



## ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS

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### 1988 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st November at the BBC Social Club, Beechgrove Terrace, Aberdeen.

#### AGENDA

1. Chairman's report
2. Secretary's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Competition Secretary's report
5. Safety Officer's report
6. Election of Office Bearers for 1989 Graham Donaldson, Morrie Kerr and Malcolm Satterly are standing down - nominations for their replacements to the Chairman or Secretary before the AGM please).
7. Budget for 1989
8. SAA safety awards
9. Flat field sites - suggestions please
10. Frequencies - do we adopt the SMAE recommendations.
11. ADS constitution - does it require updating ?
12. Rising star of 1988

MAKE A NOTE OF THE PLACE - BBC Social Club

MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE - 1st November

MAKE A NOTE OF THE TIME - 7.30 p.m.

## EDITORIAL

Unfortunately, since the issue of the last Newsletter, summer has resorted to its usual self i.e. rain and wind. Notable exceptions to this general trend were the Gliding Nationals and the Bon Accord. Congratulations to Norrie Kerr on his win in the 100S at the Scottish Nationals and his second on the 100S at Radioglide.

Don't forget the dinner dance to be held at the Cammachmore on the 22nd October (Saturday). It is sure to be a good night. Tickets are available at £6.00 per person, from any committee member or Pauline at Armstrong Models. Please note that non members are welcome.

## SAFETY

### BON ACCORD - HAZELHEAD

First of all, congratulations to Aberdeen Aeromodellers for an enjoyable event. This new venue at Hazelhead is far better than the site used for many years at the beach. In general, when I was there (Sunday afternoon), flying standards were quite good. However, why were there no printed safety rules governing field layout, flying patterns etc.? I would have thought that the issue of such information was essential at a display such as this where the general public is in attendance. Please take note for next year any AA members reading this.

### LARGE MODELS

As we appear to be getting more adventurous building larger models, both glider and power, it is worth remembering that any model weighing more than 5kg (including fuel etc) requires a CAA exemption certificate. Please remember it is your responsibility to check the weight of your model and obtain a certificate if required. Failure to do so would almost certainly invalidate your insurance. This could lead to prosecution for criminal negligence in the event of an accident.

Graham Philip has recently obtained a certificate for his Big Lift and says that the procedure is simple. So, if anyone needs a certificate and is not sure how to get it, I suggest they contact Graham (O.K. Graham ??).

Frank

## BRIAN SHERRIFF TROPHY

This competition run to BARCS % Slot rules was held at Balmendie on 8th May.

The weather was not kind to us. It was cold and damp, low cloud and very little wind.

Due to a lack of numbers, the competition got off to a late start. Three rounds were flown using three man slots with a couple of four and the rounds overlapping to give twelve slots in total.

The air all afternoon was excellent, with all the rounds being closely flown as to timings. Accuracy in hitting the circle has also improved (tough luck John B). Richard Holt did very well flying his Alegbra 2m with ailerons considering the short time he has been flying and the fact that this was his first competition (I was told later that he thoroughly enjoyed the experience).

The fly-off was won by Radar Eyes McConville. Not only was his model in cloud on launch, but he deliberately flew in and out of the overcast upwind. Neil unfortunately had battery problems and had to scrub his second flight (there's a moral there, don't just check that you have four batteries, check that they are the four you charged before coming out!).

The rain came on just as the fly-off started, but otherwise a very enjoyable day. Those of you who looked at the weather and decided it couldn't be flown were wrong again and missed some excellent thermal flying.

### Pre Fly-off Score

John Barnes	1983 * League
John McConville	2985 * League
Dave Norris	2008 * League + 100S
Neil Masson	2723 * League
Norrie Kerr	2871 * League + 100S
Andy Thoires	2534
Richard Holt	2130
Tony Crocombe	2238

### FLY OFF RESULT

John McConville	2000
Norrie Kerr	1468
Neil Masson	631

Norrie Kerr

MAXWELL TROPHY

As requested by a majority of members, this was the first Saturday afternoon competition. It was held on the 11th June at Balmedie and conditions were good - visibility excellent, thermals abundant and nine competitors (all from Aberdeen): Where are you Stonehaven?? There is no point in organising dates to suit people if these people are not going to turn up. Perhaps someone would care to restart the Apathy Section of the club - personally, I couldn't be bothered.

Now that I've got the moans off my chest, on to the meat of the story so to speak. The competition was flown in three man slots and apart from the first slot, all times were very close indeed. The few who tried to slope soar the dunes quickly found that the lift lay well inland. At one point models were reported as being well inland of the main road and still climbing!

John Barnes got his obligatory zero in the second round (very strange radio problems). Dave Norris beat John McConville in the third round to get the 1000. Congratulations Dave, may that be the first of many. Brian Ord finally seems to have tamed his Algebra on the tow and produced two slot wins. Jim Anderson flew his long awaited twice sized Aquila and terrified the towman, never mind the opposition. Richard Holt showed quite an improvement since last time out. Six of the entrants scored maxes, which show the how flying has improved through the season.

The fly-off was two fifteen minute rounds, both of which ran to the last few seconds. John had 14-37 and Dave 14-16 plus the spot, both times as close as anyone could ask for at top level. Yours truly missed the field altogether to record a zero (mutter mutter mutter).

John ended a worthy winner (looks like the lad is going for a clean sweep this year) and Dave a very polished second with myself in third.

PRE FLY-OFF SCORE

Norrie Kerr	3000
John McConville	2975
Dave Norris	2803
Brian Ord	2384
Richard Holt	2340
Jim Anderson	2056
Graham Donaldson	2028
Andy Thoires	1797
John Barnes	1613

FLY OFF

John McConville	1968
Dave Norris	1684
Norrie Kerr	723