



ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS

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As we enter our seventh year, our club has settled into a well grooved routine, and has had a successful 1984. However we should continually look at the club and try to promote and improve it, not only in the public eye, but with other modellers with different interests.

In 1985 we have a golden opportunity on our doorstep with Radioglide at Dunfermline. Whether your interest is slope, thermal or scale, or sport or competitions, please support and encourage this event and all those who have brought it north. Please enter.

During 1984 an encouraging amount of flying was done with some remarkable flights logged in freak wave conditions which exist now and again at Elrick. Turnouts have regularly numbered 30% - 50% of members. This is excellent.

We are always on the lookout for new sites. Finally with the membership at 31, let's ask you all to contribute and fly in the coming year and make 1985 a year to remember.

John McConville

COMMENT

We as members of ADS must count ourselves lucky. In the North East of Scotland we have a local newspaper that prides itself on being able to bring us national news four hours earlier than the nationals. Well, here at ADS, we have an editorial team that is able to bring you the latest results and models long before the national magazines. Searcher plans last newsletter, 4th BARCS postal results and BARCS AGM report this issue; next issue? Well, a list of Radioglide '85 winners! So remember if it's going up, it's going in (to your early newsletter that is).

BARCS 1984 AGM REPORT

Leicester was well attended by approximately 150 BARCS members for the 13th AGM. Sunday morning was a very friendly affair with a lot of information being passed around, old acquaintances being renewed and this year's crop of anecdotes and memories dissected, discussed and fondly remembered.

The AGM proper got underway at 2 p.m. with the usual presentation of trophies, reports and subsequent discussion. Roy Scott, our retiring President, was presented with a very nice framed print showing full sized sailplanes in action. He replied with a very warm speech and thanked all the members for their co-operation over the past three years. Nick Neve was elected unopposed as the new Honorary President. The one vote which had to be held resulted in John Penton becoming the new Northern Representative for England. Brian Sharp as you may know is the new Scottish Representative.

Rule changes as usual provided most discussion, especially on the new HLG class. Voting was as follows :-

Motions 1, 2 and 11 carried
Motions 4,5,6 and 7 defeated
Motions 3,9 and 10 carried but amended
Motion 8 withdrawn

If you require further details see Norrie Kerr. Full details will be published in the next edition of Soarer. A new amended rule book will be available in the new year.

Norrie Kerr

RADIOGLIDE 1985

1985 is the first time that Scotland will have been host for Radioglide. For those of you who are not BARCS members, this is THE national competition for soarers. Each year it travels to a different area to enable as many members as possible take part - taking part is an experience worth enjoying. Flying normally starts at about 9a.m. each morning and lasts through till 6 or 7p.m. at night with around 1200 flights per day (and that does not include the fun flights).

Everyone from expert to raw beginner is there. If you have a soaring problem this is where to find the answers. So if you are not yet a BARCS member join NOW and reap the benefits. There's even an application form attached to this newsletter.

ADS AGM REPORT

Chairman's Report

Graham Donaldson opened the meeting by thanking those present. He then went on to say that 1984 had been an active year, but uneventful with few highlights. Balmedie flat field had presented a few problems, but in spite of the appearance of a football pitch during last winter will continue to be used. We missed effective telephone control of our activities this year. The competition scene showed little activity. However one new slope was found - George will remember that coastal bowl near Stonehaven.

Treasurer's Report

Profit £34.58. Bottle to Mr. Ingram not included, but will be provided. Sticker sales will count as petty cash.

Election of Committee

Graham Donaldson resigns. Other present members remain - Graham Philip (2nd yr) and John McConville (3rd yr).

Alan Stewart elected to complete committee. Proposed by Jim Anderson and seconded by George Whelen.

Fees To remain at £2 again this year.

Competitions

Norrie Kerr said that the Maxwell trophy had been flown and another attempted. The Northern Area SAA competitions will be moving north next year. The only competitions proposed are two day fly-ins, a themal at Balmedie and a slope at Elgin. An ADS Hand Launch Glider event was suggested. Alan Stewart suggested evening competitions to be tried.

AOCB

It was agreed that the club should purchase one or two bungees. If Tuesday evenings prove unsuitable, then other weekday evenings should be tried.

THANKS

I would like to say thank you to Graham Donaldson for his work for ADS over the last two years. Graham is one of the keenest members we have and he has done much background work for the club, especially with the newsletter. I would also like to thank Graham and Stella for their excellent hospitality with AGM's and committee meetings. I am pleased to say that Graham will continue to help produce the newsletter with the help of his computer. On behalf of the club, thank you. We hope it will not be too long before he is re-elected to the committee.

I would also like to welcome Alan Stewart on board. Alan was a founder member of ADS and is extremely keen on both power and gliders. I have known Alan for 9-10 years. In fact he taught me to fly for his sins. We all hope that his 'sentence' on the committee is a fruitful and happy one.

