

An Italian Love Affair

with Motorgliders

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The third annual fly-in meeting of self launching motorgliders sponsored by manufacturers Silent and ULM was this year staged, at the Caiolo airport, in Valtellina (near Sondrio, Italy), July 8 through 12.

In cooperation with Alisport and the Italian Gliding Federation, and with generous hospitality provided by the Aeroclub of Sondrio, the event was voted a great success by the Italian and foreign pilots who attended.

Many of Europe's current generation of self-launching motorised gliders were present, including the Silent 2 and their TARGA version; the APIS; the Swift and the two-seater Taurus.

The Silent 2 TARGA JET version, with its retractable turbine created the greatest interest.

Three ULM planes had been invited to the meeting: the CT, the Eurofox and the Dynamic, which carried out towing tests with the various motorgliders.

The Dynamic is proving to be a practical, affordable and cheap to operate towing aircraft.

The Italian Gliding Federation's contribution to the success of the event was recognised by those attending.

Photos (from the top down): The Passaggio Silent Jet; The two seat side by side electric powered Taurus which now has a waiting list extending out beyond three years: the real 'fun machine' Swift; and the two versions of the Silent on the runway - (the single bladed propeller version and the turbo jet).

