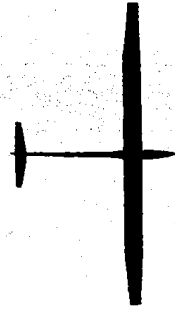


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I start my first report by thanking my predecessor graham for all the effort and work he has put into the successful running of the club.

Congratulations on your retirement ! (or escape)

Hopefully in this issue next years programme will be in print. You will notice each month either a Saturday or Sunday is nominated as a club day, either slope or flat field. I hope these days will be well supported. However for the earlier outings, a visit to "Damart" or markies for outer insulation is to recommended, it gets pretty chilly at this time of year.

The bonus of course is some excellent flying and a nice fresh complexion!! and maybe a wee nip of Norries FAMOUS Brimmond Brew. As the festive season approaches, on behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a

Very Happy Christmas and an equally Happy New Year.

Lang may your lums reek

Jim Masson

**ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE CAMMACHMORE HOTEL ON THE 8th NOV. 1994**

PRESENT: Graham Donaldson, Mike Pirie, Gerry Mitchell, Bill Sherriffs, Andy Thoirs, John Donald, Alan Stewart, Colin Stewart.

APOLOGIES: Jim Anderson, Doug Patterson, Brian Ord, Bill Stark, Dave Davidson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Graham opened the meeting with his annual report. He expressed disappointment at the poor attendance at the meeting and then went on to describe the year's activities. Tuesday evenings, both flat field and slope, were reasonably well attended despite bad weather conditions early on in the year. He felt that sometimes there appeared to be more chatting going on than flying. Perhaps a new Tuesday evening format could be tried.

The Hazlehead event, although poorly attended, was reasonably successful.

On a sad note, the news of the sudden death of Peter Rink came as a shock to all club members. Peter was a long standing club member and will be missed for his support for the club and his hospitality while in Aberdeen. A floral tribute was sent on behalf of A.D.S. to Herja who recently sent a letter of thanks to the club.

Unfortunately the annual Dinner/Dance had to be cancelled this year due to lack of support. He suggested that the committee could look into the reasons for this and to perhaps think about a change of venue for next year.

In view of the poor response by club members to most of the events this year - where does the club go from here? There are many questions to be asked. Does the club need a change of direction - do we become a general flying club or stay as we are as a gliding club? Are more gliding events required - more slope flying. Communications could be improved. Food for thought for the new committee!

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

In line with previous years, only a limited number of calendar of events was planned for the 1994 season. This kicked off with the well supported indoor chuck glider event. This evening has grown over the past few years, members now putting in a considerable amount of time and effort in building and trimming these models. I think we will all look forward to Mike's first indoor r/c model next year!

The slope events were a bit of a disaster this year, due to a bad winter changing into a beautiful summer almost overnight. Most events ending up as just a fly about, rather than anything planned.

The glider fly-in at Hazlehead was blessed with good conditions, but again I was personally disappointed with the turnout at the competition. We need more members to take part if this is going to be a viable event in future. The barbecue was another case in point. Although well advertised, glorious weather, and a lot of effort put in by some members none of the planned competition events went ahead.

S.A.A. SAFETY AWARDS

ADS Members who have passed their SAA Bronze Awards this year are:

Brian Ord
Graham Donaldson
Tom Bartlett
Mike Pirie

If any one else would like to do their Bronze just give me a ring. I have also been advised by the SAA that they will be changing the helicopter bronze to include forward flight. Details will be issued soon.

Safety continues to be an important issue and more members should be encouraged to try for their safety awards.

Accounts for period 9/11/93 to 8/11/94
Income

Fees - ADS	366.00
Fees - SAA	442.00
Bring & Buy	52.00
Club stickers	4.40
Hazlehead Fly-in	58.00
Indoor Meets	107.56
Bank Interest	24.10
Club T-shirts	108.50
Contributions (Barbecue)	14.00
Contributions (various)	12.00

1188.50	TOTAL	1188.50
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Expenditure

Fees - SAA	442.00
Stationery/Postage	48.09
Sandwiches (A.G.M.)	20.40
Sandwiches (Bring & Buy)	25.00
Barbecue (21/8/93)	19.08
Hazlehead Fly-in	48.22
Flying field equipment	41.75
Scanner	194.00
Trophies	35.00
Club Glider	48.33
Club Rookie	9.04
Club stickers	102.22
Club T-shirts	158.51
Muirfield School fees	130.90
Interflora to Germany	27.00
Gifts/cards	16.99

TOTAL	1366.53
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DEFICIT FOR YEAR

178.03

CLUB FUNDS

Cash flow Account	9/11/93	1116.95
Cash flow Account	8/11/94	938.92
Michael Pirie - Treasurer		178.03

NEW COMMITTEE:

Graham is retiring as chairman this year after two years and Andy intimated his desire to retire as Competition Secretary due to family commitments.

As no nominations for replacement committee members were forthcoming, the existing committee will attempt to address this problem at a later date.

Thanks were given to Graham for his excellent work during his period as chairman.

Andy has agreed to continue until such time as a replacement is found.

EVENTS 1995:

It was felt by those present that we should try to include more slope events next year perhaps spreading them throughout the flying season rather than the usual February/March meets when the weather conditions are not so dependable.

It was suggested that the Hazlehead event be changed to Calder Park for various reasons. John Donald offered to make initial approach to the Council regarding this. The change of venue would depend on the Council's continued willingness to provide the support equipment.

