

# ADS



## ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS

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### Editors Comment

Well it seems we're at the end of another flying season - where were all those long balmy evenings this year? Maybe we should try an alternative evening to Tuesday which has been beset with alternate storms, rain and harr. I think I've flown two Tuesday evenings at Seaton this year - can anybody top that?

At least weekends have been generally good, and mostly flyable, although I get the impression that most members have been doing their own thing, and without the continuity of Tuesday nights, I've lost touch with many members. The few Club

events have seen a good turnout however, with a very successful two days at the Hazlehead Glide-In this year, and a good social get-together at the Stead Inn in Potterton. At this latter first time event, although primarily a Bar-B-Q, most also enjoyed some flying in the field behind the pub. The field was unfortunately too small for good winch launches, but those with electric/power gliders experienced some powerful lift.

Those who took the trouble to drive up to Huntly for the now traditional end of year Taylor Trophy, were rewarded with a very enjoyable days soaring and the usual high standard of Elgin wives hospitality. The unconventional rules require a total flight time of 15 (or 22 minutes at Guy Taylor's discretion), made up of three slot times. 15 minutes was announced as the target time at the contest start, in what was forecasted to be not very promising conditions. However fortunately the weather man was wrong

and we enjoyed light winds all day and most got away in lift in the second and third round. The better than expected conditions meant that during the second round, many flew the maximum time of 7 minutes and

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Comming Events			
Date	Time	Place	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	7.30pm	Cammachmore	Dinner Dance
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	2.00pm	Montrose	SAA AGM
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm	Cammachmore	ADS AGM

the typical cumulative time was 11-12 minutes.

Because of the high penalty rewarded to those who over fly the target time (three minutes, plus 2 seconds off per second over), some precision flying was going to be required in the final round. During the break we were all calculating out the various options of flight time plus full spot, half spot, or flight time only. Norrie looked in a strong position after the first slot of the final round with a time of 14:59. I launched straight into powerful lift in the second slot, but only required about three and a half minutes. Why is it always there when you don't need it? After a purposely short flight with a large amount of brakes, missing the spot seemed to be the order of the day to guarantee the time to the second. I equalled Norrie's 14:59, however before I could start thinking about fly-off time, Andy landed with 15:00 dead. Dave Norris then repeated the precision in the final slot.

The rules require a fly-off in the event of a tie. The fliers must launch within 2 minutes of the bell, but then have an unlimited flight time. Both Andy and Dave launched together, however Dave had a line break and was forced to rapidly re-launch with a spare line. Meanwhile Andy immediately contacted lift and was heading for 1000' plus. Dave second attempt did not get him into good air and the result looked a forgone conclusion when the 4m Algebra had sunk down to a couple of hundred feet, but he managed to skilfully work some lighter lift at low level and work back up to a respectable height. When the lift finally died, after about 20 minutes, Andy still had the height advantage, and managed to out sink the 4m with his Gold Cloud.

Well Aberdeen managed to dominate the flying again this year, but the final honours must go to Elgin for the best organized and catered thermal event in the Scottish calendar.

## ***Dinner Dance***

This years Dinner Dance is booked again at the Cammachmore Hotel. The usual successful buffet meal, bar disco combination has been organised.

Tickets available from GTI Models, at £8 each.

Don't forget - Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm

### Menu

#### *Florida Cocktail*

*Roast Chicken portions hot from the oven*

*Carved roast Topside of Beef*

*Carved roast sugar baked Ham*

*Atlantic fresh prawns in marie rose*

*Rice Melee, coleslaw, potato salad,*

*Eggs in mayonnaise,*

*Selection of fresh salads in season.*

*Jacket potatoes.*

*Selection of freshly baked breads with butter.*

*Apple Pie or Sherry Trifle with fresh cream.*

*Coffee*

## ***Scottish Nationals Report*** by Andy Thoires

This is the big one. Once a year glider guiders from all over Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Switzerland (Switzerland?? more anon) to compete in Scotlands premier event (apart from the Taylor Trophy).

