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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Once again it's the start of another year, and in the middle of winter when all sensible modellers are indoors knocking together new machines for the coming season, certain ADS stalwarts are still frequenting the local slopes. And not suprisingly, are being rewarded with some fine flying.

The same idiots hardy fellows have also been involved in the hunt for new slopes, for as you might know, certain wind directions can give us problems. So hopefully soon we will be able to report on some new slopes.

What can we look forward to in 1981? Well, I have heard several ideas recently including a trip to the Lomonds (Fife) for the Lomond Trophy (March/April), and a camping week-end in the summer for those interested in combining soaring with a bit of hillwalking.

There is also the possibility of a social evening sometime in the first half of this year.

More news, information and waffle to follow but before all that can I just thank the various contributors who have helped to make this newsletter possible. Now it only remains for me to wish you all a very happy new year and good flying in 1981.

Mike Pirie

FROM A.G.M. TO A.G.M.

Between the 1979 A.G.M. and the recent one quite some developments and new activities have taken place. As some of these might have passed unnoticed a quick rundown of the highlights of the 1980 season is given here.

During the A.G.M.:- September 1979 a number of decisions were taken. Only to be mentioned here are the election of a three man committee, the preparation of a club constitution, the decision to go for a number of thermal competitions in 1980 and the start of a lengthy process that finally culminated in an ADS sticker.

The first club events after the A.G.M. were a slope soaring competition and a thermal (in November?) contest. Trophies for both were handed out during the dinner/dance, late January. Although the sale of tickets caused almost a nervous breakdown of our treasurer, in the end the night out was very successful.

Once the term "thermal contest" became more realistic the competitions really started moving. Two Tuesday evening competitions were organised to prepare for the real work the following weekend. In total six SAA competitions were held in the Northern League, of which three at our Balmedie field. The attendance varied from good (22) to low (10). Although the weather and timing was one of the reasons for the low attendance it was felt that six competitions, plus the Nationals, was a bit too much and next year we'll drop one or two.

This year only one slope competition was held under rather windy (if that's what you call force 6) conditions. Before this competition had to be called off due to mist and rain.

Unfortunately, some intentions were not carried out. No family day was held (only excuse available: no summer was held either), at the moment of writing, the newsletter is without name and, although quite some ingredients are available, there is no powerwinch.

Other events to be mentioned are the Scottish Nationals, the display at Echt (where the commentator could tell us later exactly what we did wrong) and rather recently, the exhibition in the Music Hall.

To complete the cycle finally the 1980 A.G.M. The turnout was somewhat lower than expected (13, but a pile of apologies!) Main items discussed were the election of a new committee, the letter and how the expected SAA donation could be spent in the most useful way.

A number of items are dealt with separately, and in more detail, in this newsletter. Mike Pirie has taken over the task of editor for 1981. "Editor" usually means chasing up everybody to write a contribution for the newsletter and ending up writing it yourself. Helping him out with providing him with an article or report on a competition makes his role so much easier!

A good lift for everybody, and hopefully a bit more sunshine as well.

Teun

Treasurer's Report

Accounts to period 1/10/79 - 31/10/80

Income		Expenses	
Membership Fees	36.00	Engraving of ADST Trophies	2.42
Competition entry fees		Purchase of Sparrow Trophy	19.00
ADS 8:50		Purchase of SAA Trophies	10.00
SAA 77.50	86.00	Postages	5.80
Sale of transfers	32.00	Stationary	1.93
Donation from Sparrow Crane Hire	50.00	Purchase of Transfers	77.05
Building Society Interest	3.80	Competition fees to SAA	67.50
Donation re tankard presented to I. Robertson	4.00	Cash in Hand	28.10
	<u>£211.80</u>		<u>£211.80</u>

Balance

Year ending 1/10/79	£ 59.39
Cash in hand	28.10
Year ending 31/10/80*	<u>£ 87.49</u>

* Competition fees to S.A.A. was actually paid after 31/10/80

N.B. £95.00 membership fees was handled on behalf of S.A.A.

Membership Fees

These are now due and are payable to: Graham Philip,
12 Kincorth Place,
Aberdeen.
before 20th February, 1981.

A.D.S. membership fees remain at £1, but S.A.A. have increased theirs to £5, so the total fee due this year is £6.

Anyone who already has S.A.A. membership or can provide proof of third party insurance cover, need only pay the A.D.S. fee i.e. £1.

