

## **Immaculate Flying Platypus**

For those of you who do not read *Sailplane & Gliding*, the British gliding magazine. I thought I would post a small part of an article written by a regular contributor known as Platypus. He writes in a somewhat humorous manner, but there are some nice interesting points he brings up.

“I have flown in two seaters with a great variety of other pilots over the past 20 years, including (in date order of our first flight together) some people who will be familiar to you: Hans-Werner Grosse, Robin May, Brian, Spreckley, George Moffat, and Justin Wills. Name-Dropper, you may call me. I can't help it; the Queen was telling me off about it only the other day. One thing that all these pilots have in common is the tremendous attention they pay to detail. “What the Hell, that'll be good enough!” is absolutely not what you ever hear them say. In fact to ordinary pilots they may come across as excessive fuss-pots when they prepare themselves and their aircraft for flight. The car and trailer gets the same meticulous treatment as the maps, the cockpit and every inch of the ship. Let's face it, most of the rest of us are just slobes by comparison. All their thermalling turns are immaculate and their flying polished: they come out of thermals pointing the right way at the right speed. Everything is clean and wasted energy is minimised.”

Are you aiming to fly like this, it is what is required to make a good pilot, good is not enough.