



## ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS

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Hi folks,

Unlike last year at this time, I have little to report in the way of outdoor activities this winter. I think for most of us, the recent spell of sub-zero temps has kept us round the fireside, or possibly the building board. However, not to be deterred, I know of at least one keen person who has been braving the elements to try out his latest 100s innovation. How do you feel the sticks through three pairs of gloves, Norrie?

Ah well, we are now more than half way through winter, so it can only warm up from now on (in theory!) The evenings are already lengthening and we're beginning to look forward to those long balmy evenings of summer. So what's on in '82.

We have a full competition calendar to look forward to this year, S.A.A. competitions, B.A.R.C.S. league, slope and club events. You will find details of the 1982 calendar in this newsletter - so make sure you get those dates down in your diaries.

You will note from the calendar that all S.A.A. Northern thermal events are to be held at Balmedie this year. This is mainly an attempt to encourage a more even spread of entries from the Northern Area by centralising the competitions. Hopefully

this will cut down the travelling time and costs for many competitors. In addition to this of course, we have the traditional Elgin events which, I am informed, are well worth attending ("free" food, etc!)

Another very welcome change to the calendar is the moving to Knock Hill of the venue for the slope competitions. This is a superb hill with excellent views and slopes all round which suit virtually all wind directions. ADS made a good showing at last year's Knock Trophy (Team 2nd equal) so hopefully this trend will continue this year.

Other events to look forward to this year include the new traditional ADS invasion of Fife for the Lownd Trophy (April 4th), our own Tuesday evening events (for something completely different) and hopefully a few club camping week-ends (dates will be announced nearer the time).

So now it's on with the newsletter. I hope you will all find something of interest within and I wish everyone good flying in 1982. \*

Mike Pirie

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ADS in 1981

Reports on the various competitions and club activities have been given in the October and November newsletter. But some other activities are still worthwhile mentioning, and others re-mentioning, so here is 1981 in a soaring nutshell.

Some of you might have forgotten in the meantime but the winter of early 1981 was a rather mild one. The slopes were visited frequently and the windbreak served a good purpose.

Unfortunately the first half of the summer was in fact a continuation of the same mild winter, the only noticeable difference was the opportunity to see the rain in the evening rather than only hear it. The competitions suffered equally and it was not until August that we had the first "dry" competition day. The term "thermal competition" suggests a certain amount of heat. That's wrong: thermals require a

temperature difference, but it doesn't say anything about the absolute temperature.

The weather and probably the uncertainty about the safe use of 27 MHz were two factors that somewhat reduced attendance at competitions. Fuel prices and the reluctance to travel large distances played a role as well.

Also the flying outside the competitions changed from that in 1980. With Graham Philip moving to his new flat the automatic answering and information service called Mrs. Philip ceased to exist. As it sometimes became more difficult to find out "where the action is" small groups of members organised themselves and went out on their own.

There is nothing against such a development: it is up to everybody's personal choice where he wants to go. But when people like to go to a common place (either because of they want some help with their flying, or just because of they like flying with a few others around) then the possibility should be there. With Graham rather frequently not at home (he is interested in more than one sort of model nowadays) the local telephone for 1982 will be Mike Pirie (323640). On Tuesday evenings at say 5 pm and on Sundays at around 9 am he will usually be in a position to tell you how and what.

In 1980 we obtained approval for the use of both Salmedie and Durris. During 1981 both were used intensively and, more important, sensibly. For both sites we now have a "good name". Let's keep it that way in 1982!

The turnout of the 1981 AGM in October was rather disappointing, eight members of which three were from the committee. On the three first-Tuesday-of-the-month get togethers the turnout was rather small as well. All three times (in November, December and January) the same group of 3-4 members plus 1 or 2 others. This in spite of additional advertising through press and model shop.

The optimistic approach is that everybody is happy with the way the club is running. The pessimistic approach is to say that nobody comes because they can't influence it anyway. As usual the truth will be somewhere in the middle. But when some of you do have ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

We hope that as from early April onwards the Tuesday evening will come into operation again. More details are in a separate section. The first Tuesday evening of the month will then be a bit special again. See you there!

Reportedly it has been suggested that the newsletter should be issued more frequent. Last year Mike Pirie published four: January, April, October and November. Seemingly a bit of a gap in the summer but as we see each other rather frequent over that period, as there is little time left between flying and repairing, and as there is little new information to be published it is quite an acceptable gap.

What would certainly help, is if other members than Mike or myself would write an article or a competition report. It would be a bit of a shock to Mike (after a year of trying to get others to write) but it would make his task so much easier and add another tone to our newsletter.

