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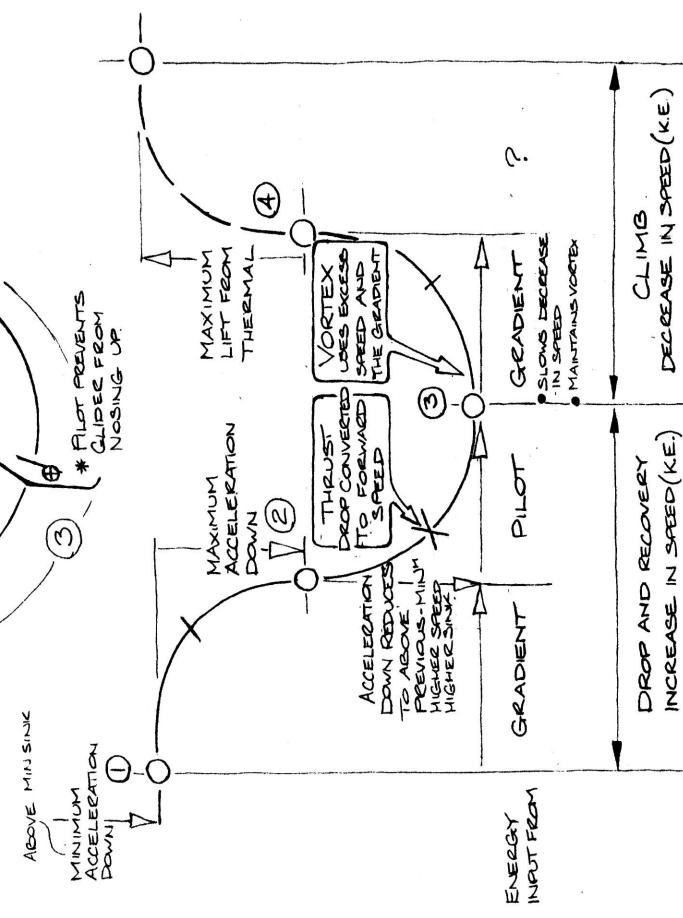
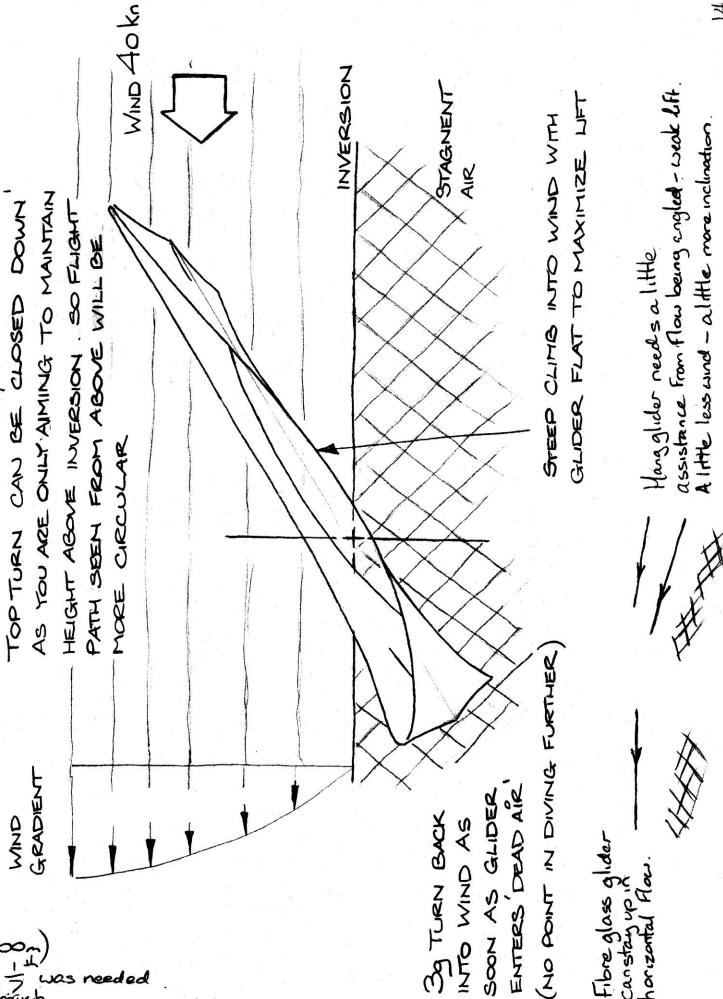
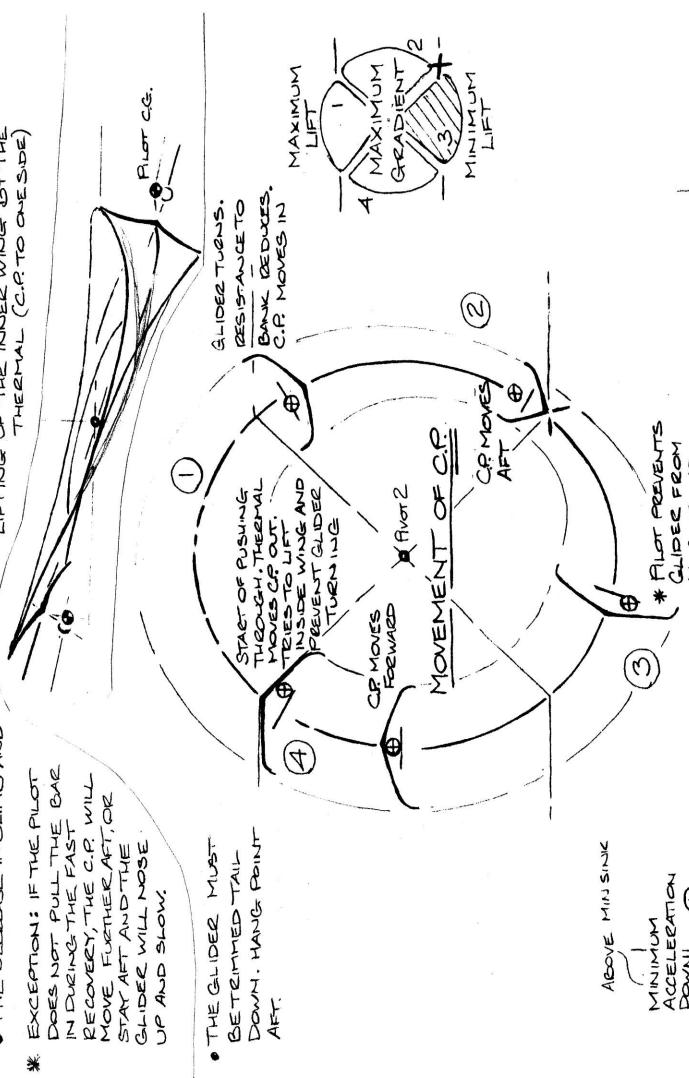
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LIFT LESS THAN +1m/s. GLIDER MAINTAINING HEIGHT.
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PROMPTS TO THE PILOT ACE:

