Low hours, 711 hours in 355 flights.
Notable flights	Many long flights when in Denmark, including a completed 500. The Foka 4 was an exceptional competition glider in its day. At the 1965 South Cerney World Championships Kepka and Popiel came 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> for Poland in the Standard class. Amazingly Wroblewski and Makula came 1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> in the Open class.
Restoration history	Fully restored at Lasham led by Gary Pullen who did most of the work. This very considerable effort took a little over 2 years to complete.
Other	Donated to the GHC by Leslie Nicholson and Gwyneth Sutton. Trailed back to Lasham on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2014 from Sutton Bank.



21/4/2016 first rigged after its major restoration (Paul Haliday)

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