The Trailing Edge

As we wrap up the July issue, we think about how truly fortunate we are.

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Pilot Dominique Nivelle puts on a 'Light Painting' show with his Easy-Glyder at Bartres, near Lourdes in France in the summer of 2011. (image: ©2011 Régis Geledan)

The July issue of RCSD was our biggest and most ambitious yet. We are truly fortunate at being able to attract such an immensely talented group of writers who have contributed to this issue and past issues. Furthermore, they are scattered all over the globe including some of the remotest places on the planet. We really think that we may trigger a tourism boom in the Faroe Islands with an unprecedented number of those carrying big, glider-shaped suitcases.

We are also very proud of our record of carrying Japanese-language content and even including a few phrases of French here and there (see below). We hope this trend continues and that each issue will have a balance of languages from all the communities in which RC soaring flourishes. It's amazing how immaterial cultural differences seem when what we all want is to just stretch out that day of soaring just that little bit longer. Maybe even into the night as shown in the beautiful photo which accompanies the photo we selected for *The Trailing Edge* this month. We'll let our good friend and repeat contributor Régis Geledan explain:

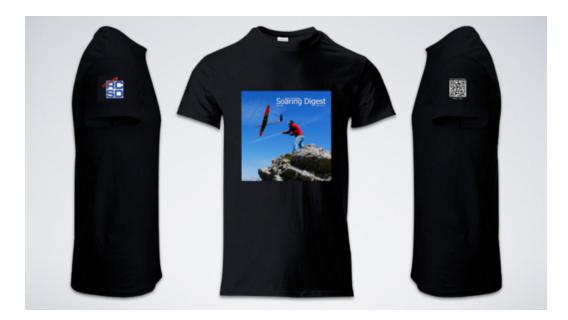
"Un soir d'été il y a quelques années nous avons eu l'idée d'essayer la technique du light painting. Domique Nivelle, le pilote sur l'image, a totalement modifier son Easy-Glyder avec de nombreux bandeaux LEDs.

On a fait de nombreux essais avant de reussir cette image. Il y a un peu de technique et beaucoup de chance car l'appareil photo ne doit pas bouger et il fallait impérativement rentrer dans le cadre.

Au final on a surtout passer un super moment comme souvent des que l' on vole. Lieu: landes de Bartres près de Lourdes."

Merci beaucoup, Régis!

Thanks to all those who contributed the great articles for this issue. We can't believe how lucky we are to have you here. Thanks also to you, the reader, for reading them. For those who would like to contribute an article the August deadline is **2021–08–08**. Yes, a little less than a month as we continue our inexorable march to our first-calendar-day-of-the-month target by December of this year.



Please forgive us if we hawk a little merch to help keep the wheels spinning and keep RCSD free. You can help out, if you so choose, with the purchase of one of the soon-to-be-collectable *RCSD Cover Photo T-Shirts*. You can get the <u>January</u>, <u>February</u>, <u>March</u> and <u>April</u> editions now and May, June and July will be out shortly.

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So how did we do? <u>Let us know</u> your thoughts. Thank you all so much for reading and until next time...fair winds and blue skies!

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