John McConville

SAA NORTHERN AREA AGM - ELGIN

Clubs Represented

Aberdeen Aeromodellers, ADS, Deeside Veterans, Deveronvale, Elgin, Dundee, Montrose, Spey Valley and several Country Members.

Chairman's Report

On the whole serious competitions were not so well supported as in the past, but all the organised Fly-ins were very successful and will continue. The new Sea Plane event was very successful. The CAA proposals were still in the pipeline.

Secretary's Report

Report on last year's AGM minute.

Treasurer's Report

All expenditure was in hand with no excesses.

Council Member

New members may initially be termed 'student members' until they become competent. A site for the Power Nationals still to be decided. Two new clubs have been formed - Spey Valley and Deeside Veterans. The Soaring Nationals are possibly at Pitreavie, Dunfermline about mid/late June.

Election Of Members

Chairman - Ken Whyte, Secretary/Vice Chairman - John McGillivray, Treasurer - Alex Kennedy, Council Member - Tom Taylor, Competition Secretary Power/Soaring and Equipment Officer - Charles Shand, Safety Officer - Tom Hendry.

BUT SERIOUSLY FOR A MOMENT

A number of times during the past year I have been asked about model flying affecting full size flying in light of proposals to legislate model flying. It was getting to such a political stage that I decided to consult the books and search out the present rules regarding our hobby. The following are taken from the Air Navigation Order 1984.

ANO ART 95

The provisions of this order, other than ART46 and ART47 hereof, shall not apply to or in relation to:-

(a) Any balloon which at any stage of its flight is not more than 2 metres in any linear dimension including any basket or other equipment attached to the balloon./

(b) Any kite weighing not more than 2kg.

(c) Any other aircraft weighing not more than 5kg without fuel.

ANO ART 46

A person shall not recklessly or negligently cause or permit an aircraft to endanger any person or property.

ANO ART 67 - Within U.K.

(a) A captive balloon or kite shall not be flown at a height of more than 60 metres above ground level, or within 60 metres of any vessel, vehicle or structure.

(b) A captive balloon shall not be flown within 5km of an aerodrome.

(c) A balloon exceeding 2 metres in any linear dimension at any stage of it's flight including any basket or other equipment attached to the balloon, shall not be flown in controlled airspace.

(d) A kite shall not be flown within 5km of an aerodrome.

(e) An airship shall not be moored, without the permission in writing of the Authority and in accordance with any conditions subject to which that permission may be granted.

Heavy going isn't it, but that is the law as it stands. Please read it carefully. It is noticable that ART 95(c) and ART 46 have been broken in the past, and also that they are the ONLY rules that apply. What may apply in the future is only speculation at the moment. We will deal with any future rules when or if they ever appear. Know the rules and fly safely and sensibly.

John McConville

BARCS 4th SUMMER POSTAL RESULTS

1. Andy Downard	2035	13. Ken Croft	1489
2. Alphonso Lewis	1976	14. Michaelmax Whalley	1484
3. Norrie Kerr	1951	15. Joe Hana	1423
4. Neville Cooke	1829	16. Tony Beckett	1411
5. Tom Ellis	1825	17. Peter Woodfield	1323
6. John Goldsmith	1804	18. Maurice Scott	1306
7. Geff Hall	1765	19. Pat McCauley	1166
8. Brian Taylor	1746	20. Sam Hitchman	1152
9. Brian Anderson	1700	21. Alan Moore	1067
10. Brian Johnson	1616	22. Alan Denton	1063
11. Glyn Fonteneau	1583	23. Chris Hague	920
12. Graham Donaldson	1491	24. George Whelan	456

SOAR ALONG BARCS

One day during a lull in the flying, a group of contestants were studying their BARCS rule books, when the Contest Director saw a young flier with a deck of cards.

"Why are you playing with those instruments of the devil instead of reading your BARCS rules like wot you have been told?" said the CD.

"Well, you see Sir," the flier replied, "I have only recently escaped the clutches of Uncle SMAE and am left with nothing but this deck of cards and a beat-up glider."

Spreading the cards out along a broken glider wing, the flier said, "There are 52 cards in the pack, the number of weekends in the year I should fly, there are four suits, which remind me of the four BARCS postal contests, there are 13 cards in each suit, the number of frequencies, including black: When I see the deuce, I think of the two attempts I can make at each flight, the three is for the three rounds in the average competition. The four reminds me of the four issues of 'Soarer' each year, the five is the number of times I fly in a contest if I am lucky enough to reach the fly-off (which is not often). The six is the max time in 100S, seven the time you must be down in. The eight reminds me of the warning hooter, the nine that I have only that number of fingers left after foolishly wrapping a towline around one. The ten, of course, represents the magical slot time.

