



entertainment only. There is no way for me to participate. The MFD now shows the propulsion system as retracted.

Circling in zero sink is the best I can do today, but I get a sense of how it will feel in thermals. For a 20 meter glider, it feels nimble, and the controls are unusually smooth and light, due perhaps to the steel control rods supported by linear ball bearings.

At 1500 feet I do an in-air restart. To extend the propeller and develop full power, push the MFL forward, period. I

think I can even do this while planning an off-field landing. While such planning is crucial while attempting a restart, the restart should have a high probability of success. Like a good cordless drill, if the battery has some juice, you will get power.

As I enter the pattern, I push the undercarriage switch down, monitor progress on the MFD and see its status change to "extended." Once firmly on the ground, it is practical to push the MFL forward for extension and taxi power, if this is needed to clear the runway.