



ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS

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Building Time Again

Although the nights have drawn in and the days have become distinctly chillier, the flying goes on. Saturday afternoon flying has taken the place of the Tuesday evening sessions - at least for the winter period, and of course, the usual Sunday flying. Now that the windy season is with us, we can get in lots of good slope practice before the weather gets too cold.

After a good summer and some excellent flying conditions, I assume that you've all had at least some good flying this year. The settled conditions, however, brought its own problems, the wind speed invariably dropping off to zero in the evenings - just the time when most of us enjoy a bit of quiet thermalling. Looking back in my diary, I note no less than five becalmed Tuesday evenings alone over the summer period. The ensuing running and the cost of the pints afterwards in the White Horse, once more prompted talk of a power winch for club use. Happily one is now under construction and should be ready for next summer. In this connection, if anyone hears of a 12V battery going cheap, could he let me know.

A large number of members plus families and friends attended our barbeque at Balmedie on midsummer's night despite the cold and windy conditions. Much food and booze was consumed and a good time was had by all. Activities included football, kite flying, R/C buggy racing, mini rubber-power flying and a flight by Graham Philip's Miri which ended ignominiously when 'Big Jim' switched on his buggy transmitter! To my knowledge, the one and only frequency clash of the year! All in all, a very enjoyable evening, but let's hope for better weather next year.

Now read on for the AGM announcement, competition reports and more club news.

Mike Pirie

Annual General Meeting

This years AGM will be held on Tuesday 2 November at 7.30 pm. The meeting will be in Jim Anderson his house, 39 Richmondhill Road. There is ample room for all of us, so that should not stop you from coming.

After the AGM Jim will show us some of his very interesting "aerobatic video tapes".

Agenda

- 1 Chairman's Report
- 2 Treasurer's Report
- 3 Election of new committee
- 4 Budget for 1983
- 5 Competitions for 1983
- 6 Any other competent business.

Open Competition on 20 June 1982 at Balmedie

Excellent weather and indications of a strong delegation from the South were hopeful signs for a "massive" competition on 20 June. Unfortunately, the Aberdeen Airport Authorities had picked the same day for the "Open Day". This sucked away quite a number of potential competitors, especially from the Aberdeen area. As a result the total entry was 16 (just enough for a BARCS league score) with only 2 ADS entries.

The five men fly-off consisted of four from down South, but Tom Taylor (with new glasses and a remarkable improvement in his landing-inside-the-field-boundaries-ability) managed to sneak in as well. After missing the circle in the first flight of the fly-off, he polished his glasses before the second, which proved to be the secret: a dead centre landing and third overall.

The fly-off score was:	Ron Russell	1945
	Vaughan Turner	1773
	Tom Taylor	1518
	Brian Sharp	1379
	Tom Preston	1108

Cairn o' Mount - 3 October 1982

A large number of people gathered at Cairn o' Mount under very pleasant conditions on Sunday 3 October for the Grampian Cup slope competition. Unfortunately, the competition never got under way as the slope lift was proving unreliable because of a constantly shifting wind.

There was, however, fairly regular and sometimes strong thermal activity creating conditions for a memorable afternoon's flying. The air at times became rather crowded and at one point, no less than nine gliders were counted climbing in a thermal.

Spectators were treated to mid-air collisions, formation flying over the car park, and some hair-raising attempts at slope landings. Also, Bob's 'plank' which flew away unnoticed, thought to be lost in a cloud and never to be seen again (no name and address on model!), evidently had just gone to the back of the hill to dig a 12" deep hole. So now we know why Bob builds these long noses!

Leisure for Pleasure Exhibition

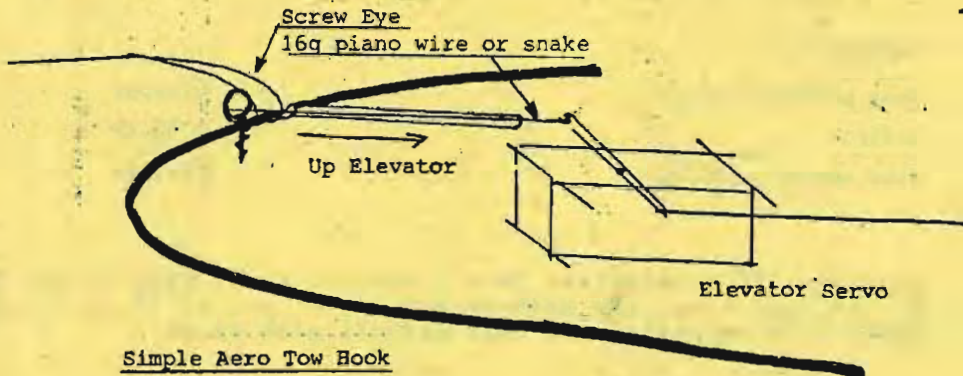
This years exhibition in the Music Hall will be held on Saturday 6 November. If you want to help with setting up the stand and/or be there for some time on the Saturday to provide some information on ADS, please contact one of the committee members. Members and models are welcome in the Music Hall on Friday 5 November at 19.00 hours.

SAA AGM (Northern Area)

Buffaloe's Institute, 5 Bon Accord Terrace at 2.30 pm on Sunday, 7 November 1982.

Handy Hint

For those wishing to convert a glider for aero-towing, but not willing to make large holes in the nose of the glider or unable to route the control run to the nose because of the battery, Alan Stewart has provided us with the following diagram for a glider tug tow hook:-



Simple Aero Tow Hook

5 minutes to install.

Thought for Today

Taken from the parable of a soarer by the Rev A Stewart.

And he said to the Lord, give me a sign, and he gave him a sign, so he took up his slack and flew, and as he grew high unto the hill he was soar afraid save he may fall upon stony ground.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts for period 31.10.81 to 31.10.82

Income

ADS membership fees	£ 26.00
SAA membership fees	£ 88.50
SAA competition fees	£ 15.50
Sale of stickers, etc	£ 3.35
Interest on deposit account	£ 1.42
Donation from Peter Rink	£ 1.00
Deficit	£ 12.79
	<u>£148.56</u>

Expenditure

Membership fees to SAA	£ 88.50
Bottle whisky to Mr Ingram	£ 7.15
Postage and stationery	£ 20.42
Printing of membership cards (100)	£ 5.98
Hire of barbeque stand and purchase of charcoal	£ 6.50
Purchase of SLEC frequency control system	£ 10.62
Prizes for Tuesday evening competitions	£ 2.05
Gas horn and re-fill	£ 7.34
	<u>£148.56</u>

Balance

Year ending 31/10/81	£129.92
Deficit	£ 12.79
Year ending 31.10/82	£117.13

Note:The SAA competition fees are still to be paid to the SAA. At the same time, the gashorn and refill are still to be paid back. This increases the 1982 deficit with £8.16

Knock Hill Competition

To avoid a clash with the SAA AGM the Knock Hill competition has been shifted to 21 November.