- IT PROMPTS THE PILOT TO TURN EARLY, RAPIDLY ROLLING FLAT TO CATCH THE BALL (CP TO SIDE)
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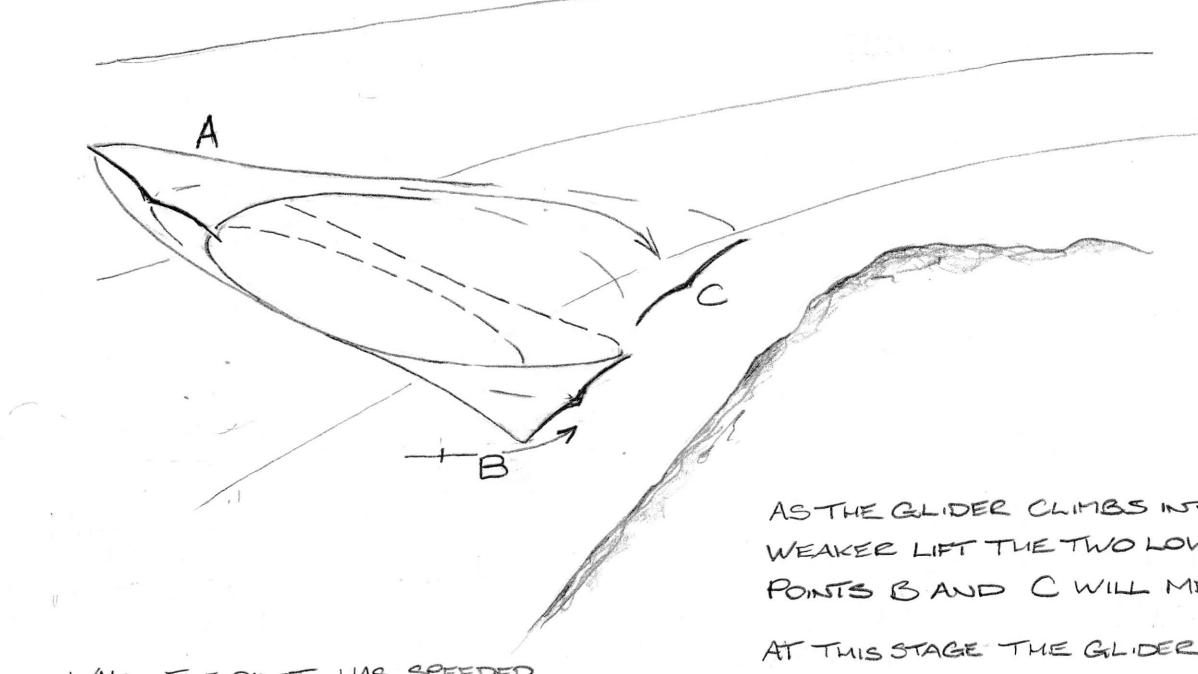


