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After a summer with lots of competitions, rain fog and fun, the traditional newsletter announcing the A.G.M. This year on 14th October, further details under a separate heading.

Furthermore some stories on the competitions earlier this year. Agree, it is a bit late, but better late than never.

We hope to see as much members as possible on this A.G.M. to get a good picture in what direction we want to go in 1981.

See you on the 14th.

Teun van Waart

SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 14.10.80

The meeting will be held in the Buffaloes' Institute, 5 Bon-Accord Terrace (1st Floor) at 1930 hrs on 14.10.80.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Chairman's report.
2. Treasurer's report.
3. Election of new committee.
4. Competitions 1981.
5. Budget 1981.
6. SAA fees 1980.
7. Any Other Business.

Ad.3

Both Graham Philip and Teun van Waart are re-electable as committee members. Norrie Kerr prefers to step out of the ADS committee, but he will continue to act as the focal point for competitions in the Northern Area.

Candidates for the committee can be nominated during the AGM after which, if required, an election will be held.

Ad.4

Several options for the 1981 competitions are open: same as in 1980, less competitions, or less open competitions and more club competitions. Please let us know what you want, so we can plan it as good as possible.

Ad.5

The financial position of ADS is pretty sound. Unless it is agreed to embark on expensive projects in 1981 it is proposed to leave the fee at £1.00 (plus of course the S.A.A. fee).

Ad.6

The Northern area competitions raised some £80.00 for the S.A.A. funds in 1980. Part of this was required for the keepsake trophies. But we have to indicate how we feel that the remainder should be spent.

MUSIC HALL EXHIBITION 8.11.80

On 8th November the Aberdeen Council will organize an exhibition in the Music Hall to display a variety of sports and activities to the public. ADS will be represented as well, but time was too short to include all details in this newsletter. Further information on the A.G.M. or from Graham.

THERMAL % SLOT ON 4.5.80 AT BALMEDIE

The first thermal % competition for the Northern Area S.A.A. was held on 4.5.80 at Balmedie.

Although the weather was rather dull, with a cold breeze blowing for the whole day there was some patches of extremely good lift and all slots were flown with remarkably close times.

Although hitches were expected there were only 3 slots which had to be re-flown (2 for mistiming and 1 for a line foul up). As the majority of the contestants were new to BARCS % rules this was extremely heartwarming to the contest director.

The contest unfortunately clashed with the May Holiday weekend but 14 fliers turned up and all agreed that they had a most enjoyable afternoon and after flying everyone admitted that BARCS % is not the monster they expected.

The final scores are attached for all to see and Junior John McGaff must be congratulated on an excellent achievement in winning the BOC-NOWSCO trophy which was awarded for the first time.

As Contest Director I would like to thank all who turned up, especially the competitors from Béith & Tranent (with whom we had a great Saturday night out) Banff & Whitehills etc.

I would also like to thank Mr. D. Gaudet of BOC-NOWSCO who donated the trophy.

Norrie A. Kerr

THE FIRST A.D.S. 1000 CLUB COMPETITION ON JUNE 3RD, 1980

To prepare for the S.A.A. 1000 competition on 8.6.80 (and to have some nice competition flying!) the first 1000 club event was held on June 3rd. Although some rain was observed the weather was fine and nice lift could be picked up.

Flying was according to the 1000 rules, with the exception that any model could enter. With 9 entries the competition started at 1930 hrs (which is only half an hour after the planned start!) Twelve slots of 4 or 3 competitors were to be flown to give everybody 5 flights. In spite of the late flying 9 out of 45 flights scored more than 6 minutes, with the majority of maximum

scores towards the later flights. Flying finished at 2200 hrs, showing that with some pushing it is just possible to fly 12 slots in 150 minutes.

The top three pilots booked two maximum scores. In fact it was whether the other two scoring flights were above 5 minutes which determined the final positions.

Once again we had a splendid evening with good flying (you were either flying, or running, and sometimes timing as well!)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Teun van Waart	Solitaire	1366
2. Graham Philip	Miri 120	1341
3. Jim Anderson	Yellow Elephant	1329
4. Norrie Kerr	Cirrus	1265
5. Allan Stewart	Cobra	1249
6. Graham Donaldson	Centiphase	999
7. Neil Logan	Blue Beast	962
8. Bill Broomfield	Algebra	937
9. Ian Donaldson	Phoenix	867

S.A.A. COMPETITIONS AT BALMEDIÉ ON JUNE 8TH, 1980

Although massive sea fog on Saturday and a similar forecast for Sunday dropped the expectations for a nice day of flying considerably, the Sunday turned out to be a very nice day for flying, with a smooth Easterly breeze and excellent lift. Only once some foggy clouds drifted in, obscuring the models at 150 meters, but the remainder of the day was warm and sunny.