Overheard in the White Horse Inn

Aye aye min, are ye keepin fine,? weel ats graun! Fit dae yiz think o a them feels ats daein a that glider fleein? I some thought at they wis a bittie feel climmin a thae hills an chuckin them airyplanes aff the top. Ony ither sinsible person wid fit an enchine an be deen weat, aye, an some o them rins about, a ower the place pullin at bits a string, an they gets awfu fashed for byes, aye lookin at their pocket watches as if they wis feart the pubs wid shut afore they got daen, or mebee they wid miss openin time.

Theres ane is akeen gairdner, he's aye on about his Dutch Lupins a bonny floor, indeed, an ers ane is aright scunner, aye skitin his plane up wi a bittie lastic, he got aricht fleg the ither day, his lastic broke an nearly skelped his lug, man he wis howlin fit tae burst. Weel its time I wis awa hame, I promised the wife at I widnae be lang so ta ta thae noo.

HOT GOSSIP HOT GOSSIP HOT GOSSIP HOT GOSSIP HOT GOSSIP

Graham Philip has taken delivery of Carrera ARTIF ASW 17. He promises it will be flying in 1985.

Charlie is planning to couple his computer to his TX to get more response from his J8.

Mike Pirie is buying balsa in bulk - 10,000 chuck gliders in production.

Norrie plans carbon fibre reinforced steel spars. Will it stop his wing bendings?

Montrose club starting to challenge ADS supremacy - huge glider fleet under instruction.

Is J. McConville allowing only sailplanes to land at Heathrow?

BARCS and SAA wish to join ADS. Will we accept them?



Looks as though you're getting interference from
aero-modellers good buddy!

COMPETITIONS IN NORTHERN AREA

In 1981 the number of S.A.A. competitions counting for the Thermal League Trophy in the Northern area has been reduced to 5 (6 in 1980). The total number of competitions is somewhat increased as a number of new competitions, not counting for the S.A.A. trophy, but open for everybody has been included.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Competition</u>	<u>SAA Trophy</u>	<u>BARCS League</u>	<u>SAA Comp.</u>
12.4.81	Cairn-O-Mount	Slope			X
10.5.81	Elgin	Open & slot		X	
23-25.5.81	Yorkshire	Radioglide		X	
31.5.81	Forfar	100 S	X		X
7.6.81	Balmedie	100 S (Maxwell Trophy)			
7.6.81	Balmedie	Open & slot (BOC - Moscow Trophy)	X	X	X
13-14.6.81	?	Scots Nats		X	X
14.6.81	Montrose	Free Flight			X
21.6.81	Montrose	Open & slot	X	X	X
5.7.81	Elgin	100 S			
19.7.81	Cairn-O-Mount	Slope (Grampian Cup)			X
9.8.81	Balmedie	Open & slot (Brian Sherriff Trophy)	X	X	X
23.8.81	Montrose	Scale Fly-in/Comp			X
29-31.8.81	Cranwell	British Nats		X	
27.9.81	Elgin	Thermal (Taylor Trophy)	X		

Notes on the above competitions

The entry fee for the S.A.A. events is £1. The entry fee for the remaining competitions will be determined by the clubs themselves, but is likely to be £1 as well.

The competitions start at 1100 hours, i.e. all competitors must be present and have entered at that time.

On 7th June two competitions will be held on the Balmedie field. Flying of the 100 S competition will therefore start at 1100 hours promptly. Those who are too late can always fly in the (S.A.A.) BARCS & slot event. The first slot of that event will be around 1300 hours, but an earlier entry is required to allow for setting up a matrix.

The BARCS & events will count for the BARCS League if the entry exceeds 15 (not necessarily BARCS members).

All events (except the Taylor Trophy) will be flown according to BARCS rules.

The best three scores out of the five are to count for the S.A.A. Northern Area Thermal League Trophy.

The Scale competition in Montrose on 23rd August is open for both power models and gliders. It is planned to be a fly-in, but throughout the day all models will be judged. Both the scale appearance of the model (from a 20 ft. distance) and the scale appearance of the flying will be judged. The rules are purposely kept rather loose to give everybody a chance, so give it a try!

In case of bad weather the slope competitions will be moved forward one week at a time until they can be flown (but not later than 1.1.82).