Hang glider needs a little assistance from flow being angled - weak lift.
A little less wind - a little more inclination.



TO RETAIN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE HEIGHT GAINED IN THE CLIMB AND TURN, AT ABOUT POINT 'A' THE GLIDER IS ROLLED FLAT, OR ALMOST, TO END UP FLYING BACK AT THE HILL WITH SPEED IN HAND.

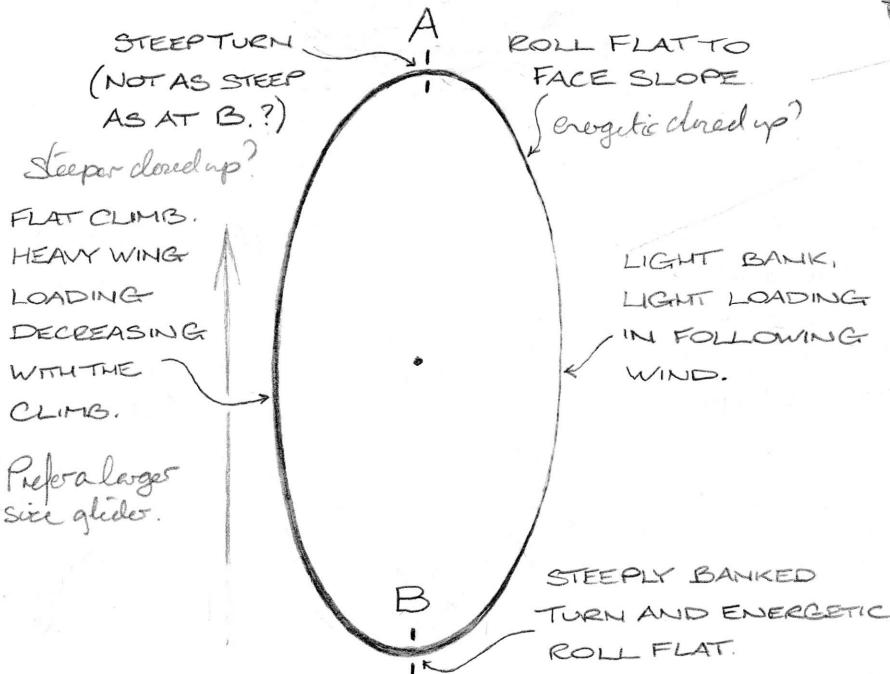
- BANK OR RECOVERY AT 'A' DOES NOT HAVE TO BE SO ENERGETIC AS AT 'B'.
- IF ALL THE EXTRA SPEED HAS BEEN USED IN THE CLIMB, IT IS JUST A NORMAL TURN



WHEN THE PILOT HAS SPEEDED UP TO A COMFORTABLE RHYTHM, TO WORK THE LIFT, THE STEEP BANK BECOMES THE LOWEST POINT WITH THE HEAVIEST APPARENT WEIGHT, THE BOUNCE TO START THE VORTEX.

