

## ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS

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### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The excellent attendance at the first annual general meeting, plus the presence of a number of interested future-flyers, showed clearly the interest into the future of Aberdeen and District Soarers.

During the meeting, held in a very good atmosphere and efficiently led by Norrie and Graham, a number of items were discussed. Following the rapid growth of the club over the past 18 months - a growth still continuing today - this meeting was a good opportunity to hear the opinion of all members, to check whether the club is developing along the right track and to set out the direction we will go in the coming year.

A few days after the meeting the newly formed committee sat together and worked out some of the decisions taken during this meeting. Below a report is given on both the annual meeting and the items discussed during this committee meeting.

#### Secretary/Treasurers Report

Graham Philip informed the meeting that the club is in a financially wealthy situation with in excess of £50 in cash and all debts paid.

#### Committee

After some discussion on the need and function of a committee, it was decided that such a committee was to be formed. The main task of this committee of three would be co-ordination of club activities and representation towards others. The three members elected were Alastair Mutch, Graham Philip and Teun van Waart. Graham will continue with controlling the funds in 1980 and will be the focal point for outside contacts. Alastair will, as secretary, continue to deal with the contacts with the S.A.A. Teun will not have any special responsibilities which makes him chairman.

### Club Constitution

Following extensive discussions it was decided to adopt a Club Constitution in order to lay down a number of rules and guidelines for present and future members, and to assist in better illustrating the character and purpose of the club to others. Based on the proposed constitution, prepared by Norrie Kerr and handed out during the meeting, and the amendments suggested during the discussions a constitution as presented on a separate page in this newsletter is presented.

### Club Transfer

Following the request for sticker designs the Committee was flooded with stickers of various shapes and types, decorated with the profile of elegant gliders up to pregnant pigeons. It is the intention to select the final design on short term and issue the sticker within the coming month.

### Competitions in 1979/1980

The 1979 club competition will be held (weather permitting) this autumn. Norrie Kerr, providing invaluable assistance during the last meetings, dreamed up some special rules for our club competition with equal chances for everybody both on the field and the slope.

Furthermore three S.A.A. thermal competitions will be organised in 1980, as part of a program set up with the clubs in Elgin, Montrose, and Forfar.

For further details see the separate item on competitions.

### Flying Site

The committee will try to ascertain the use of a number of flying sites by reaching a written agreement with the users/owners.

### 1980's Fees

The fee for 1 year is kept at £4.50 unless the contribution to the S.A.A. is increased from it's present level of £3.50.

As the S.A.A. contribution is to be paid before January 1st the club fee is to be paid to Graham Philip before December 1st.

#### Night Out/Dance

To improve the contacts between the members, but especially the contacts with their wives, friends, family etc a night out and dance will be organized. You will be informed soonest on time and place of this event which will be held in an informal style.

#### Power Winch

To get all (!) the big sailplanes in the air that are presently under construction, or are planned to be built, and to relieve the runners a power winch was felt to be a useful piece of club equipment. Not to disturb our silent flight the power should be electric. Norrie Kerr gave this project an easy start by providing a box with car start motor, switch and room for a battery. Interested members are invited to carry on this project and make a perfect power winch out of it. Although hardware support by the Aberdeen industry (battery, wire drum, etc) is always appreciated the financial consequences will be carried by the club fund.

#### Newsletter

Everybody is invited to provide articles, suggestions etc for the Newsletter, which we hope to issue on a frequent basis.

#### Membership Limit

In line with the constitution no membership limit will be applicable.

#### Any Other Business

After the "official" part of the meeting Graham directed some words to Ivor who is leaving the club on transfer to a club in Glasgow. Mrs. Barnetson presented Ivor with a tankard with inscription.

To conclude the meeting Jim Anderson showed his slide series "Jim and the Jets, 1950-1979". The slides shot by Jim Love during the Scottish Nationals clearly showed how tough a pilot one has to be to survive that kind of contest.

