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Chrigel Maurer (on the right) with his supporter Thomas Theurillat on the pontoon in Monaco.

Σ X-Alps 2015 >
Chrigel⁴



Chrigel Maurer arriving above Monaco, on the 14th of July, 2015
 Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool

The X-Alps route, 2015: a bit harder than two years ago, largely due to the double north/south crossing of the Alps.



The hardest hike and fly race in the world wasn't too hard for Chrigel Maurer. For the fourth time he arrived far ahead of the others, in eight days, four hours and forty two minutes. It's just incredible the way the 'Adelboden Eagle' always knew how to make the right decisions. This exceptionally gifted paraglider pilot needs no introduction; his continuous victories are almost becoming mundane.

Here are a few interesting figures. Chrigel's two longest flights during the race were both 150 km: Gaisberg - Dachstein - Schleching and Anancy - Saint Paul sur Ubaye. His longest walk was 76 km, his average speed when flying was 38 km/h and when walking 6 km/h. He covered a total distance of 2055 km: 1650 km flying and 405 km walking.

The German, Sebastian Huber, took second position. Like Chrigel, he was equipped by the Swiss manufacturer Advance, who had a great podium presence with the Omega X-Alps.

One of the most impressive moments during the 2015 race was the battle for third place. Initially Paul Guschlbauer (Skywalk) seemed a sure candidate for third place, but he made a bad decision by going more to the west. He didn't get the moderate northerlies he hoped for but, instead, Mistral which was too strong to fly in.

He thus lost enough time to put him neck and neck with Arron Durogati, Antoine Girard and Gaspard Petiot. Only a few kilometres separated these pilots during the last day of the competition, with Paul finally winning having spent more time in the air.

Whilst the other competitors have got until noon on Friday to battle it out, we are publishing this portfolio with the best moments of the race for the top places. 🏆



Incredible suspense on the X-Alps live tracking: the race for third place on the 14th of July 2015.



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 Thomas Theurillat

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SEBASTIAN HUBER

Nationality: German
Date of birth: 2/12/1985
Wing: Advance Omega X-Alps
Harness: Advance Lightness X-Alps