I will end with the same wish as last year, maybe it work this time for the full year: A good lift for everybody, and hopefully a bit more sunshine as well.

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Treasurer's Report.

Accounts for period 31/10/80 to 31/10/81

| <u>Income</u>             |                   | <u>Expenditure</u>      |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Membership fees           | 32.00             | Competition fees to SAA | 27.00             |
| Competition entry fees    |                   | Film and printing costs | 1.00              |
| ADS                       | 9.50              | Wind break purchase     | 10.00             |
| SAA                       | 27.00             | Typing fees             | 5.00              |
| Sale of Stickers          | 7.70              | Bottle of whisky gift   | 3.00              |
| Received from Echt Gala   | 15.00             | Postage and envelopes   | 11.61             |
| Donation from P. Rink     | 1.00              | Engraving of ADS and    |                   |
| Postage costs received    |                   | purchase of new trophy  | 5.28              |
| from SAA                  | 1.25              | Postage costs for SAA   | 1.25              |
| Cost of air horn from     |                   | Cash in hand            | 42.43             |
| SAA                       | 1.25              |                         |                   |
| Building Society Interest | 11.87             |                         |                   |
|                           | £106.57           |                         | £106.57           |
|                           | <u>          </u> |                         | <u>          </u> |

Balance.

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Year ending 31/10/80 | £ 87.49       |
| Cash in hand         | <u>42.43</u>  |
| Year ending 31/10/81 | <u>129.92</u> |

### Membership Fees.

These are now due and are payable to Graham Philip, 34 Wallfield Crescent, Aberdeen. ADS membership fees remain at £1, but SAA have increased theirs to £6, so the total fee due this year is £7.

Anyone who already has SAA membership, or can provide proof of third party insurance cover, need only pay the ADS fee i.e. £1.

Please make every effort to pay your fees promptly as it is necessary for Graham to get the SAA fees sent off by mid-March to ensure continuity of our insurance cover. It also helps from the point of view of minimising paper work and postage costs if the bulk of the membership details can be sent off at one time.

Another good reason for prompt payment is to ensure your copy of the next newsletter as copies of this will only be sent to paid-up members i.e. those on the 1982 membership list.

Payment can be made either by sending a cheque, made payable to Aberdeen & District Scorers, to Graham or by cash to any of the committee members.

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### Kit Review No. 307.

KERRers have once again produced a kit of a most unusual aircraft - this time it's that notorious plane, the LOGANair BARNStorner. It was therefore with some apprehension that I accepted the job of reviewing this kit. As I always say, there's nothing like a good challenge - so here goes:-

The Kit. Initially I had some difficulty in obtaining the kit, but eventually found it in that well known Edinburgh model shop, McCLONVILLE Models. It cost me a BOB or two, so I hope it is worth it. First impressions of the kit were very good - no GERRY-built kit this. The contents of the kit revealed a LOVELY fibUGLASS fuselage, STARR o foam wings and other parts TAYLOR made to fit. Pairings are in ADS plastic.

Building was quite straight forward and it was ready to fly after a few evenings work.

Flying. The day came at last when the model could be test flown from our local slope at KAYm-hill. The wind was a bit strong, but with a wing loading of 45 GRAHAMs per sq dm, this didn't present any real problem. With a hefty shove, it was off. No problems initially - very stable in flight and no tendency to YAU.

After flyIAN about for a while, I decided that it was time to try a few manoeuvres. Things were going well until I tried an Immelman TEUN - it was then that things started to go desperately wrong. -- It PHILIPed over once or twice while I desperately stirred the sticks trying to avoid ALANDING in a BROOKFIELD. I couldn't ANDERSTON - so I just gave up and waited for the inevitable crunch. And after that I nead a DRINK rather badly.

Conclusions. After such a promising start, what a PIRIE the handling of this machine wasn't up to MUPCH. And so regretfully I have to conclude that if you ever find yourself possessing one of these kits (you might get one in a present) the best thing you can do is BARNETSON! I know how mine ended up. In fact, I WISHART bought something else - a HOSIE STROMACH or a McCURRACH THOMPSON - anything but a LOGANair BARNStormer! (terrible wasn't it!)

M.A.P.