CLUB COMPETITION 1979

The 1979 thermal club competition was planned to be held on October 14th. As a consequence of the rainy weather only a few waterproof pilots, with their waterproof gliders, turned up in Balmedie. During a one hour interruption in the rainfall they found out that the cloud base was at circa 450 feet indeed.

In spite of the general deterioration of the weather we keep on trying. The slope competition is still planned for October 28th. In case lack of wind or wind direction makes flying from Brimmond/Elrick impossible, a thermal competition will be held at Balmedie. Norrie Kerr (324772) is to be contacted between 9 and 10 to find out what's going on where. The competition, according to the rules as handed out during the AGM, starts at 12 o'clock.

November 11th is the date for the second competition. This is either slope or thermal, depending on what was on the 28th. Norrie Kerr will again be the Sunday morning Solomon, times as for the 28th.

NEW MEMBERS

The membership listed issued earlier this year is to be updated with the following members:-

|              |                                     |          |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| A. Murray    | 41 Kinmundy Drive, Westhill         | 740720   |
| T. van Waart | 1 Boyd Orr Avenue, Aberdeen         | 874865   |
| J. Jamieson  | 142 Johnstone Gardens, North Culter |          |
| J. Donald    | 11 Gordon Avenue, Aberdeen          | 703766   |
| C. Pattinson | 23 Fraser Drive, Westhill           | 741826   |
| P. Rink      | Brakerstrasse 7 Bremen (Germany)    |          |
| P. Chadwick  | 25 Redwood Crescent, Cove           | Cove 487 |

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 1980 FEE TO GRAHAM PHILIP BEFORE DECEMBER 1ST

S.A.A. NORTHERN AREA THERMAL COMPETITIONS 1980

The following 6 competitions will be held in 1980:

|                |          |                            |
|----------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 4th May        | Balmedie | Open Novice/Expert.        |
| 25th May       | Forfar   | Open (Prov. Barcs League)  |
| 8th June       | Balmedie | 100S, Scale, possibly Open |
| 22nd June      | Montrose | Open (Prov. Barcs League)  |
| 10th August    | Balmedie | Open (Prov. Barcs League)  |
| 28th September | Elgin    | Taylor Trophy, Open        |

All events except the Taylor Trophy to be flown to BARCS rules.

All events start at 11 a.m.

The best 4 results will count for the S.A.A. Northern League Trophy. The provisional BARCS events will be confirmed before the S.A.A. calendar is issued. In that case a minimum entry of 15 is required to class as a BARCS event.

The contact addresses for these competitions are:-

|             |                             |             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| N. Kerr     | 55 Raeden Crescent Aberdeen | 0224-324722 |
| K. Whyte    | 3 Chapel Place Montrose     | 0674-4263   |
| G. McIntosh | 23 Glenesk Avenue Montrose  | 0674-2035   |
| P. Thompsom | Unit 3 Upr Bilbo Hall Elgin | 0343-3571   |
| R. Lorente  | 13 Lentlands Road Forfar    | 0307-66531  |

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## Constitution

### 1) Name

The club shall be known as "Aberdeen and District Soarers", hereinafter referred to as ADS.

### 2) Object

The object of ADS is the advancement of all aspects of model radio controlled glider flying in the Aberdeen area.

### 3) Membership

The membership of ADS shall be open to any person with an interest in radio controlled glider flight. The committee shall have the right to temporarily reject or expel members, awaiting a final decision by a general meeting.

### 4) Safety

Before flying each member shall have a current insurance and radio license.

A correct frequency pennant is always to be displayed whilst flying.

When available a pegboard must be used and no transmitter is to be switched on unless there is a coloured peg on the aerial.

Low flying over compound, spectators or other pilots is not allowed.

The SAA Code of Practice for General Flying and the Code of Practice for Display Flying, as far as applicable to glider flying, will be followed.

### 5) Country Code

All members must respect the Country Code. Care is to be taken crossing walls and fences to avoid damage. Gates are to be securely closed.