



Dear Bojan Andrejas,

With great pleasure, I write on behalf of the Vintage Glider Club to express our gratitude to the Aeroklub Celje. As you know, the 49<sup>th</sup> International VGC Rally was 'a long time coming', as the Covid era took the joy out of our lives; but the event exceeded all our expectations -especially in terms of fun and companionship!

I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say we were amazed by the buildings which your quite small Club had re-built from the ashes of the lightning fire. Hangars holding 50 gliders can only be dreamed of in the UK. We also marvelled at the level of organization which we encountered from the first day of the great rally, to the very last moment! We were really touched that so many members had given up their holidays to work so hard- all those countless glider movements on the ground, the winch driving, the aerotows, and the vast amount of paperwork behind the scenes -and of course the parties. I assure you, 'this will be a hard act to follow!'

From the viewpoint of our own club- the VGC, this was almost a renaissance. Like many organizations, we had definitely lost momentum during the two Covid years, and had almost forgotten the fun of a really successful rally. It was also a real delight to encounter, and even fly, gliders never seen at a VGC rally before.

Apart from the superlative rally, and those wonderful thermals, we were all delighted by the beauty of Slovenia, the mountains and forests around Celje, and of course its talented, healthy, creative people.

So, on behalf of everyone who attended the 49<sup>th</sup> International VGC Gliding Rally, I express our heartfelt thanks for all the work your members have done, which gave us all an unforgettable two weeks. Two weeks which we believe have rejuvenated us all, and in which many lasting friendships have been created or renewed.

Yours very sincerely,

Andrew Jarvis

President, Vintage Glider Club

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