COMPETITIONS IN NORTHERN AREA

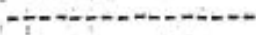
At the time that this newsletter had to go to print we have not received yet the firm SAA competition calendar. It is unlikely, however, that any changes will occur to the following preliminary list:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u>           |                                      |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 11.4.82     | Elgin (Milltown airfield) | 100 S & 1/2 slot                     |
| 9.5.82      | Balmedie (Forfar club)    | 100 S (Maxwell Trophy)               |
| 6.6.82      | Knock Hill                | Grempian and Cairn Cup               |
| 20.6.82     | Balmedie (A.D.S.)         | 100 S & 1/2 slot (BOC-Nowaco Trophy) |
| 26-27.6.82  | Forfar Accord display     |                                      |
| 4.7.82      | Balmedie (Montrose club)  | 1/2 slot (Sparrow shield)            |
| 7-8.8.82    | Warwick                   | Interglide                           |
| 14-15.8.82  | Kirkcaldy                 | Scottish National                    |
| 29.8.82     | Balmedie (joint effort)   | 1/2 slot (Brian Sheriff Trophy)      |
| 26.9.82     | Elgin (Derklends Farm)    | Taylor Trophy                        |
| 7.11.82     | Knock Hill                | Knock Trophy                         |

Notes on the above competitions:

On 20.6.82 two competitions will be held at Balmedie. The 100 S competition starts at 11<sup>00</sup> hrs. The BARCS 1/2 slot event (counting for the SAA Trophy) starts at 12<sup>00</sup> hrs.

The various competitions at Balmedie will be organised by the clubs as indicated in the list.



TUESDAY EVENING COMPETITIONS.

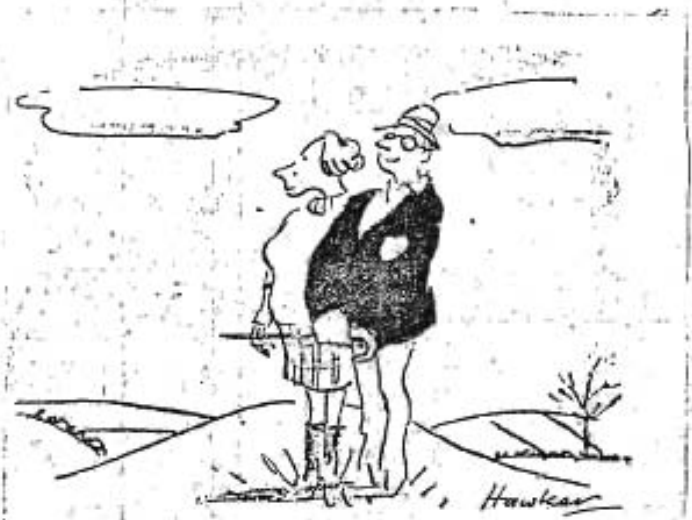
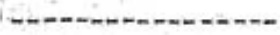
As announced before a special event will be organised on the first Tuesday of each month during the summertime season. For the first three the following competitions are planned on the Balmedie field:

- 6.4.82 Precise time competition
- 4.5.82 100 S
- 1.6.82 Open 1/2 slot.

The competitions have to start in time to avoid that it becomes a night landing competition. We will aim at starting at 1900 hrs.