AS THE GLIDER CLIMBS INTO WEAKER LIFT THE TWO LOWEST POINTS B AND C WILL MERGE.

AT THIS STAGE THE GLIDER CAN MAINTAIN HEIGHT, BUT IF IT FLIES STEADILY AT MINIMUM SINK SPEED, FACING THE WIND OR FLYING ALONG THE SLOPE IT WILL SINK.



LOOKING DOWN FROM TAKE OFF RAMP.

FROM DIRECTLY ABOVE THE PATTERN IS CIRCULAR.

COMPLETE CIRCUIT CAN TAKE AS LITTLE AS 4-6 SECONDS possibly less!

EXTRACTING ENERGY FROM AN INCLINED AIR FLOW WITH A GRADIENT.

IS RAISING UP INSIDE
WING. SO GLIDER
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FORWARD POSITIONING — VARY PAUSE BEFORE TURNING.

AFT POSITIONING — GLIDER CAN CONTINUE UNTIL PILOT FEELS HE IS ABOUT TO FALL OUT OF THERMAL. ANY EXTRA SPEED PICKED UP CAN BE USED IN THE CLIMB.

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GLIDER SOARS THROUGH STRONGEST LIFT - THERE IS NO HARD EFFORT TO PUSH THROUGH, AND GLIDER DOES NOT "FALL" THROUGH.

THE PILOT SHOULD AIM FOR A REGULAR SLEIGHT ROLL

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IDEAL FLIGHT PATTERN

GLIDER CAN FLY IN A WIDE AREA KEEPING THE SAME RHYTHM.

**VIEW FROM WIND
DIRECTION**

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Moderate Flow and Gradient and Weak Lift

Average sink rate < minimum sink

Strong Horizontal Flow and Gradient

By dynamic soaring a rigid winged glider can stay up over one place in a strong horizontal flow with a gradient. (Reinherz / Reichmann)

A weaker flow needs to be inclined to enable the glider to stay up. The vertical component (lift) is still less than the gliders minimum sink rate.

A hang glider needs more assistance so the flow is inclined a little more.

When dynamic soaring in less extreme conditions to those described H. Reichman, flying a similar pattern and with a little extra help from the inclined flow, the pilot is able to reduce his average sink rate for a circuit to below his normal minimum sink. He can also climb faster if he flies the same way in stronger lift, if there is still a great

RENNER WAS FLYING THROUGH A STRONG GRADIENT ESTIMATED AT 40 KNOTS — 20 METERS/SECOND PER 100 METERS, BUT CEICHMANN CALCULATED THAT A GRADIENT OF ONLY 3 METERS/SECOND PER 100 METERS WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH FOR THAT PARTICULAR GLIDER. SO AS SOON AS THE GRADIENT DROPPED TO AROUND THIS FIGURE THE FLOW WOULD HAVE NEEDED TO START TO BE INCLINED TO KEEP THE GLIDER UP

NOTE: AT NO TIME DOES THE PILOT FLY ANY CLOSER TO THE HILL SIDE THAN HE WOULD NORMALLY FLY.
HE IS AIMING TO CIRCLE THROUGH A GRADIENT. HE DOES NOT HAVE TO PASS THROUGH ALL THE GRADIENT, TO THE SLOWED AIR CLOSE TO THE HILL.
THE PILOT WANTS TO MAINTAIN STATION WITH HIS CLIMB INTO AND TURN ACROSS THE WIND PEAKING AT THE AREA OF THE GREATEST FLOW HE CAN REACH, TO TAKE ENERGY FROM IT. THAT IS AWAY FROM THE HILL.

- * There is NO suggestion that anything other than dynamic soaring effects are involved in this particular example with a rigid winged glider.
- There may or may not be a temporary leading edge vortex.
- There is no weight shift.
- The control surfaces are too small for significant pilot power input.