The contact addresses for the different competitions are:

Montrose:	Ken Whyte	0674-4263
Forfar:	Rick Lorente	0307-66531
Aberdeen:	Teun van Waart	0224-874865
Elgin:	Pat Thompson	0343-3571

As you can see this year Teun is the ADS competition man. But if you can't find him, try Graham (876703).

The man that was responsible for setting up this calendar, who agrees with you that it could have been better to suit your private planning, but who also has 932 reasons why it couldn't be changed is

Norrie Kerr 0224-324722

Tuesday Evening (ADS) Competitions

Also this year, at the start of the season, two Tuesday evening competitions have been organized to work everybody up. But even if you "never" want to fly competition, please come along. It's good fun, we are always short of timekeeper and runners and you never know.

The dates are:

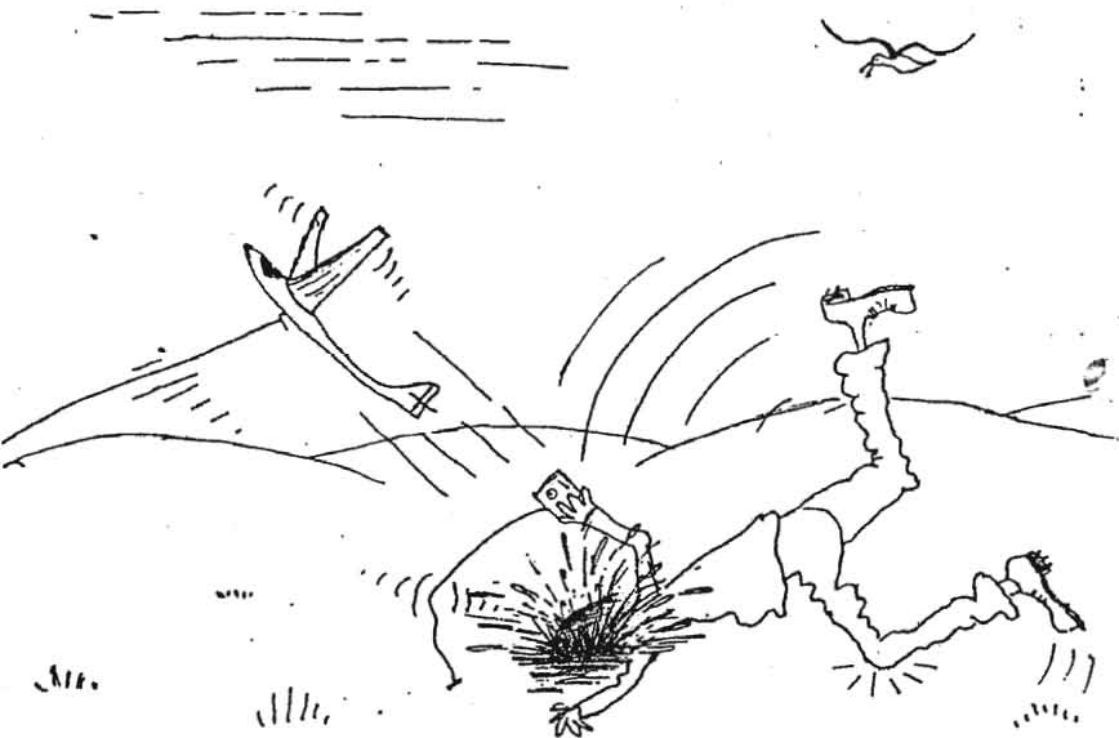
26.5.81	100 S competition
16.6.81	Open & slot

Both competitions will start at 1900 hours. If that's a bit tight for you, please pre-enter so that a matrix can be made.

Entry fee is £0.50. The number of trophies (but at least one) will depend on the number of entries.

