

Ready to go! INTERGLIDE - The trade fair for paragliding and gliding starts in Karlsruhe

The portfolio of Messe Karlsruhe is growing and reaching unimagined heights! In future, everything at INTERGLIDE will revolve around gliding, paragliding and hang gliding. It starts in November 2024.

Karlsruhe. Karlsruhe. Freedom, lightness, adrenaline - that and more is what the fascination of flying is all about. Messe Karlsruhe and the company XCNAV are providing a framework for this for the first time in 2024 - with INTERGLIDE.

The trade fair for gliders, hang gliders, paragliders and enthusiasts of large glider models will take place at Messe Karlsruhe from November 9 to 10, 2024. Everything related to gliding and soaring will be on display. Manufacturers of gliders and towplanes, paragliders and hang gliders, transport trailers, large glider models and the best accessories on the market will be on site.

The perfect venue

With its location, the Karlsruhe Trade Fair Center offers the perfect setting. In addition to the hall capacity, which offers plenty of scope for expansion, the Rheinstetten glider airfield is just a few minutes' walk from the exhibition grounds.

On 12,500 square meters, visitors can expect not only a large number of international exhibitors, but also a large plenum with presentations by renowned speakers who will talk about the latest developments. In addition to patron Klaus Ohlmann, who has set 52 world records in gliding, there will also be presentations on the PERLAN project. Visitors can also look forward to many surprise guests.

Gliding day at the INTERGLIDE

INTERGLIDE was presented to the public for the first time at the 80th Gliding Day in Freudenstadt at the beginning of November. The 81st industry event will take place in 2024 at Messe Karlsruhe as part of INTERGLIDE. In 2023, 51 exhibitors and around 1200 visitors attended the event.

The brains behind the idea

INTERGLIDE is organized by Messe Karlsruhe in cooperation with Markus Immig. The professional pilot has been a passionate glider pilot since the age of 14 and has also been active in the industry since founding his company XCNAV in 2021. With his company, he took part in the Glider Day 2022 as an exhibitor and experienced the great desire to experience and touch the products live on site. "Unfortunately, our sport hardly offers the opportunity to simply try out and try on products in everyday life," says Immig. In his opinion, the demand for a trade fair purely for thermal flying was high. After many Karlsruher Messe- und Kongress GmbH Festplatz 9 76137 Karlsruhe | Germany tel +49 721 3720-0 fax +49 721 3720-99-2116 info@messe-karlsruhe.de messe-karlsruhe.de

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positive discussions with manufacturers from the industry, Immig ultimately decided to create a platform for this market. The result was INTERGLIDE.

From the idea of a gliding trade fair to a trade fair for all thermal pilots

In addition to gliding, INTERGLIDE is also intended to be a meeting point for paragliders and hang gliders. Immig: "As we see a large overlap with these areas, we contacted the German Hang Gliding Association (DHV) and the organizer of the 'Thermik - Trade Fair for News about the Paragliding and Hang Gliding Market' in addition to the German Gliding Association (DSV) right at the start of planning."

The group of interested parties in the field of large and scale model gliding will also have their place at INTERGLIDE.

International interest is already high

Around 100 national and international companies have already confirmed their strong interest in INTERGLIDE. "The number of our followers on Instagram is constantly increasing and we are receiving enthusiastic feedback from sports enthusiasts and offers for exciting presentations," says Diana Barth, who is also responsible for social media marketing as part of the organization team. Markus Immig adds: "This shows that the community has been waiting for a trade fair like this. Together with the manufacturers, we have the opportunity to set up something big - not only in Germany, but also beyond."

Further information:

- <u>https://www.interglide.de/en</u>
- Instagram
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