

Sunny Swift

“Conscientious rigging”

IT'S A NICE WEEKEND AND THE SKY IS FULL OF CUMULUS CLOUDS.

HI JULIA! WILL YOU TAKE ME FOR A GLIDER FLIGHT?

HI SUNNY! WE HAVE PLENTY OF THERMALS TO CATCH TODAY

I CAN'T WAIT TO GET GLIDING!

THEY ARE RIGGING THE TWO-SEAT GLIDER THEY WILL FLY LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. WHEN SUNNY IS ABOUT TO ATTACH THE ELEVATOR...

RING RIIING RIIING

YEAH, HI?

SUNNY, DON'T GET DISTRACTED WHEN DOING A SAFETY CRITICAL TASK. IT'S EASY TO FORGET AN IMPORTANT STEP, LIKE SECURING THE CONTROLS. THAT CAN HAVE A SERIOUS CONSEQUENCE!

OH, THANKS JULIA! ONE CAN EASILY GET DISTRACTED. IN FACT, THIS ADVICE APPLIES TO THE PRE-FLIGHT CHECK ON ANY AIRCRAFT

THE GLIDER IS NOW COMPLETELY RIGGED, QUEUING FOR THE LAUNCH

WE STILL NEED TO DO THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE TAKE-OFF - THE POSITIVE CONTROLS CHECK

IT IS CRUCIAL TO VERIFY PROPER CONNECTION OF ALL CONTROLS, TO BE SURE THAT THE GLIDER IS READY TO FLY.

PLEASE HOLD THE AILERON FULLY DEFLECTED SO THAT I CAN GENTLY APPLY THE PRESSURE TO THE CONTROL

...AND NOW WE NEED TO DO THE SAME FOR ALL CONTROLS INCLUDING THE AIRBRAKES

SUNNY AND JULIA ARE NOW CONFIDENT THAT THEIR GLIDER IS ASSEMBLED PROPERLY. THEY CAN ENJOY THE GOOD WEATHER AND HAVE A NICE CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT IN THE AFTERNOON.

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