ADS Achievements 1980

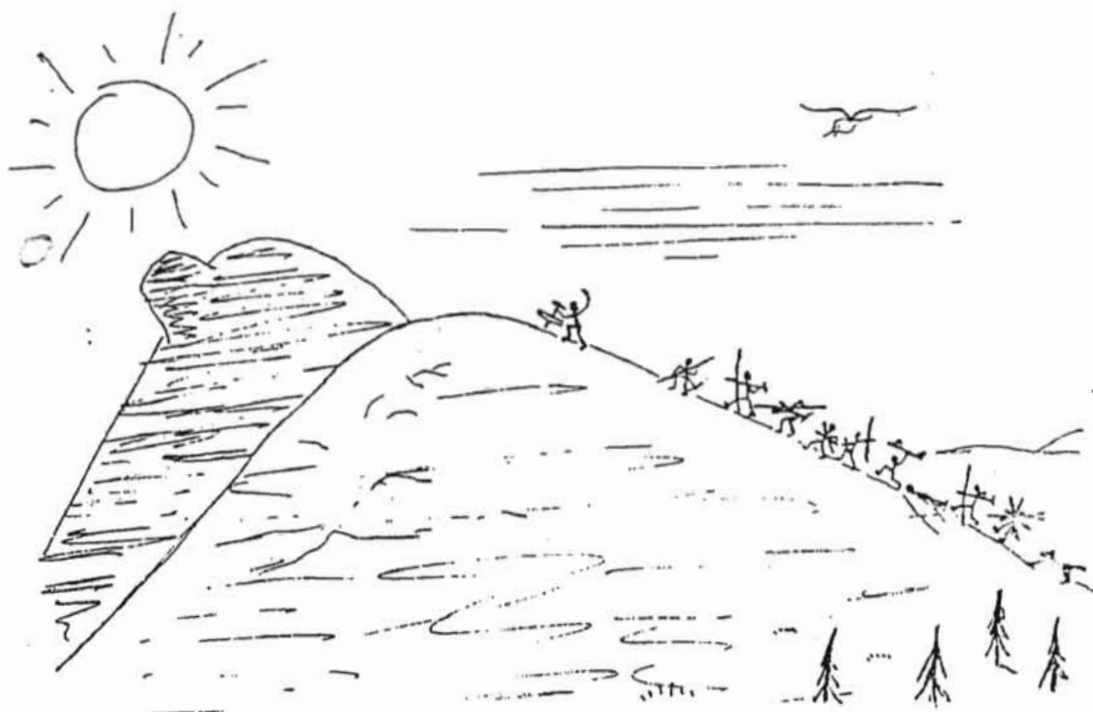
During the past year, certain club members developed special skills which I think deserve a mention in this newsletter. These techniques are illustrated below, and anyone wishing to learn from this unique fund of knowledge should contact the following persons:-



Norrie Kerr for "unusual launching techniques"



Mike Pirie for "Aircraft Recognition"



Gordon Taylor for "Hill Climbing"

Cross Country at Durris

Graham Philip and Mike Pirie

On Sunday 7th December 1980, with six inches of powder snow under foot and blue skies up above, Graham and myself set off from the top of Mongour Hill in a South Westerly direction having established the Elaira and Mosquito high in the sky and just ahead of us.

A 15 knot north-westerly provided smooth steady lift while we made our way along the ridge keeping the planes at a good height and trimmed for constant speed. The walking was easy and we decided that our goal was to be Monluth, a summit 2 miles S.W. of Mongour, but a gap in the ridge, plus the fact that the wind had veered slightly to the west, resulted in a sudden loss of lift and we sadly had to come down.

The Elaira landed beautifully on snow-covered heather 1.4 miles S.W. of Mongour, then the Mosquito landed beautifully 100 yards short of this point - on a boulder field - typical!

We both agreed that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable flight and whatmore it was a great way to keep warm on a nippy winter's afternoon.

As I said, our goal had been to reach the summit of Monluth. It appeared to us that if the wind had been a bit stronger, the resulting extra height might have made it possible - maybe next time, and for anyone feeling really enthusiastic, the ridge goes on beyond that.

It's worth noting that a BARCS slope goal and return record has yet to be established. Roll on the next north-westerly.

Club Purchase

The club has recently purchased a windbreak for use on the slopes. This almost makes winter flying a pleasure!

It folds up into a very neat package and is available from Graham Philip to anyone wishing to use it.

Slope Dope

Balmedie. In May of last year, formal permission was received in writing from Grampian Regional Council for the use of the field at Balmedie. At the same time an agreement was made with Mr. Ingram the lease-holder, that there would be no dogs or powered aircraft present.

Seaton. Still nothing has been heard from Aberdeen District Council regarding permission to use this site.

Durris. This site has been in use now for eight months and many good flying hours have been logged there, not only by ourselves but also by the hang glider enthusiasts, one of whom was heard to say "Oh good, the lift detectors (our gliders) are air-borne again"! It's quite a sight to see the sky full of R/C gliders and hang gliders. The ridge which runs to the S.W. from Mongour, offers excellent conditions for cross country flights.

