

MAIN: Egil over Osvolldalen Valley, looking NE towards Godfjord 10P: L-R Egil Fonn, Daniel Bjørkås and author Lars Sletten ABOVE: Starting the glide over Risøyrenna Channel with Andøy Bridge and Bjørnskinnsfjellet Mountain in front of us.

is I only had 250 m of ground below me; I needed a climb fast. Then I felt the tamiliar tug on the risers and knew that I now had a good chance of making It. I gently eased my Ra into the lift and soon found myself climbing in a 3 m/s thermal. I spared a thankful thought to the amazing improvements in paraglider design, a route like this wouldn't have been possible on previous glider designs.

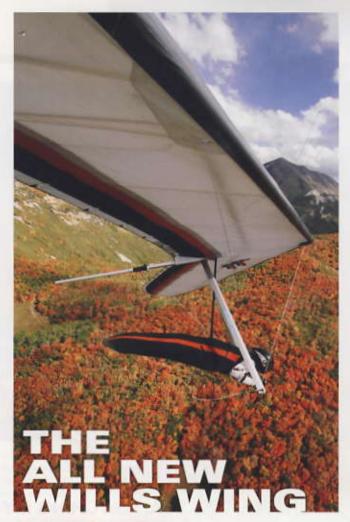
Daniel entered the thermal, and together we climbed in the smooth air until we caught Egil just as we reached cloudbase. Until this point, the wind had been southeasterly, but now it had shifted to a northeasterly direction and started to separate us further and further.

Our adventure was coming to an end, and as Daniel and I glided across Ånes lake, I looked back on all the amazing moments of the flight. I touched down with a feeling of absolute satisfaction.

I could see a front approaching on the horizon. I knew that it would be a long time until the next great day arrived when we could explore the true beauty of the far northern fjords of Norway, but inside of me the memories of this flight will be forever. 55



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