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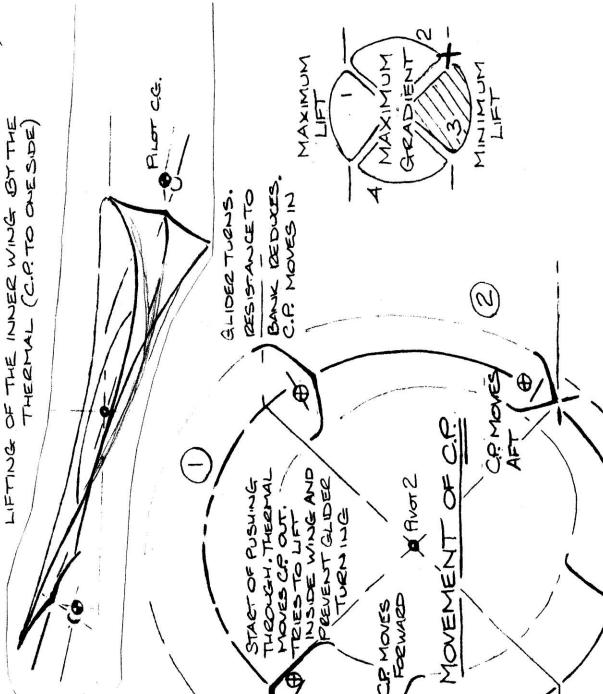
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ABOVE MIN. SINK

MINIMUM ACCELERATION DOWN

* PILOT PREVENTS GLIDER FROM NOSING UP

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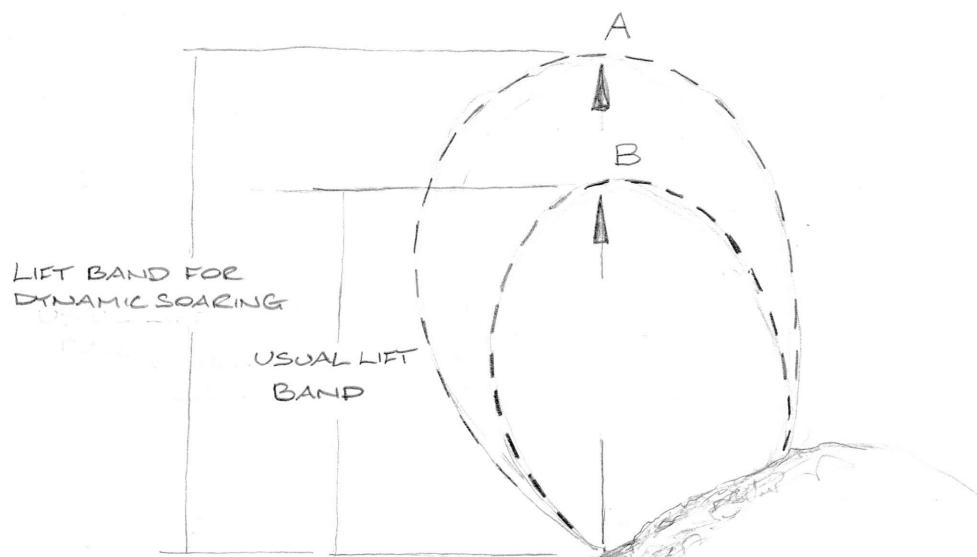
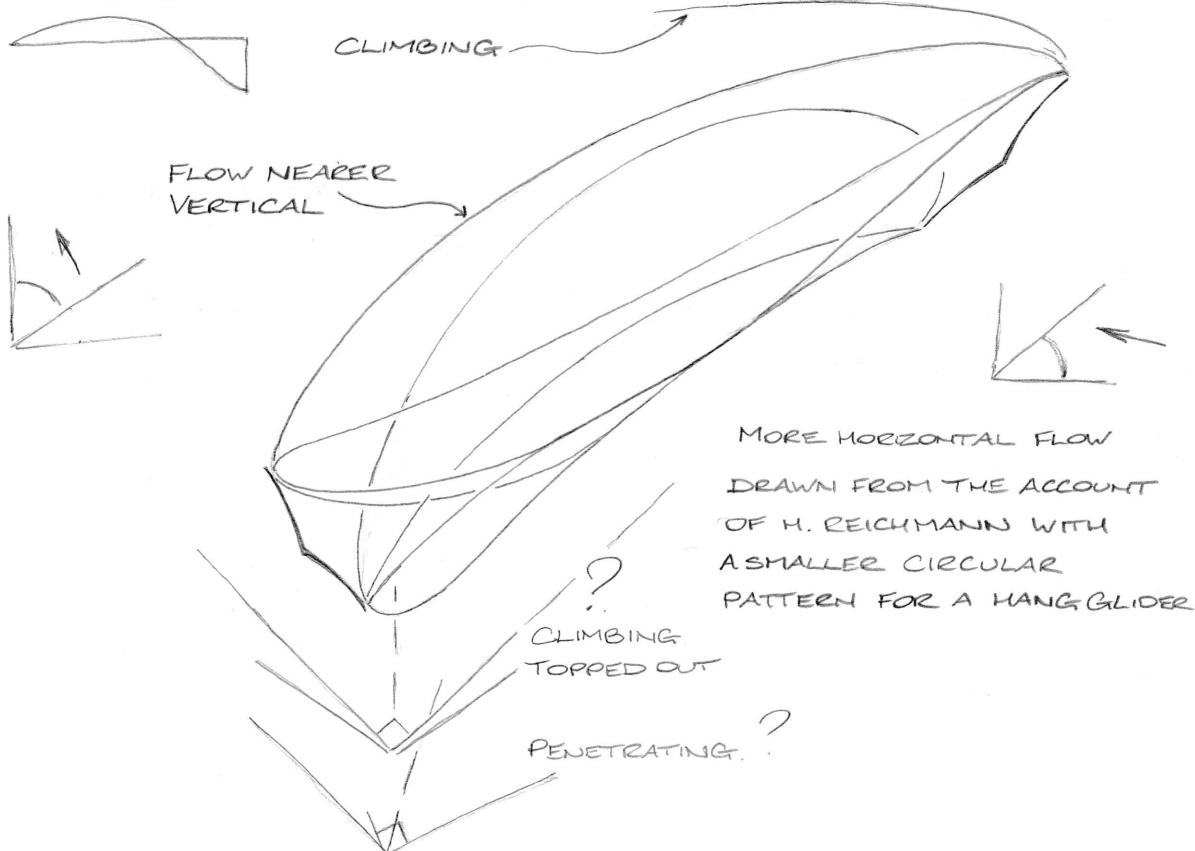
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SINK - LIFT PLOTTED
SUDDEN DROP