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PAUL GUSCHLBAUER

Nationality: Austrian
Date of birth: 25/12/1983
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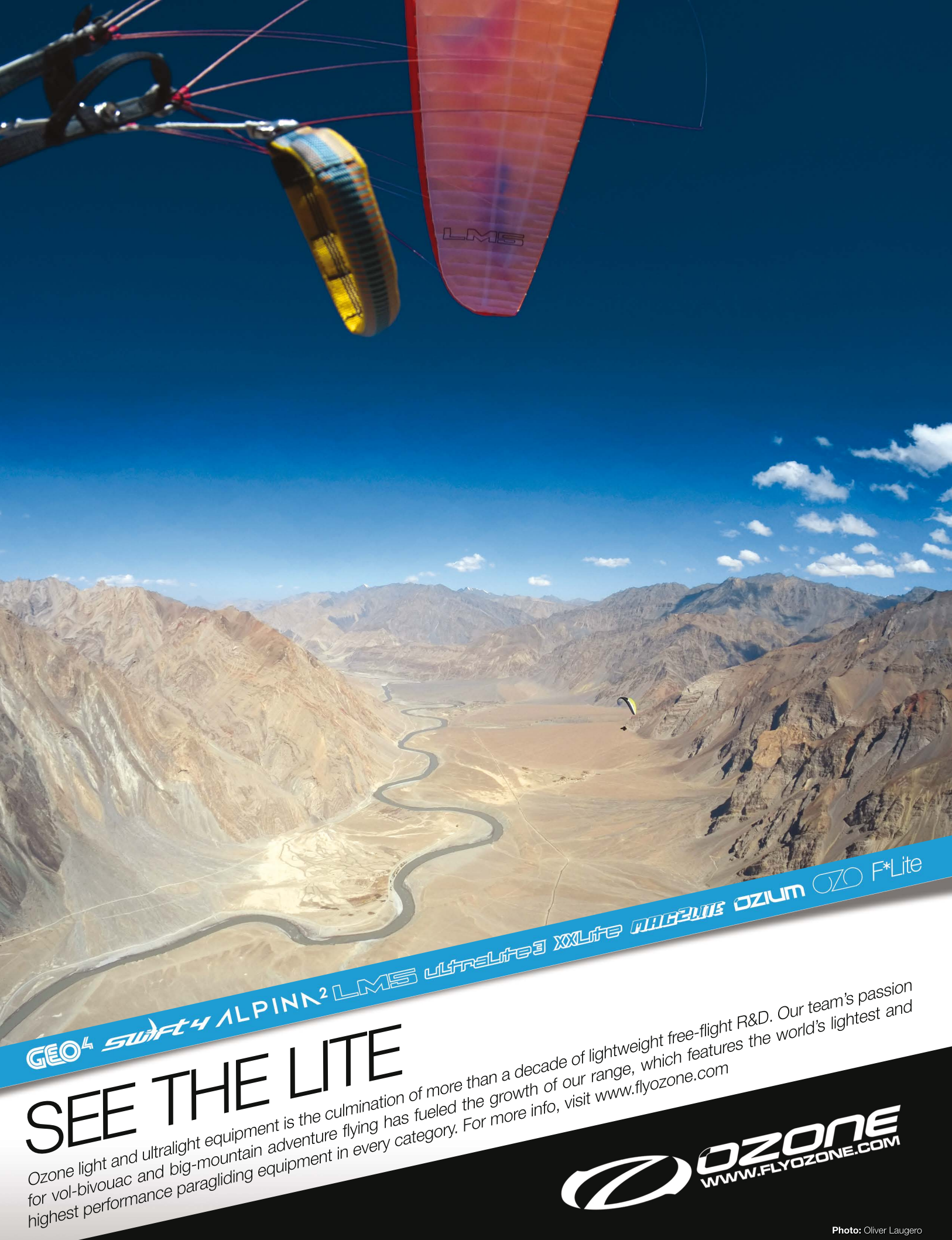
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*July 5th: The Red Bull X-Alps 2015 sets off from the Mozartplatz Square, in Salzburg, Austria.
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*Chrigel Maurer at the Gaisberg take-off on the 5th of July.
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*Gaisberg, the first turn point near Salzburg, on day one of the race.
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*Stephan Gruber (AUT3) and Chrigel Maurer (SUI1) near Aschau-Chiemsee (Turn point 3)
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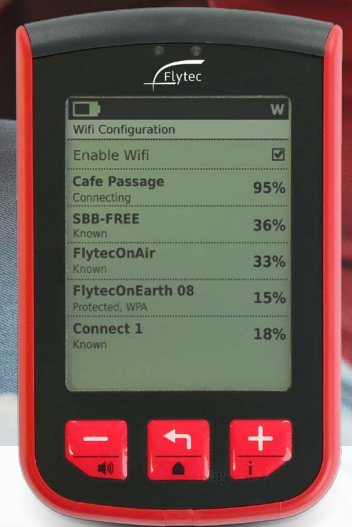


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*Walking over mountains as well as along roads.
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*July 6th, Paul Guschlbauer (AUT1), signs turn point 4 at Lermoos and decides, with the rest of his team, the route to take next.
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*Night-time preparation: Honza Rejmanesk (USA1) at Hochkönig in Austria
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Michael Witschi (SUI3), still in Germany
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Chrigel Mauer near Garmisch, on the 6th of July 2015

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*During this X-Alps, Paul Guschlbauer (AUT1) walked 446 kilometres and flew 1620 kilometres...
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*Sebastian Huber (GER3) walked 480 kilometres, and covered 1583 kilometres in the air...
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*A nice take off by Stephan Gruber (AUT3) on the 7th of July 2015
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*Paul Guschlbauer (AUT1) flew with a Skywalk Rangeair X-Alps harness and a Skywalk X-Alps2 wing: three-liner, 80 cells, aspect ratio 7, weight 3.7 kg
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Yvonne Dathe (GER2), one of the two female competitors, made a bad decision and was quickly eliminated.

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Photo below: Micheal Witschi (SUI3) at Merano in Italy, on the 8th of July 2015

Photo : Kelvin Trautman/Red Bull Content Pool





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Chrigel Maurer (SUI1) at the Cima Tosa (turn point 5) in Italy. This turn point, far from classic XC routes, was one of the most difficult points of this edition.

