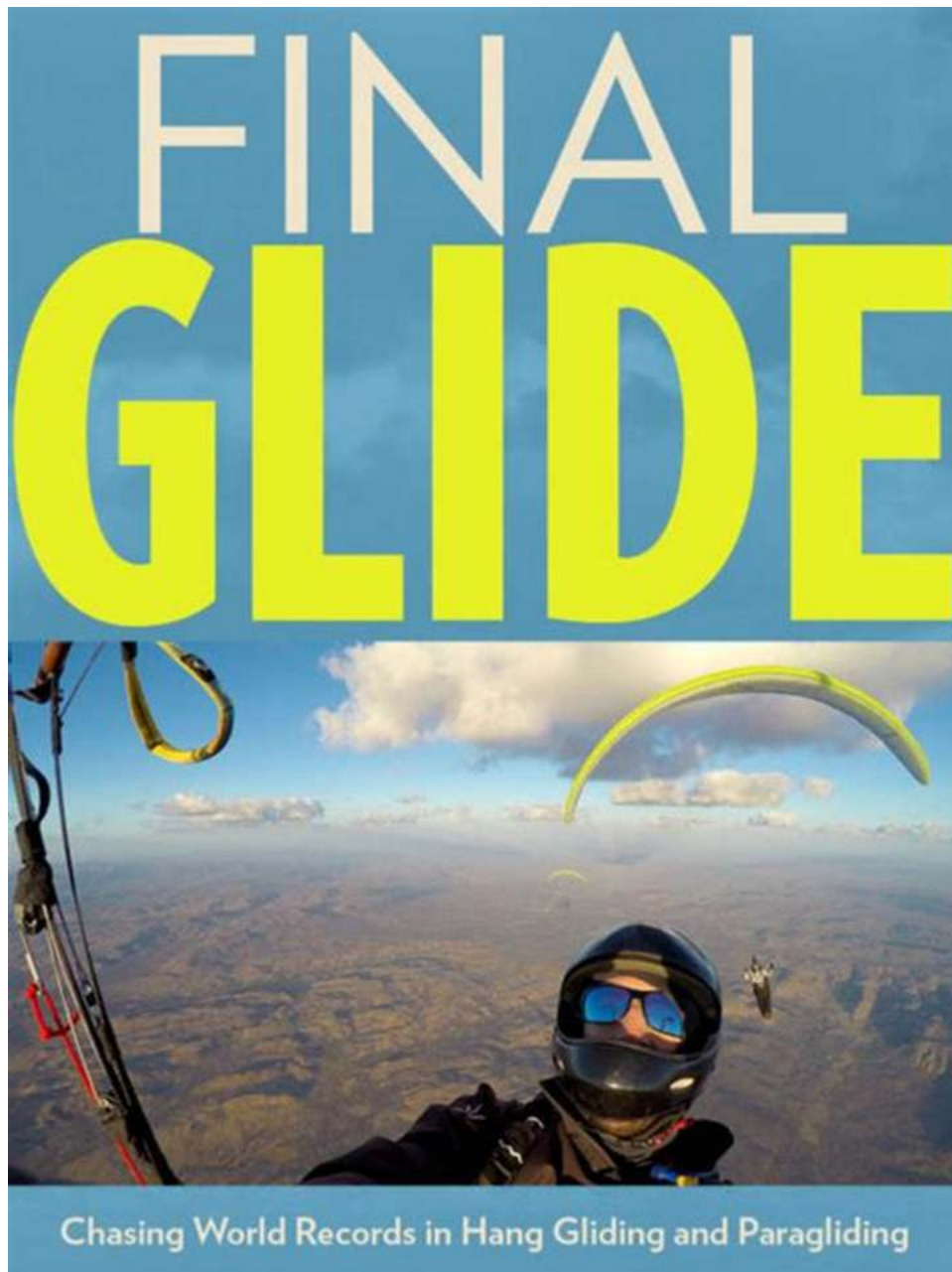


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The Thrill of the Skies

Are you prepared for a heart-pounding journey through the skies? Picture yourself soaring high above the clouds, feeling unbound by the constraints of gravity. That's exactly what hang gliding and paragliding offer, but for some brave individuals, it's more than just a thrilling adventure. These enthusiasts are dedicated to breaking world records, pushing themselves to the limit, and leaving an indelible mark in the annals of aviation history. Join us as we delve into the world of hang gliding and paragliding world records and the awe-inspiring individuals who chase them!

The Quest for Distance

Held breaths and straining muscles propel hang gliding and paragliding champions forward in their pursuit of distance records. The thrill-seekers take advantage of the wind, the atmospheric currents, and their own skill to fly miles upon miles, defying all odds and expectations. Buckle up as we explore some of the most jaw-dropping world records achieved in the name of distance!

The Remarkable Performance of John Robertson

Imagine gliding for an unfathomable distance of 720 kilometers or 447 miles! That's the astonishing record set by John Robertson, an Australian hang gliding pioneer. In September 2008, Robertson embarked on a monumental journey from Zapata in Texas, USA, to a landing site near Marfa, Texas. The world held its breath as he defied all boundaries and became the first person in history to surpass the 700-kilometer mark. Discover the challenges he faced, the technology he utilized, and the sheer determination that led to this remarkable triumph!

