

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



TYPE	Ka3
Manufacturer	Probably built from a kit, most of the 15 Ka3s made were.
Year of manufacture	Stated as 1958
Registration marks	BGA 2689, EHB
Airworthy	Yes, first flew at Lasham Sunday 5 th June. Previously last flew Sept 2004, 145 hours recorded over 1040 launches
History	Logbook starts in 1980 when it was first registered with the BGA by Leigh Hood who bought the glider from the RAFGSA (559) in April 1975. It continued under the auspices of the GSA until 1980. For many years it was based at the Two Rivers GC at RAF Laarbuch in Germany, though currently not known when it first went there.
Notable flights	None recorded. Not surprising given the average flight time is just over 8 minutes!
Restoration history	Major renovation 1976 and again in 2001. The glider was found to be in very good condition after inspection at the GHC apart from one badly damaged "wing" on the butterfly tail unit which Gary Pullen has repaired.
Other	Donated by Leigh Hood. Bought back from RAF Cranwell by Gary Pullen on 6 th April 2016. Designed by Rudolf Kaiser, the prototype first flew in 1954. Developed from the Ka1, the difference is that the Ka1 had a wooden fuselage whilst the slightly longer one of the Ka3 has a tubular metal framework – which of course led on to the K7 and K8.



The Ka3 just after first rigging 5th May in the GHC hangar (Paul Haliday)

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Gary Pullen with Leigh Hood at Cranwell 6th
April 2016



Taken at Cranwell



Just after landing on the first Lasham flight of the
Ka3, Sunday 5th June. Gary Pullen the pilot.

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