Photo: Kelvin Trautman



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Sebastian Huber (GER3) at Cima Tosa
Photo: Kelvin Trautman/Red Bull Content Pool



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***Aaron Durogati (ITA) still on his home turf in Italy, on the 8th of July 2015.
After a breathtaking race for third place, he finished sixth behind French pilots
Antoine Girard and Gaspard Petiot
Photo: Vitek Ludvik/Red Bull Content Pool***



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***Aaron Durogati (ITA) at Mitterbirbach, Italy, on the 8th of July 2015
Photo: Vitek Ludvik/Red Bull Content Pool***



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*Micheal Witschi (SUI3) and Stanislav Mayer (CZE) at Cima Tosa.
Photo: Kelvin Trautman/Red Bull Content Pool*



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Stanislav Mayer (CZE) taking off from Cima Tosa on the 9th of July 2015
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***Toma Cocone (ROU) had to abandon the race early due to an injury sustained whilst landing.
Photo: Vitek Ludvik/Red Bull Content Pool***



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Antoine Girad (FRA2) (in front) finished forth. Behind him in the photo, Nelson De Freyman (FRA3), who was still racing to the finish on Thursday morning
Photo: Kelvin Trautman/Red Bull Content Pool



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*Chrigel in front of the Matterhorn on the 10th of July
Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool*



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*Gavin McClurg (USA2) at St. Moritz in Switzerland. He finished eighth.
Photo: Vitek Ludvik/Red Bull Content Pool*



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*Chrigel Maurer in front of Mont Blanc, one of the most famous stages of
the Red Bull X-Alps*

Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool



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***Sebastian Huber at Mont-Blanc on his Omega XAlps. This wing only weighs 3.15 kg in size 22 and 3.35 kg in size 24; a three line wing with 63 cells and an aspect ratio of 6.9.
Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool***

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French pilot Gaspard Petiot in front of the Matterhorn in Switzerland, on his Ozone LM5, (6.9 aspect ratio, 62 cells, weight between 3.25 and 3.55kg depending on the three sizes). Gaspard took fifth place in the competition

