

Flight report of 1449 km to a goal and free distance of 1502 km the 11.01.2003

We met two days from our base in SanMartin de los Andes to Calafate, the airfield near the well known glacier of Perito Moreno. The 8<sup>th</sup> of January we had an extreme wonderful overlook of this very scenic landscape with Fitzroy, the "campo de hielo" and a big part of Patagonian glaciers.

Next day we started at 6:25 local, quite late due to delay of our taxi. Our startpoint was not on a really good place, so we had to find a wave round about 50 km far, get the startpoint and come back to the same wave. By good luck it climbed very well and lead us directly in the primary wave of the Cordillere. Again the fantastic panorama of Fitzroy, viedma glacier and the colourful lakes of Patagonia. No difficulties up to Lago Buenos Aires, then the waves were very weak and not organised at all. From Corcovado on, it works a little bit better but the windfield seemed to be weakening in lower levels. I decided to pass by higher mountains as Tronador and after a long glide Lanin. Both mountains gave a good and high climbing which allowed finally the jump in the Loncopue-valley. There were some nice but dry wave-lifts which finally meant us to our goal Andacollo. We continued our flight a little bit more to the north, just to break the 30 year old worlrecord of Hans Werner Grosse. After stting our last point we went down to land at the airfield of Chos Malal.

Klaus Ohlmann