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14. Alpine Aeromodelling Youth Camp 2006 in Switzerland

This 14th camp was full of sunshine, wind and fantastic flying weather. Our participants had the opportunity to gather experience in ridge soaring and thermal flying at 2000 m above sea level.

A landing in a lake or deep down in the valley after a "sink" are something every model pilot should have experienced at some time – it's the only way to lose the fear of letting a model take off into the unknown.



A team of experienced leaders provided plenty of support in the flying area or in the workshop after a failed landing.

Some models were in considerably better condition after one week than before the camp. We have learnt that it is important to have all models checked

by a leader before flying. Not all servos are installed correctly, sometimes the centre of gravity is not in the right location, the rudder is not linked correctly or the control throw is not suitable.

As has become tradition, a hand launch glider was built using a design specific to the camp. Those who built their glider accurately and tested it carefully had a good chance of achieving long flying times in the competition and winning a fantastic prize.



The 15th Alpine Aeromodelling Camp will be from 21st to 28th July 2007. www.alpines.ch