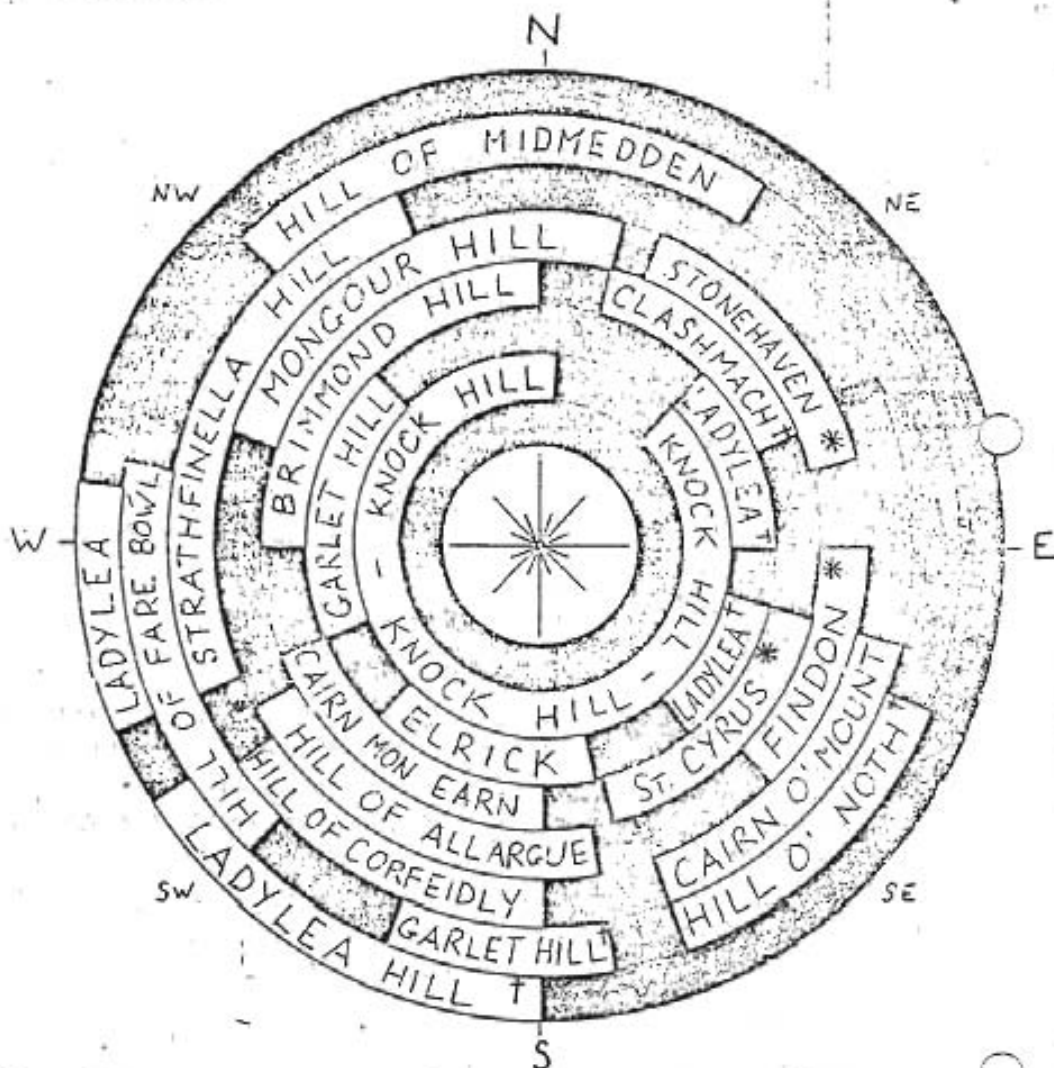
There is no entry fee. A "fun" prize will be available for the winner.

In case of doubt, e.g. due to appalling weather conditions, phone Mike (323640).



"Up here it's just us and the model aeroplanes."

(courtesy Punch)



Sea Cliff \*

Untried Slope †

| Slope             | Map ref.  |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Brimmond Hill     | NJ 852090 |
| Cairn-mon-Earn    | NO 730919 |
| Cairn o' Mount    | NO 650805 |
| Clashmach         | NJ 495390 |
| Elrick Hill       | NJ 849109 |
| Findon            | NO 944975 |
| Garlet Hill       | NJ 437150 |
| Hill of Allargue  | NJ 254099 |
| Hill of Corfeidly | NJ 672017 |

| Slope              | Map ref.  |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Hill of Fare bowl  | NJ 669029 |
| Hill of Midmedden  | NJ 539230 |
| Hill of Noth       | NJ 600300 |
| Knock Hill         | NJ 537551 |
| Ladylea Hill       | NJ 342168 |
| Mongour Hill       | NO 757931 |
| St. Cyrus          | NO 760650 |
| Stonehaven         | NO 990850 |
| Strathfinella Hill | NO 680780 |



AERO-SLOWING.

There is still a fair amount of interest expressed in this exciting facet of our hobby and has been pioneered by several club members in the past with a fair degree of success. This year Alan Stewart promises to have a beefed-up Barnstormer especially modified for aero-towing ready for use. So all modellers wishing to make use of this means of launching, make sure you have a good strong tow-hook installed in the nose of your glider. John McConville is also hoping to use his Wot 4 as a glider tug this year.

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WIND-BREAK.

A reminder that included in the club equipment is a wind-break for use on the slopes on those cold days. Mike Pirie will normally carry it on flying days but for anyone wishing to make use of it at any other time it is available from him.

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B.A.R.C.S. badges.

Norrie has a good supply of B.A.R.C.S. cloth badges which are on sale from him at £1.00 each - good value.

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ECHT GALE.

For reasons already discussed (see minutes of meeting 19th Oct. 1981), the committee has again reluctantly had to turn down an invitation from the Echt Gale Committee to give a display at the Echt Gale this year. However, anyone who is willing to take part in a static display at the same event, should contact any member of the ADS committee.

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NORTHERN AREA THERMAL LEAGUE.

