

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



TYPE	Zlin 24 Krajanek
Manufacturer	Zlinavion, Otrokovice, Czechoslovakia, c/n 101 (out of 301)
Year of manufacture	1946
Registration marks	BGA 655, OK-8592 (was G-ALMP)
Airworthy	Yes
History	Imported into Britain in 1947 by the legendary Ladislav Marmol and registered as G-ALMP. Bought by John Ruffle in 1949 then several owners until John Dredge purchased the glider in July 2000. This Krajanek has flown at very many International VGC and British VGC rallies.
Notable flights	At end 2014 1343 hours from 3033 flights. 75 hours of these were achieved in just 3 winch launches!!! This was by Ladislav Marmol flying at Dunstable and attempting to break the World Gliding Endurance Record, at the time 36 hours set in Germany in 1933. Marmol achieved 25 hrs 5 mins on the 20 th Nov 1947, 17 hrs on 4 th April 1949, and finally 33 hrs 5 mins on the 12 th April 1949. This last flight is effectively the British endurance record though it was not accepted as the UK record due to Ladislav Marmol being a Czech. Note in 1950 the FAI abandoned "glider endurance" as a record considering it too dangerous.
Restoration history	Completely restored over 5 years by Mike Birch and the Booker vintage glider group, work completed in the summer of 1993, previously last flown 1985.
Other	Very generously donated to the Gliding Heritage Centre by John Dredge in June 2014. One of only 3 Krajaneks believed to be flying, the other two are in Germany and the Czech Republic. Note that "Krajanek" means a village entertainer, a singer and story teller who used to tour the villages of Czechoslovakia before WWII.



The Krajanek at the 2005 National VGC rally at Challock (Paul Haliday)

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