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The Incredible Achievement of Ewa Wiśnierska

Ewa Wiśnierska, a Polish paraglider, achieved the truly unimaginable. In February 2007, she found herself caught in a merciless thunderstorm while participating in the Paragliding World Championship in Australia. The storm propelled her into the stratosphere, reaching a staggering altitude of 9,940 meters or 32,612 feet! Defying the odds, she survived the extreme cold, lack of oxygen, and intense pressure—enduring conditions that most humans cannot fathom. Through her incredible story, we uncover the courage and resilience required to push boundaries and reach previously unattainable heights!

The Perilous Battle Against Time

In the world of hang gliding and paragliding world records, time can be a daunting adversary. Pilots challenge themselves to cover incredible distances in the shortest possible time, testing their endurance, navigation skills, and the limits of their aircraft. Brace yourself for the accounts of remarkable individuals who possess the incomprehensible ability to traverse enormous distances at unfathomable speeds!

Bill Moyes and the Magic of 500 Kilometers

Bill Moyes stands as a testament to human tenacity and determination. In 1994, this legendary Australian hang glider pilot achieved, for the first time in history, an astounding 500 kilometers or 311 miles in the shortest time imaginable. Moyes took off from a site near Manilla, Australia, and soared through the sky, against formidable winds and ever-changing conditions, to complete an extraordinary feat that seemed impossible. Learn about the planning, strategy, and sheer grit that allowed Moyes to conquer the seemingly insurmountable!

Chrigel Maurer: A Model of Supremacy

Chrigel Maurer, a Swiss paraglider, has left an indelible mark on the world of paragliding. In the Red Bull X-Alps competition, he redefined the limits of speed and endurance, covering over 1,100 kilometers or 684 miles across the Alps. The race pits participants against treacherous mountain ranges and unforgiving terrains, forcing them to navigate with incredible precision and speed. Maurer's domination of the competition is nothing short of extraordinary. Join us in exploring his incredible journey through the skies!

The Limitless Horizons Await

Hang gliding and paragliding offer not only thrilling experiences but also an open door to extraordinary achievements and world records. The individuals who chase these records remind us of the indomitable human spirit, the drive to conquer new frontiers, and the thirst for adventure. As you ponder the immensity of the skies and the infinite possibilities they hold, immerse yourself in the stories of these remarkable aviators and gain a newfound appreciation for the pursuit of world records in hang gliding and paragliding. The skies are waiting!

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Some people do – glider pilots, hang glider pilots, paraglider pilots, wingsuit pilots... all these and many others pursue the dream of human flight.

But what does it take to really fly far? To fly further than any human has before, powered only by the sun, wind, thermals and your own skill?

In this collection of four true real-life short stories, an elite band of hang glider and paraglider pilots reveal what it takes to set a world record in hang gliding and paragliding distance flying.

They include:

1. Dragon Slaying, with Nevil Hulett

South African pilot Nevil Hulett goes big-game hunting in the South African outback and comes back with a 500km record. "I could have died up there," he said.

2. Final Glide, with Jonny Durand and Dustin Martin

Possibly one of the greatest sporting battles of all time – and all played out in the hot, dry, high skies of Deep South Texas. Jonny and Dustin go head-to-head over 11 hours and 760km.

3. Heroes of the Brazilian Heartland, with Frank Brown, Donizete Lemos, Marcelo Prieto and Rafael Saladini

Three Brazilian heroes plan and execute the perfect raid – flying 514km in an 11-hour racing epic that saw the world record brought home to Brazil.

4. The Dream Team, with Donizete Lemos, Rafael Saladini and Samuel Nascimento

Almost a year to the day of their 514km record, the Brazilians were back – smashing the paragliding world record to 564km.

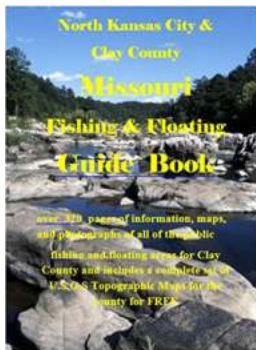
This short collection of world record stories from Cross Country Magazine has been specially brought together in an ebook, with an by Cross Country Magazine editor Ed Ewing.

To fly far, fly fast!



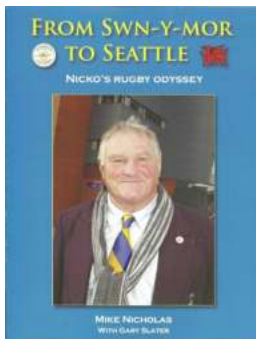
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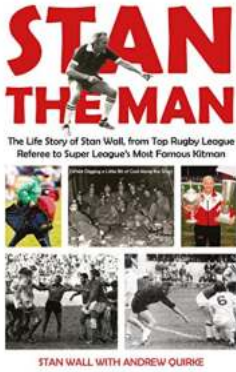
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