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## Who are we?

Our team is made up from distinguished RAF members, retired military officers and dedicated volunteers who form the driving force behind much of the restoration and construction.

Our impressive backgrounds equip the Trust with skills in Mechanical Engineering, aeronautical design, wood and metal fabrication and Military experience. All of these skills are crucial to the restoration and construction of our aircraft and go a long way in teaching and inspiring our junior members, including our Engineering Diploma students and Engineering Apprentices. The entire team is passionate about passing on restoration skills and some of the stories of our rich aviation heritage.

## Education:

The AGT is one of 5 key learning providers in Shropshire supporting the Gifted & Talented Programme and STEMNet, providing work placements for GNVQ and Engineering Diploma Students and working closely with local Schools, Colleges & Universities.

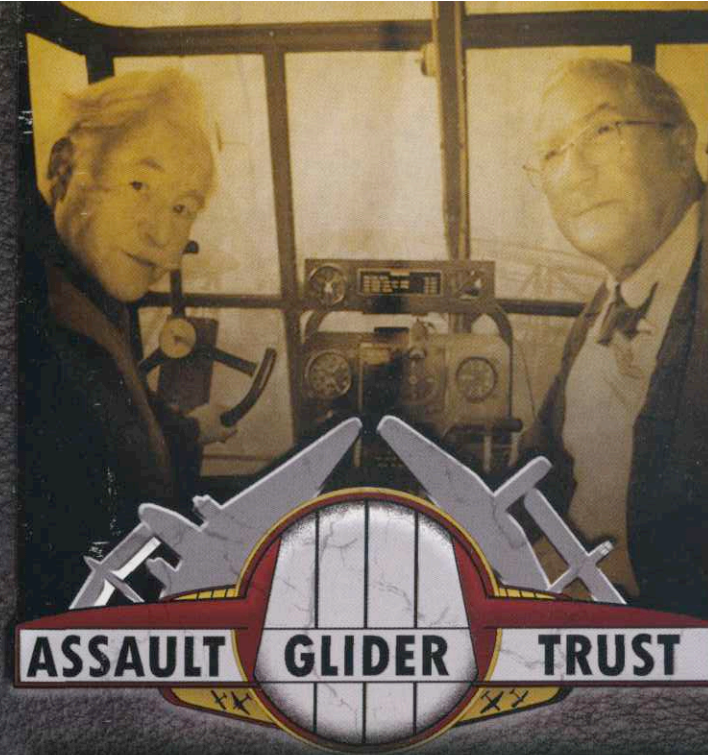
Our site boasts impressive educational facilities including:

**Qualified staff, Pre and post visit resource materials, lecture theatre to seat 35, Toilets, eating area and comprehensive risk assessments.**

These facilities allow us to provide a range of exciting, hands on courses, lectures and visits where students get the unique opportunity to access the Trusts workshop, collection and the experience of our skilled engineers.

## Want to help?

The Trust is always willing to welcome new members to the team to aid restoration efforts, both skilled and unskilled workers required! We also welcome any financial help - all donations are welcome and go a long way to sourcing tools and materials for the Trust. We are especially keen to receive new sponsorships from companies with direct historical connection to the Horsa or general aviation.



In 2001 veterans of the Glider Pilot Regiment Association set out to build an Airspeed Horsa Assault Glider to commemorate the Airborne Forces of the Midlands. The Trust currently has thirty volunteers, resides at RAF Shawbury and has four aircraft in its collection.

