

Lee waves are celebrating!

Not because they had finally been confirmed in their existence 72 years and 1 week ago in that spectacular high altitude flight by Joachim (Joac) Kuettner.

No, they are celebrating because this very Joac Kuettner turns 100 on September 21st!

Of course, not only waves and clouds are going to remember this anniversary. The National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, is honoring him with a special ceremony. Fifteen years ago it had organized a symposium with friends and colleagues from all over the world. The American Meteorological Society is doing just that in January during their annual meeting in Atlanta.

The Mountain Wave Project will also send a toast over to Colorado. After all, it owes its creation to the man who investigated and explained these mountain waves for the first time seventy years ago.

But Joachim Kuettner did more than that: with his lifelong passion for lee waves and his enthusiasm to use gliders in their exploration he was THE source for inspiration and motivation in pursuing the investigation of this phenomena. By announcing the Kuettner Prize for the first 2000km straight out wave flight he set a visionary goal for the gliding community worldwide.

The fact that MWP co-founder Klaus Ohlmann won this prestigious award connects us from the MWP in a special way with the man celebrating this jubilee.

Happy birthday, Joachim, and all the best for your next century!



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[Interview](#) Deutschland-Radio (MP3) - Klaus Ohlmann award the Kuettner Price for his 2.138km flight over the Andes

[Pilot Report](#) actual German Altitude Record (66. Deutscher Segelfliegtag)