NEWSLETTER:

Craig feels unable to continue his work as Newsletter Editor due to family commitments and Mike and Bill have offered to take this on board providing copy is received from club members.

A.O.C.B.

In the interests of improved communications, Andy is to investigate the possibility of setting up a telephone answering service whereby members can dial a number and receive information about weather conditions, wind speed and direction etc. and also the venue for the day.

It was felt that the Club should consider ways of recruiting new members in 1995. Possible ways would be posters in both model shops and making use of the Club Page in the local press advising on winter and summer meetings.

ADS COMMITTEE MEETING NOV. 29th. 1994

PRESENT: Mike Pirie, Jim Masson, Bill Sherriffs, Andy Thoires, Gerry Mitchell

The position of chairman became vacant due to Grahams the retiral this year. Jim Masson was proposed as his successor and has agreed to accept the position. All other committee members were prepared to continue in their present posts.

The committee felt after much discussion, that the annual Dinner/dance, cancelled this year due to lack of support may be more successful as a meal/get together. This suggestion may be put to the members at a later date. Bill agreed to pursue possible venues for this event. Jim felt that any profits made from Dinner/Dance events could be swallowed up should cancellation be necessary.

Andy felt that he could arrange more slope events incorporating Bronze Testing as an incentive. Slope sites further afield were suggested, although much would depend on prevailing weather conditions.

The problem of communications may well be overcome with the introduction of an ADS INFO HOT LINE. Andy has set up this service, which was demonstrated to committee members. Details appear later in the mag. The committee felt that Tuesdays should be reserved for gliding only but other forms of flying to be included at other times.

New ways of recruiting were discussed, Gerry will contact the local press to include a mention in the Club Page. Bill will produce a poster for display in both model shops.

CALENDAR FOR 1995

JAN 9th.	Muirfield School
Jan 14th.	ADS Slope Fly In Venue to be announced (SAA testing)
Feb. 13th.	Muirfield School
Feb. 18th.	ADS Slope Fly In (Venue To Be Announced)
Feb. 21st.	Bring And Buy (Cammachmore)
Mar. 13th.	Muirfield School
Mar. 18th.	ADS Slope Fly In (Venue To Be Announced)
April 10th.	Muirfield School
April 15th.	ADS Slope Fly In (Venue To Be Announced)
May 13th.	ADS Slope Fly In (Venue To Be Announced)
June 3rd. and 4th.	ADS Fly In Power, Gliding, Aero Tow Calder Park
July 15t.	ADS Slope/Flat Field Fly In
June 17th. and 18th.	Bon-Accord Fly In Banchory Devenick
Aug. 13th.	BBQ/Fly In All Types
Sep. 3rd.	Taylor Trophy Calder Park (To be confirmed)
Oct. 14th.	ADS Slope Fly In (Venue: T o Be Announced)

CLUB GLIDER

Norrie has made a club glider which requires a receiver, 2 servos, batt. pack and xtals to complete the glider. The club is to purchase these items in time for the start of next years flying.

Both club gliders are to be flown only with supervision of a qualified club member.

An inventory of all club equipment will be compiled and a copy held by the club secretary.

Gerry to check club records regarding minimum attendance of members at an A.G.M.

And Finally Mike has produced a questionnaire to be circulated to all club members.

The committee agreed that this would be a useful indicator regarding the clubs direction in the future.

CLUB REGALIA

Stickers

Contact Mike Pirie for your club stickers only 30p Get one on your model.

Club Sportswear

Sweatshirts crew neck small, medium, large, extra large, xxlarge	£12.00
Polo Shirts sizes as above	£12.50
Tee.Shirts - 100% cotton Sizes as above	£8.00

All garments in navy blue with ADS logo in white embroidery

Place your order with Bill Sherriffs 0651 862590

SAA & CLUB FEES

If club members wish to take advantage of the SAA fees at the old rate (SAA fees are going up) renewal plus money must reach Mike Pirie by 20th.dec. Please complete the enclosed membership renewal form along with SAA form which was sent to from the SAA and Mike will send them to the SAA in one batch.

Fees are: SAA £12.00

ADS £8.00

GREETINGS FROM UTAH

Having finally managed to settle in after spending great wads of greenbacks! on new house, televisions, video recorders, washing machine and a, car opened the box of models to find some damage by transit and heat over 100f! By the time I managed to repair and cover the models the weather changed to 30in. snow! so still no flying done. Maybe Calder Park wasn't that bad after all.

Hope to get in some slope soaring in the spring the rockies are only 30 miles away so I will have to look out the high capacity batt. packs for the long air time. looking forward to reading the next issue of the ADS mag to catch up on the local gossip.

Seasonal Greetings when the time comes

Dave Currie.

THE ADS FLYLINE

A NEW CONCEPT!

One of the main problems with our club in the past was "where do I fly"

With the various hill sites, flat field sites, etc. the usual answer has been to phone around and bother someone's wife who hasn't got a clue as to what the wind direction is or where everyone has gone.

The answer to this age old problem has been to set up the "ADS FLYLINE"

All you have to do now is to call (0224 844283) On a Tuesday and at the weekend and you will hear up to date wind strength and direction information, Where everyone is flying and if tuition is available.

The information will be updated by committee members regularly, but if you are going out and would like people to know about it, contact one of them who will update the information for you.

!!!! NOTÉ THE NEW NUMBER (0224 844283) !!!!

THE ADS FLYLINE A BETTER WAY TO FLY!