When I look at the Knave or the Devil, I think of Ron Russell, the Queen reminds me of Dave Northam, and some of those jokes he tries to tell. The King is you, Sir, The CD, who I know will be fervently arguing the toss with the spectators or anyone else not concerned or interested in the comp., as to who is responsible when anything goes wrong with the said competition. When I look at the Ace, of course, I am reminded that there is only one God, my maker, whom I feel I will be meeting shortly, if I carry on towing up these bloody gliders.

So you see Sir, my deck of cards is really my BARCS rule book, almanac, and bible all in one."

"Son," said the CD, wiping a tear from his eye, "You have moved me as, I hope, my words will now move you, go get your ass on that flight line!"

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Two day thermal event at Balmedie	11th-12th May
Montrose two day fly-in	29th-30th June
Aviemore helicopter	TBA
Elgin Scale meeting	31st Aug-1st Sept
Montrose vintage event	28th-29th Sept
Elgin slope event	13th Oct
Waterplane event Aviemore	14th-15th Sept

LATEST TELEPHONE LIST

01	GRAHAM PHILIP	92 64209	17	JOHN BARNETSON	39835
02	JOHN MCCONVILLE	824179	18	BOB MCCLUSKIE	40413
03	JIM MCCURRAN	681339	19	JIM ANDERSON	641110
04	GEORGE ANDERSON	323853	20	MIKE PIRIE	323640
05	NORRIE KERR	324722	21	SANDY TOUGH	
06	RAJOO LOGANATHAN	770422	22	GORDON DIACK	033 02 2524
07	JOHN BARNES	932 2368	23	JIM MASSON	896794
08	BILL MAIN	732340	24	NEIL MASSON	896794
09	DOUGLAS ALLAN	022 479 500	25	BRIAN ORD	698449
10	GEORGE WHELAN	636005	26	JIM LOVE	
11	PETER RINK	01049 421 388759	27	JOHN MEUDELL	733413
12	TEUN VAN WAART 010 31 423 244815		28	EDDIE KNOX	822912
13	ALAN STEWART	722663	29	ANTHONY SIMS	46688
14	GRAHAM DONALDSON	46961	30	COLIN BROWN	780245
15	RICHARD DONALDSON	46961	31	WILLIE YOUNG	675643
16	GERRY MITCHELL	324828			

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

On the 22nd September in Lewes in far away Sussex, a spot landing competition was held. Briefing was at 3 p.m. and the first slot was timed for 3.15 p.m. Vilma won the first round with a 50 bonus for landing in the golden ring. For obvious reasons, it is difficult to report on the second and third rounds. No doubt some will wonder if Mike got any bonus and if the ten minute max was strictly enforced. Others queried under what circumstances more than two attempts were permitted.

We convey to Mike and Vilma our very best wishes for the future and a scale model or two perhaps.

The club now has two bungees, the second one bought at the BARCS mart at the AGM in Leicester. It is of circular rubber construction, and is the latest development being capable of far more stretch. These bungees are for the use of all in the club. Please use them, but look after them.

There is a possibility that there will be an ADS v Elgin event next year.

A date for the proposed Balmedie barbeque will be announced later.

It is proposed that a Cairn Fly-in take place during May next year. We hope to have family participation, cross country and fun events. All this to coincide with our 7th anniversary.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT SOARERS

The club is open to anybody interested in Radio Control slope or thermal soaring.

The club offers the following:-

- 1. Assistance and guidance to beginners.
- 2. Membership of the Scottish Aeromodellers Association, which in turn provides film third party insurance cover.
- 3. A quality newsletter .
- 4. Regular fun events and competitions.

The ADS committee is :-

Chairman - Alan Stewart, 25, Glenholm Gdns., Dyce, Aberdeen, tel 722663.

Secretary - John McConville, 28, Fairfiew Crescent, Danestone, Aberdeen, tel 824179.

Treasurer - Graham Philip, 112, Forest Park, Stonehaven, tel 92 64209.

Membership fees for 1985 are :-

ADS £2.00 per annum

SAA £6.00 per annum

SAA £1.50 per annum junior fee

PLEASE NOTE

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE INSURED WHEN FLYING (THIRD PARTY). YOU WILL ALSO REQUIRE PROOF OF INSURANCE. THE SAA INSURANCE SCHEME IS THE BEST AVAILABLE. JOIN THROUGH ADS NOW.

WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF RADIO CONTROL SOARERS. THIS IS A NATIONAL BODY AND REPRESENTS THE OF GLIDER FLIERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM NORRIE KERR, 55, RAEDEN CRESCENT, ABERDEEN.

ADS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name

Address.....
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Do you require SAA membership? yes/no

If yes, what is your SAA number?

If under 16yrs, what is your date of birth?.....

Please complete this form (or a photocopy) and return to John McConville as soon as possible.