Hill of Fare. An excellent site but unfortunately not often used due to the difficult access. This is one for the long summer days.

Cairn-O-Mount. These slopes were in use more than anywhere else during 1980 and again with a lot of excellent flying. One reason for it being so popular is the ease of access. The area however, is prone to misty conditions, and low cloud and it is always a good idea to check with the met office (Tel. 722334) before setting out. The minimum cloud level for flying would be around 1800 feet.

Aero-towing

This was pioneered last summer by Alan Stewart, John McConville and Teun with a fair degree of success. There is only the one tug at the moment but Alistair Mutch is busy converting a power model for this purpose. Good luck, lads.

Stop Press

There is no truth in the rumour that the Banchory Chippy is running out of curry pies.

Articles for Sale

The following planes are for sale:-

Zaidgo II	£20.00
Fokker D8	£15.00
CS 15	£15.00
RAF 2	£30.00
Mini Phase	£ 5.00
Vampire	£15.00

Hugh Denholm, Fairview, Duffshill Road, Portlethen. (Tel. 780673)

3", 4", 5" & 6" rubber bands from 3p per doz.
Slabs of dense foam suitable for packing radio gear - absolutely free.
Also Solent Sailplanes 1980 Catalogue (worth £1.75) - absolutely free
(sent two by mistake).

Mike Pirie Tel. 323640

Frequencies

Team is presently compiling a list of the various frequencies in use by our members. You could help him greatly by informing him of your own frequencies sometime before the competition season commences.

Stickers

ADS stickers for your latest model or to adorn your car are still available from Team. They come with clear or white backing and cost:

large	35p
small	15p

or if you're smart you'll take advantage of the special winter offer:- 2 large and 2 small for only £1.

WINTER 1980

Now that this years thermal flying has finished, apart from the diehards who no doubt will carry on regardless, I thought it would be a good time to have a look back over the years activities.

Starting at the beginning, we for the first time in the Northern Area set up our own League, consisting of 6 major contests spread over the North East area, it was decided to count the best 4 scores out of a possible 6 to allow those who could not attend a chance to participate. Trophies were obtained from local Firms for each event and keepsake trophies were given by the S.A.A. As the attached results show there was a fairly even spread throughout, and that some people who only managed one event still put up a creditable performance. Congratulations are in order to our Flying Dutchman T. V. Waart for a very polished performance throughout the year.

As general dogsbody and organiser I would again like to thank everyone who took part in the comps. and especially those who helped to run them, I think it showed us that it is not always easy to sit on the hot seat and do what seems to be quite simple. I would also like to thank all our townen and timekeepers, without them we could not have done it.

Norrie

TOTAL ENTRY	14	22	21	10	13	20	NORTHERN AREA THERMAL LEAGUE RESULTS 1980 -----	
EVENT	4/5/80 BALMEDIE	25/5/80 MONTROSE	8/6/80 BALMEDIE	22/6/80 MONTROSE	10/8/80 BALMEDIE	28/9/80 ELGIN		
HIGHEST PRE FLYOFF SCORE	2787	3000	1440	2953	3000	1198		
NAME	O/O OF BEST SCORE						TOTAL OF BEST 4	FINAL LEAGUE POSITION
J. Anderson	982	725	852	700	57		3446	3
P. Wilson	916					901	1817	11
T. V. Waurt	1000	1000	1000	912	898	807	3912	1
B. Wilson	893		865			530	2288	9
A. Mutch	885		936				1821	10
N. Kerr	818	914	1000	512	676	1000	3732	2
W. Broomfield	780						780	23
B. Mutch	561					654	1215	15
G. Philip	340	717		412	446	834	2409	5
W. Mustard	308					834	1142	16
M. Pirie					240		240	30
G. Robertson					847		847	21
J. Mcconville		683			751		1434	13
J. Barnettson		498			1000	898	2396	6
K. Whyte		751	1000		775		2526	4
W. Brown			659			671	1330	14
R. Lorente		783	859			655	2297	7
F. Lorente		710	706			698	2114	9
E. Knox		541					541	26
P. King				459			459	29
T. Taylor			806				806	22
S. Boyd			748			718	1466	12
L. Watson						988	988	17
D. Woodward						848	848	20
C. Shand						625	625	24
F. Stronach						860	860	19
G. Taylor						547	547	25
Guy Taylor						493	493	28
C. Wilcock						866	866	18
P. Thompson						538	538	27