As usual yours truly and Dave Norris turned up on the Saturday morning to be entertained-sorry compete in the days 100" rules event. Sum 35 entries were recorded, one of the largest ever.

Winds were light and the lift quite good through most of the day with some rain showers in the afternoon. After a very closely fought competition I ended up in the

middle of the field with Dave a bit lower down (you secrete's safe with me Dave!) During the evening Myself, Dave and his wife went for a bar supper at "The Nags Head" (this name has been changed to protect the innocent and to prevent groupies). The meal was very good but the entertainment....Wow ! We had a grand stand view (ie three feet away) of DAVE DIAMOND and his performing Hedge. A man with the charisma of a packet of Woodbine and gave the phrase a "live act" a whole new meaning - cos' I think he was dead....

Anyway next day dawned and Dave and I were joined by those intrepid aviators from the North Messrs Masson, McConville, Holt and Ord (sounds like a firm of undertakers) ready to bury the competition - well that was the plan. Again the Day was fine with light winds doing 180 degree turns when ever it felt like it. I was in the first slot of the day and got off to a very bad start- while everyone else got into a very big thermal I missed he boat and ended up with 310 points.

Dave on the other hand had a much better day, while Richard excelled himself by getting into the 9 man flyoff. This he flew using this 4m Algebra which unfortunately had lost its rudder during a previous slot. This caused quite a few problems (mind those trees!!) and I think he would have been in a higher position if all had been well.

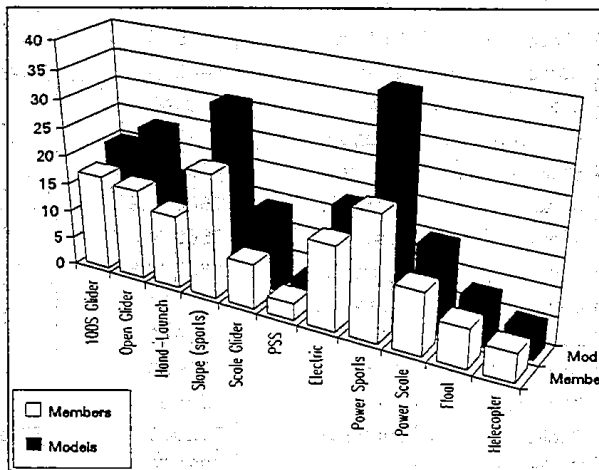
4 <sup>th</sup>	R Holt	2911	(7th in fly-off)
13 <sup>th</sup>	J Masson	2593	
18 <sup>th</sup>	J McConville	2487	
25 <sup>th</sup>	D Norris	2250	
30 <sup>th</sup>	A Thoires	2036	
33 <sup>rd</sup>	B Ord	1609	

I think all 6 of us had at least one good flight during a very enjoyable day. The Electroslot comp was run to the new rules of 3 rounds of 15 mins. Again I had a problem when one of my tailplane halves decided to become an airbrake. Ah-well there's always next year. The event was eventually won by a man from Switzerland who managed to fly the full 45mins with some power to spare.

### Members Models Survey

The following chart shows the results of the current models ready to fly survey attached to this years renewal form. The results are quite interesting and suggest we should be concentrating our efforts on power and slope sports events? It would have been interesting to gather statistics on models under construction, or not yet started - maybe next year.

A total of 34 members returned data. The white columns represents the number of members who have the one or more models of the type, (eg 22 members have power sports models), while the black represents the total number of the model type, (eg 38 power sports models total). From this it can be deduced that the 22 members have 1.7 power models each. A total of 193 models ready to fly was reported - an average of 5.7 models per member. Excuse me while I get building!



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Cowieson	Ian	820037	
Cowieson	Scott	820037	
Davidson	David	692922	
De Salvo	Dave	732242	
Dempster	Leslie	402	
Donaldson	Graham	486961	Bronze Sport
Evans	Finlay	625556	
Grant	Ronald	714454	
Greenlee	David	322018	
Hamilton	Tom	310306	
Holt	Richard	06513 2777	Silver Soaring
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