Although initially a Scale competition was planned, next to the 100S competition, this idea was cancelled when it appeared that entries would be limited to 1 or 2. Instead the alternative Open competition was held.

For both competitions keepsake trophies, made available by the S.A.A., were available. In addition A.D.S. had organized nice perpetual trophies. The "Maxwells Trophy" (thanks Graham Donaldson!) for the 100S, and the "Brian Sherriff Trophy" (thanks model shop!) for the Open class.

As a lot of flying had to be done (16 100S slots and 11 Open class slots) flying was to start as early as possible, which turned out to be 12 o'clock. After three rounds of 100S the three rounds of the Open Class were flown. After a short break the remaining 2 100S rounds (plus the fly-off) and the Open class fly off were held.

The 100S had an entry of 11 competitors. Throughout the day good lift could be found. It is remarkable to see that in all but two slots two

more maximum scores were found, with a total of 17 flights over 6 minutes out of a total of 53 starts.

After four rounds both Ken White and Teun van Waart had a score of 4 maxes. When Norrie Kerr also scored 360 points in his last flight it meant that these three had to compete in a fly-off for first, second and third place.. A fly-off with no maximum score: the model with the longest time wins!

All three models had a good start and drifted around, looking for lift. Norrie had to come down first, followed by Ken. Teun, with the knowledge that the first prize was his, came down with some Dutch Loopings.

The final score of the 100S competition was as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	
1. Teun van Waart	1440	(Fly off 6 min 24 sec)
2. Ken White	1440	(Fly off 5 min 23 sec)
3. Norrie Kerr	1440	(Fly off 4 mins 23 sec)
4. Jim Anderson	1371	
5. Alastair Mutch	1349	
6. Bob Wilson	1246	
7. Rick Lorente	1237	
8. Tom Taylor	1162	
9. S. Boyd	1078	
10. Frank Lorente	1017	
11. Bill Brown	950	

The Open Class, with 10 entries, showed good flying and some impressive mishaps. In spite of the lift that some did find nobody was really threatened by the 10 minutes horn. Of the mishaps Jim Anderson's landing on the roof of the school is worthwhile mentioning (unfortunately "just" outside the field boundary, so no score, in spite of the excellent time), but also Bill Mustards effort to dramatically increase his dihedral, Norrie Kerr's unfortunate vertical landing 3 meters outside the field after just over one minute flying and Neil Logan's knock-off-your-nose landing offered sensational moments.

With a total of 10 entries, and eight who still could fly after the second round, it was decided to have a fly-off of 4. In both fly-offs all four models raced to virtually the same spot "where the action was". Teun apparently found a little bit more action than the other three and scored the highest in both flights, taking this trophy as well.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Score/fly Off</u>
1. Teun van Waart	2864/2000
2. Graham Philip	3000/1850
3. Alastair Mutch	2817/1598
4. Allan Stewart	2229/1243
5. Tom Taylor	2180
6. Jim Anderson	1747
7. Norrie Kerr	1737
8. Bob Wilson	1238
9. Bill Mustard	1000
10. Neil Logan	768

All in all, an excellent day with hard work for everybody. Nobody mixed up the 100S with the Open class rules, which could easily have happened.

Slots could have been bigger, with less in total, in case more people could have changed their frequencies. Next time you got a few pounds spare do buy another set of crystals (but try to avoid yellow and orange, they are very popular already), it saves a lot of hassle and allows bigger slots, and a fairer competition.

FREQUENCIES

As stated in above reports the frequencies caused quite some problems in the competitions. Also during "normal" flying days some frequencies are much more popular than others.

Last year a questionnaire was included in the newsletter to provide the committee with the frequency you used. It was planned to issue a list with all members and their frequencies so that the least popular colours could easily be picked.

Only 10% of the questionnaire forms was returned, but we will try again this year. A list will be available on the A.G.M. to fill in this information. In case you cannot come, please provide one of the committee members with the information so we can make the list as complete as possible.

And in case you do buy another set of crystals: please tell us so we can update the list.

F3B COMPETITION ON 5.10.80 AT GLENCRAIG

On 5.10.80 an F3B competition will be held at GlenCraig. The purpose is two fold: both to familiarise those who are interested with F3B and to select an Scottish F3B team.

More information on this competition, which starts somewhere around 11 o'clock, from Ron Russell.

OPEN % SLOT COMPETITION ELGIN ON 26.10.80

An open % slot competition might be held at Elgin on 26.10.80. Book it provisionally in your agenda and check mid October with Graham whether it is on or not.

STICKERS

Some members might not know yet that the ADS sticker is on sale now, in two sizes and with a white or clear background. Another reason to come to the A.G.M.: you just cannot afford to fly (or drive) without one.