TIME TO CLIMB TO A = TIME TO CLIMB TO B

DYNAMIC SOARING

FLYING NORMALLY

PATH OVER GROUND: check for pilot input.

A GLIDER IS MAKING GENTLY BANKED 360° TURNS IN STILL AIR.
THE PILOT PICKS A POINT OF REFERENCE ~ SAY THE SUN.

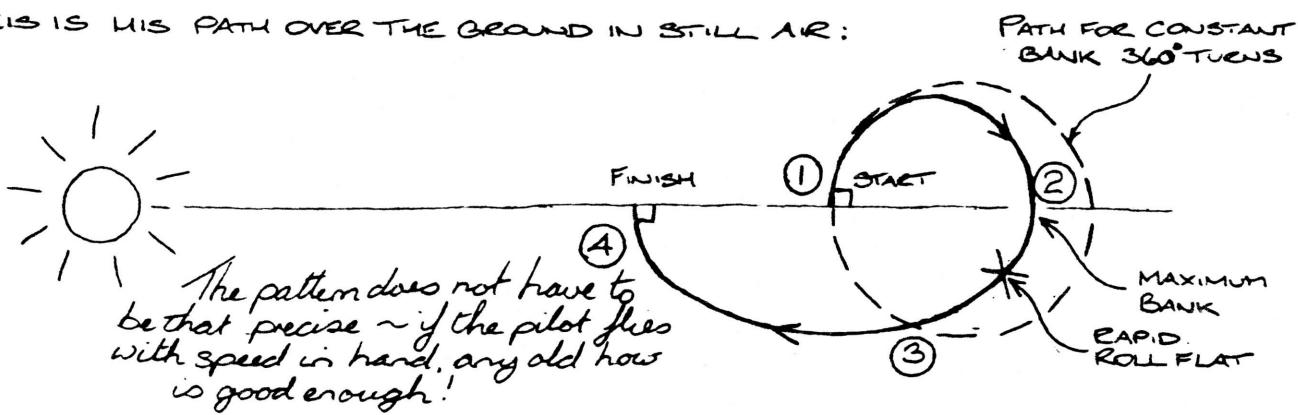
① WITH THE SUN 90° ON HIS LEFT HAND SIDE THE PILOT CONTINUES TURNING 180° PROGRESSIVELY INCREASING HIS BANK TO A MAXIMUM. THE SUN IS NOW ON HIS RIGHT HAND SIDE ②