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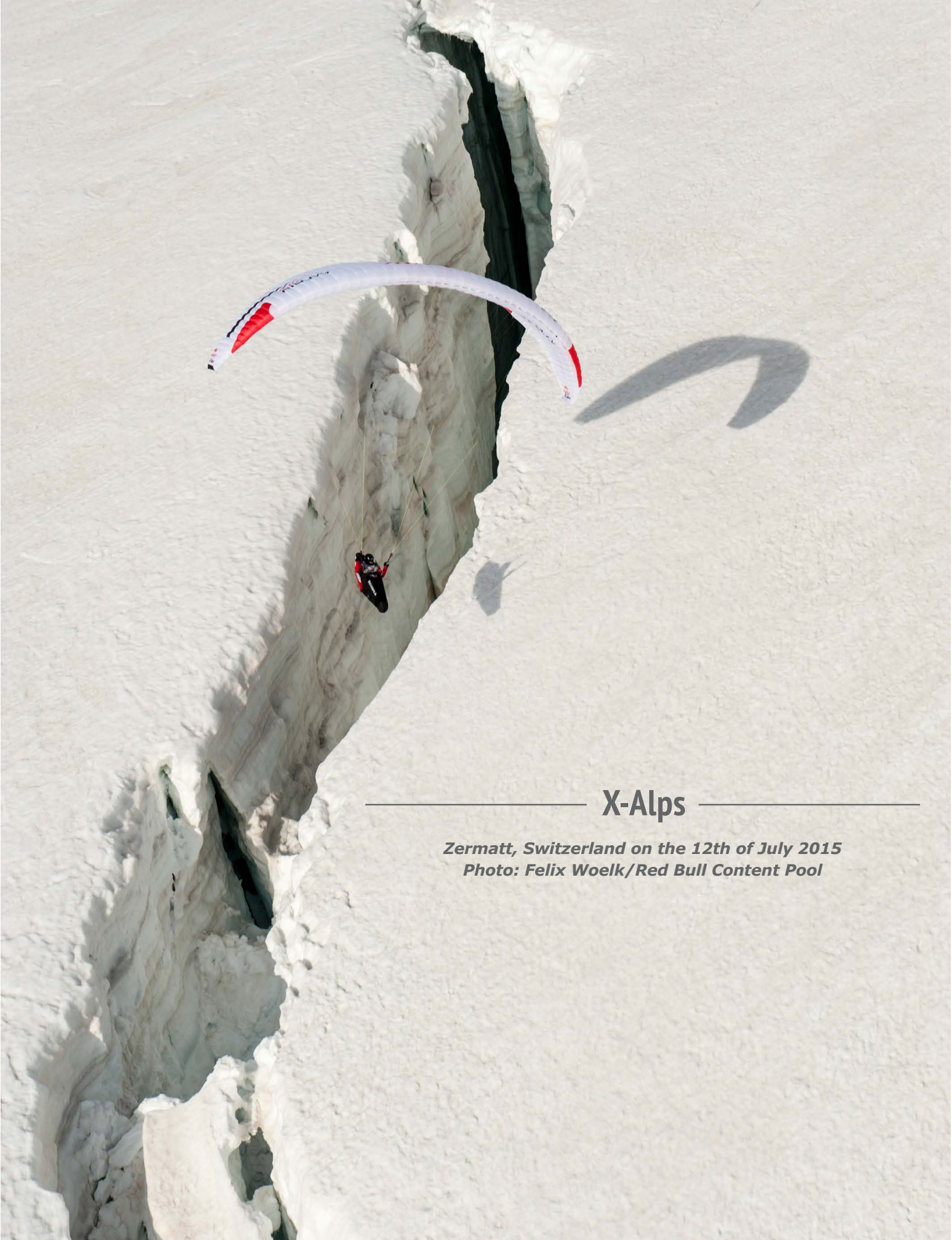
*Gavin McClurg (USA2) at St. Moritz, in Switzerland on the 11th of July
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In the X-Alps the competitors traverse an amazing variety of landscapes along the 1000 km course (as the crow flies). In total, the competitors will have each walked or flown more than 2000 kilometres.

Photo: Felix Woelk/Red Bull Content Pool



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*Zermatt, Switzerland on the 12th of July 2015
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*Sebastian Huber at Lake Annecy, another important point on the route
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*Sebastian Huber landing very precisely, but with his wing in disarray, at Annecy
Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool*



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*Paul Guschlbauer at Col de la Bonette, not far from goal, on the 13th of July
Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool*



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*Chrigel Maurer at Col de la Bonette: far enough south to smell the sea.
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*Chrigel Maurerau above Peille: the competitors had to cope with all sorts of weather and aerology
Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool*



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*And once again, Chrigel Maurer is the first to be cheered on at Peille...
Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool*



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The last 'formality': Second place is claimed, Sebastian Huber glides to the pontoon in Monaco
Photo: Sebastian Marko/Red Bull Content Pool



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*The famous pontoon at the end of a 2063 kilometre long journey:
Sebastian Huber lands with precision
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*Gaspard Petiot takes fifth place after 275km on foot and 2090 km flown...
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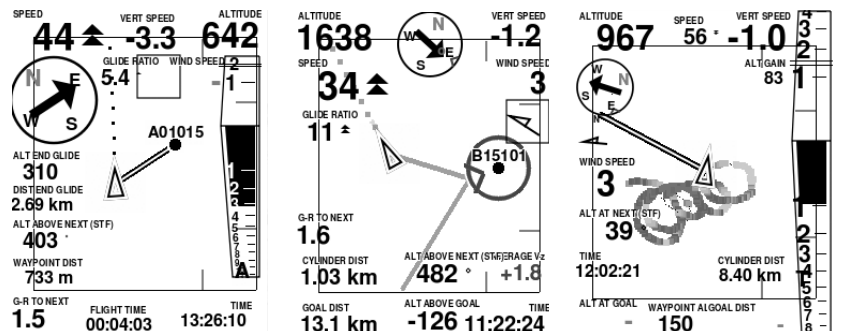
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