The full results of the Northern area thermal league, prepared by Norrie Kerr, are presented on the following page.

| NAME                       | CLUB           | FORAN<br>31/5/81<br>MAXWELL<br>TROPHY | BALMEDIE<br>7/6/81<br>ROMSCO<br>TROPHY | SPARROW<br>SHIELD | MONTE ROSE<br>21/6/81 | E. SHERRIN<br>TROPHY | BALMEDIE<br>23/8/81 | TAYLOR<br>TROPHY | ELGIN<br>27/10/81 | FINAL<br>LEAGUE<br>POSITION | TOTAL<br>BEST<br>SCORES |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| WINNING SCORE              | ===            | 910                                   | 2978                                   | 3000              | 2969                  | 841                  |                     |                  |                   |                             |                         |
| J. Anderson                | ADS            |                                       | 925                                    | 910               | 907                   |                      |                     |                  |                   | 4                           | 2742                    |
| G. Phillip                 | "              |                                       | 804                                    |                   |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 17th                        | 804                     |
| A. Stewart                 | "              |                                       | 750                                    |                   |                       | 899                  |                     |                  |                   | 10                          | 1649                    |
| N. Kerr                    | "              | 783                                   | 728                                    | 776               | 735                   |                      | 1000                |                  |                   | 2                           | 3294                    |
| T. V. Waart                | "              |                                       |  | 886               |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 14                          | 886                     |
| J. Barnetson               | "              | 846                                   |  | 336               |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 13                          | 82                      |
| J. M <sup>o</sup> Conville | "              | 1000                                  |  |                   |                       | 481                  |                     | 770              |                   | 6                           | 2251                    |
| J. Burns                   | "              |                                       |  |                   |                       | 897                  |                     | 952              |                   | 9                           | 1849                    |
| M. Pirie                   | "              |                                       |  |                   |                       | 809                  |                     |                  |                   | 16                          | 809                     |
| R. Lorente                 | Forfar         | 859                                   | 784                                    | 864               | 747                   |                      |                     |                  |                   | 3                           | 3054                    |
| S. Boyd                    | "              | 986                                   | 1000                                   |                   |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 8                           | 1986                    |
| F. Lorente                 | "              |                                       | 347                                    |                   |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 23                          | 347                     |
| W. Brown                   | "              | 501                                   |  |                   |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 22                          | 501                     |
| E. Whyte                   | Montrose       | 913                                   | 762                                    | 839               | 1000                  |                      |                     |                  |                   | 1                           | 3514                    |
| G. McIntosh                | "              |                                       |  | 808               | 605                   |                      |                     |                  |                   | 11                          | 1413                    |
| D. Petrie                  | "              |                                       |  |                   |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 24                          |                         |
| Guy Taylor                 | Banff<br>Elgin |                                       | 799                                    | 778               | 769                   |                      |                     |                  |                   | 5                           | 2346                    |
| Gary Taylor                | "              |                                       |  | 490               | 720                   |                      |                     |                  |                   | 12                          | 1210                    |
| Tom Taylor                 | "              |                                       | 671                                    | 909               |                       |                      | 601                 |                  |                   | 7                           | 2181                    |
| W. Mustard                 | "              |                                       | 766                                    |                   |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 19                          | 766                     |
| R. Wilson                  | "              |                                       | 571                                    |                   |                       |                      |                     |                  |                   | 21                          | 571                     |
| Greg. McIntosh             | "              |                                       |  |                   |                       |                      | 797                 |                  |                   | 18                          | 797                     |
| W. Mutch                   | "              |                                       |  |                   |                       |                      | 804                 |                  |                   | 17th                        | 804                     |
| P. Thompson                | "              |                                       |  |                   |                       |                      | 833                 |                  |                   | 15                          | 833                     |
|                            | "              |                                       |  |                   |                       |                      | 800                 |                  |                   | 20                          | 800                     |

FOR SALE.

Key Bee kit of the Dewoitine D501.63" span model of the 1935 French fighter for .40 engines. Gordon Taylor (Tel. 39075).

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WANTED.

Engine test report for OS 60 4-stroke. Mike Pirie (Tel. 323640).

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STEPHEN'S PLASTIC PIGS.

These are specialised G.R.P. fuselages by Stephen Mettem using popular Eppler sections and some with carbon fibre reinforcement. Suitable for 100 S, Open, F3B and aerobetic machines. For details and prices contact Norrie (Tel. 324722).

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OUR COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST.

Although Mrs. Philip does not act anymore as our automatic telephone answering service, she is still essential in maintaining the communication channels in our club. Our thanks for typing this bulky newsletter! And our thanks to Mr. Philip who as a result had to cook his own tea (and burnt it).