STILL TURNING TO FACE THE SUN THE PILOT RAPIDLY ROLLS THE GLIDER FLAT. IT IS ALMOST FLAT WHEN HE IS FACING DIRECTLY INTO THE SUN ③

WITH ALMOST NO BANK HE CONTINUES TOWARDS THE SUN VEERING SLIGHTLY.

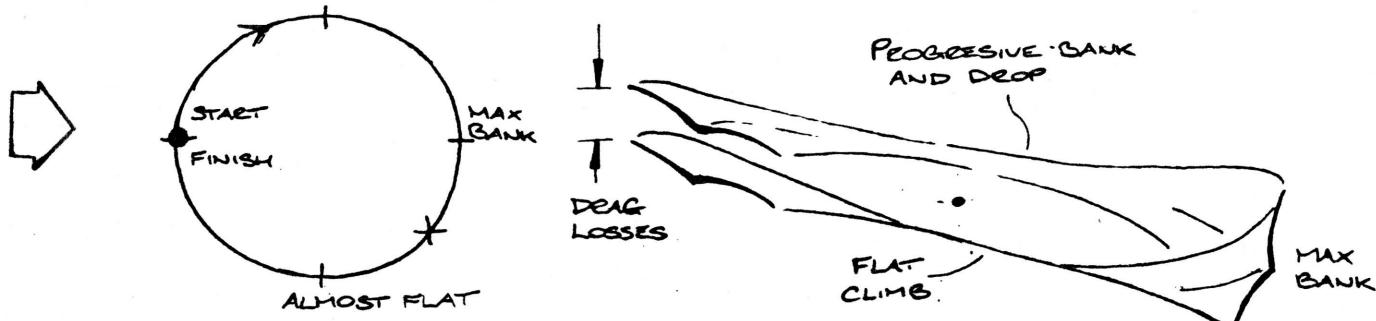
AS HIS SPEED DROPS HE SLIGHTLY INCREASES HIS BANK SO THAT HE ENDS UP WITH THE SUN 90° ON HIS LEFT HAND SIDE AT THE SAME SPEED AND ANGLE OF BANK THAT HE STARTED WITH. ④

THIS IS HIS PATH OVER THE GROUND IN STILL AIR:



IF THERE IS AN INCREASING HEADWIND GRADIENT, BY VARYING HIS SPEED AND MAXIMUM BANK, THE PILOT CAN STAY OVER ONE PLACE ON THE GROUND.

VIEW FROM THE SIDE.



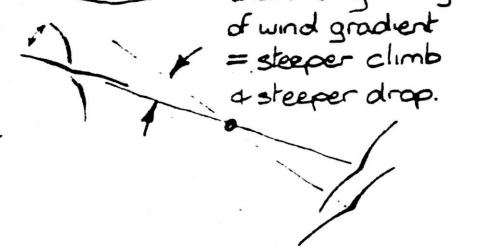
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WITH THE HANG POINT AFT THE GLIDER NOSES UP EASILY AND CLIMBS RAPIDLY INTO THE GRADIENT AFTER THE DROP.

INCREASED BANK WILL MEAN INCREASED DROP AND INCREASED CLIMB. TURNING EARLY IN THE CLIMB WILL BRING ON THE DROP, BANK AND RECOVERY EARLIER. (SMALL RADIUS). TURNING LATE IN THE CLIMB SLOWS THE GLIDER AND DELAYS THE FOLLOWING DROP (LARGE RADIUS).

A STRONGER WIND GRADIENT WILL STEEPEN THE CLIMB AND THE DROP. INCREASING OR DECREASING MAXIMUM BANK ALSO AFFECTS EVERYTHING ELSE THAT FOLLOWS. IN THE NEXT CYCLE.

Pattern center migrates only slowly



Putting in bar earlier class up patterns overall speed is increased

