



LANARKSHIRE AND LOTHIAN SOARING CLUB

News and chat for club members - July 2026

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Fire, food, drink & chat

Another cracking BBQ - with flying!

Some 20 members enjoyed a fine evening of food, fire, drink & para chat under the canopy in Wiston on 13 June at the annual club BBQ and fly-in.

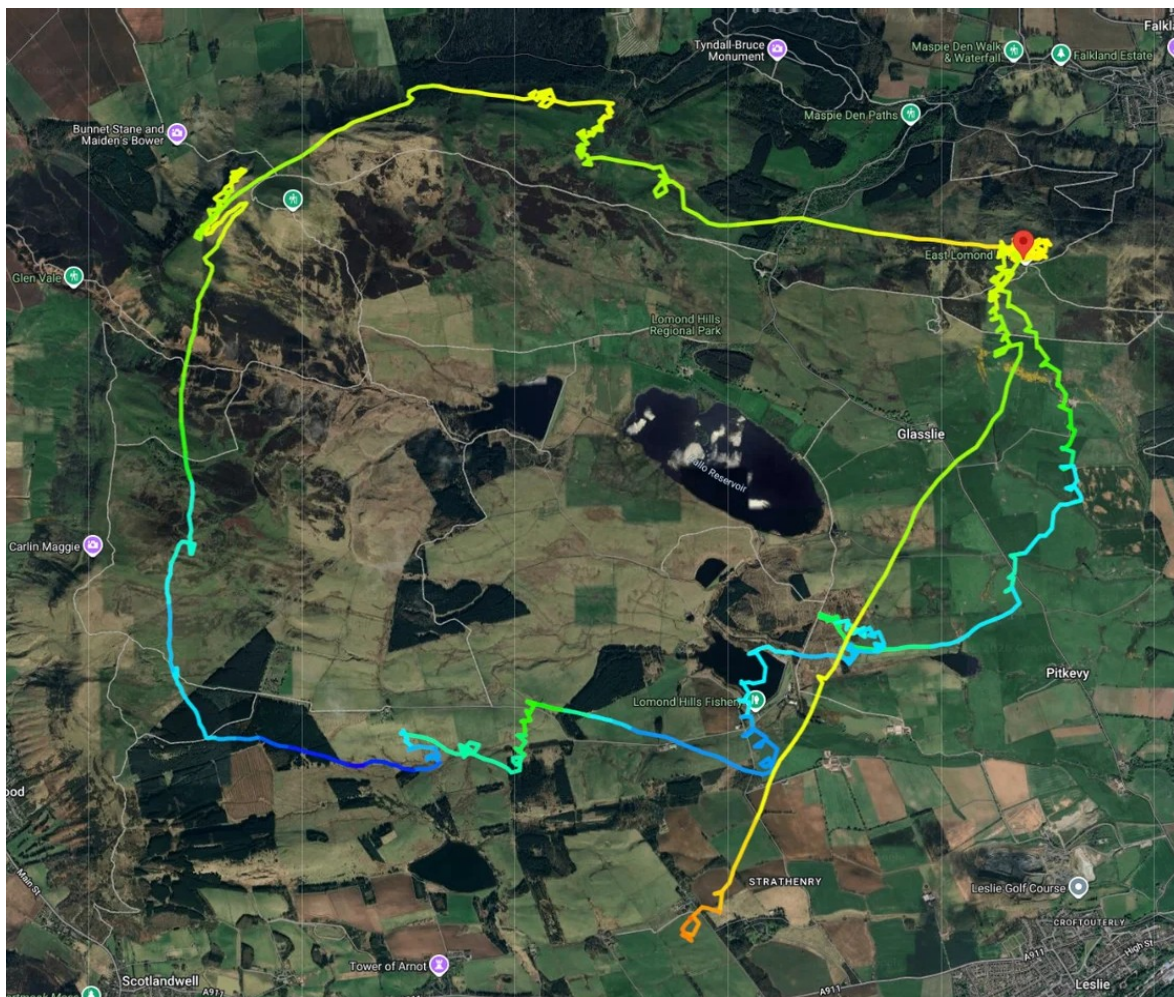
Strong winds prevented any Saturday flying but on Sunday everyone headed to Tinto North. The sky was pretty well covered, limiting thermal action but it was stay-uppable (but not get-awayable) for large parts of the day.

It was for Tinto a pretty busy day with around 25 wings often in the air. Despite the numbers everyone flew well, respecting turn directions and maintaining separation. A fitting end to a very sociable and enjoyable weekend.

Organiser Neil Craig did a great job - and had the tricky job of deciding the Club BBQ trophy winner as no-one really got away from the hill. Fred Robinson was determined the winner with a 4.7km score.



Busy skies at Tinto



Graham's tracklog, taking off from East Lomond and landing back at his house

Strathenny Cup - and the winner is....

Graham Tydeman!

Not content with coming up with the concept, designing and building the trophy, Graham is the first winner.

Essentially a triangle around Bishop and the Lomonds, with an optional landing at Graham's house, it's a fun challenge for any SHPF pilot.

[Strathenny Cup - Click for details](#)





Mark takes Lakes

Charity Classic B comp

The Lakes Charity Classic is an amazing long weekend of free flying, featuring 5 separate events.

This June, more than 200 pilots took part in the various comps, including the X-Lakes Hike & Fly contest, as well as A (100km) and B (30km) traditional comps.

The first day of the 2-day X-Lakes event was subjected to horrendous weather, but that didn't deter the 30 or so pilots taking in Scafell Pike and *many* other notable Lakes hills on foot initially and then in the air. LLSC member, Morten Kals, came in 3rd, which was a fantastic effort.

Flyable conditions returned on the second day - there were no Scottish pilots in the A-comp (a 100km task from Grasmere to Hexham) but there were four taking part in the B-comp (a 30km out and return Grasmere to Clough Head and back), with 2 LLSC pilots in the top 5 – James Gavin at 4th and Mark Bradley in 1st.

Congratulations to Mark and Gavin.



Top photo: 3 of the Scottish B-comp pilots at take-off (Al Dunn, Neil Craig and Mark Bradley), with a fine sky in prospect.

Bottom photo: A happy Mark Bradley along with 2nd (Gareth Jarvis) and 3rd (Graham Kendall) taking the B-Comp podium.