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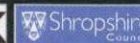
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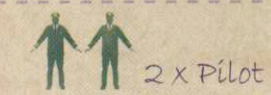
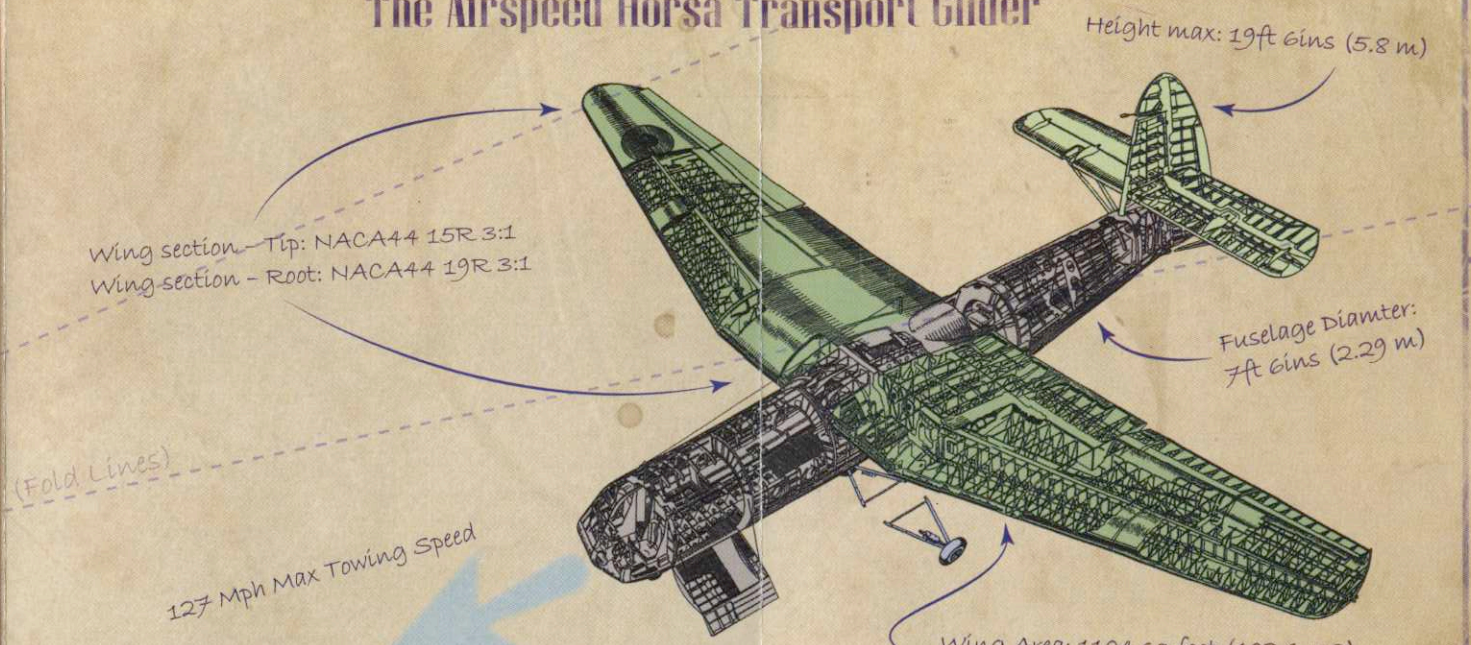
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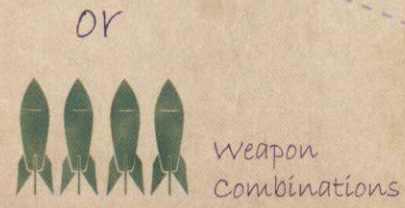
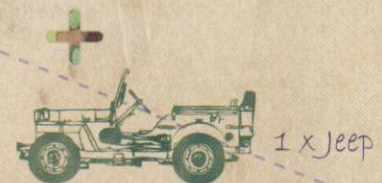
# HISTORICAL TIME-LINE:

- ✂ 1942 - First operational use of the Airspeed Horsa.
- ✂ 2001 - Assault Glider Trust formed.
- ✂ 2002 - Original drawings found and supplied by BAE systems.
- ✂ 2004 - Dakota KG 651 donated by Air Atlantique and restoration begins.
  - Wreckage of Horsa DP349 recovered by 5 man team in Norway.
  - Donation of Waco fuselage & parts from Silent Wings Museum, Lubbock, USA.
- ✂ 2007 - Trust acquires a Tiger Moth EM840.
- ✂ 2008 - National Heritage and Community awards Finalist.
- ✂ 2009 - The AGT & RAF Shawbury pioneered the Maintenance Module of the Specialised Engineering Diploma in the UK.
  - Semi-Finalist of the National Lottery Awards 2009 for Best Heritage Project.
  - Trust completes restoration work on Tiger Moth.
- ✂ 2010 - Mike Lillistone completes replica Horsa Cockpit. Cockpit was successfully delivered to the Silent Wings Museum in Texas for display.
- ✂ The Future - It is hoped that all our aircraft will eventually move to RAF Cosford Museum as a permanent exhibit.

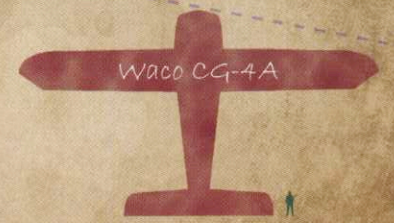
## The Airspeed Horsa Transport Glider



Weight Tare: 8370 lb (3796.6 Kg)  
 Weight all up: 15,500lb (7030.7Kg)



Span: 88ft (26.8 m)  
 Length: 66ft 12ins (20.4 m)  
 3,799 gliders made



Span: 83.6ft (25.5 m)  
 Length: 48ft (14.6m)  
 13,903 gliders made