



# TAIFUNNEWS



**The unofficial newsletter for Taifun owners in the U.S.A. and Canada.**

***Dedicated to improved operation, increased enjoyment and flight safety!***

**Publication will be when and if we feel like it. If we have nothing to say and there is no newsletter, it will be up to *YOU* to contribute useful or newsworthy items.**

Issue No 8

January 2003

Editor: Joe Volmar, 65MA

## ***THE WORLD GETS SMALLER***

I received an E-Mail yesterday from Hans Nobis in Germany, who is a member of the team producing a new website dealing exclusively with Taifuns.

The site is:

[www.powerglidertaifun.de](http://www.powerglidertaifun.de)

It is a very nice site and looks like it has many possibilities for getting Taifun owners together to share experiences and technical information.

I have added Hans and his associates to our roster. These fellows straddle the border between Germany and the Netherlands and really bring forth an international flavor. Henk Dumont is Dutch and owns the Taifun, Bert Theunissen is also Dutch, is a flight student and the webmaster whereas Hans is a German Flight Instructor. The Taifun is based at the NATO

AIRBASE in Geilenkirchen ETNG, where the AWAACS A3A is stationed (see link on website).

Just imagine the fun they must have, as their traffic pattern crosses the Dutch-German border!

As you can see on the website, they have begun marking European Taifun locations with dots and would like to expand this to include our members. I will prepare a map for them showing all of our locations .... If anyone objects to being shown, please let me know immediately. I think this would look quite interesting and would be valuable for folks trying to find us (like for your opinion of Taifuns or even a possible purchase) .

We have also signed on another Hollander as a result of this new website:

Gerrit Harder, residing in Uden, is the owner of Serial Number 1098 and has asked to join our group. Let's hope that this international expansion will bring us more information and enjoyment of our Taifuns!

## ***TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT***

I was not aware of this, but apparently a Taifun was flown from Oskosh to Germany in the early 1980's by a Michael Schulz according to our new friends. Does anyone know who might have written about this flight so we could obtain a copy?

## ***A MESSAGE FROM HENK***

Hello Joe,

Thank you for signing our guestbook and your efforts to promote our website among your club-members.

The goal of our website is to join Taifun-owners all across Europe and to plan meetings and organize one or two activities during the summer. This year for instance we're planning to visit the English

Channel Islands (Guernsey, Jersey) some 14 miles from the coast of France, southwest of Cherbourg.

As a result of our website we hope to collect and exchange information on and from Taifun-owners in Europe, like the way the CFI-Germany does on their website (see the links section on our website for Club Fournier International). To achieve this we hope to cooperate with the CFI because like our own Taifun, their Fournier long ago went out of production. Hopefully, the established contact between you and our club, will provide much benefit for Taifun-owners on both sides of the Atlantic.

Answering your question I received from Hans, my plane is an Taifun 17E-II, built in 1989, powered by Limbach, 2.4 liter engine, serial number 1127. As you might have noticed in the Taifun section of my photo-gallery, there's a picture of the tail of my plane with an airbrush of a white-headed eagle with the text "Diamond Air".

The eagle has been my favourite bird ever since I worked in Canada in the seventies. I worked there on a pipe-line in the North West Territories with the Great Canadian Oilsand Co.

As my last-name is Dumont, which when pronounced sounds a bit like "Diamond", I chose this name for my plane. No need to say that the word "diamond" also represents the best of all powerglidertypes in the world.

*Henk Dumont*

**THIS  
SPACE  
COULD  
CONTAIN  
SOME  
INTERESTING  
STUFF  
CONTRIBUTED  
BY  
YOU!**

“**TAIFUNNEWS**” is an unofficial publication published solely for the benefit of Taifun owners in the U.S.A. and Canada. Information and photographs will be gratefully accepted but publication will be at the editor’s discretion. Clean and legibly typed copy or E-Mail submissions will be appreciated. Use of published information is strictly at your own risk; the contributors and the editor assume no responsibility for the feasibility and/or quality of processes, procedures or products described in this publication. Published in U.S.A. © Joe Volmar

**EDITOR:**

**Joe Volmar**

1864 Irish Road

Dundee, Michigan 48131

U.S.A.

Phone: 734-529-5406

FAX: 734-529-5329

E-Mail: [joevol@dundee.net](mailto:joevol@dundee.net)

Website: [www.volmarjoe.com](http://www.volmarjoe.com)

---

**TAIFUNNEWS**

**c/o Joe Volmar**

**1864 Irish Road**

**Dundee, MI 48131**

**U.S.A.**

*Inside This Issue:*

- **The World Gets Smaller**
- **Transatlantic Flight**
- **A Message From Henk**