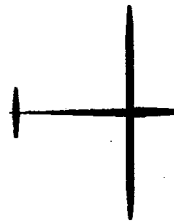


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Aberdeen and District Soarers

ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS NEWS LETTER 1998/001

Happy New Year to all and also apologies for the delay in informing everyone of This years impending events.

As usual our year will start at the end of March with flying from Calder Park. We will also take this opportunity to remind everyone that this year sees the start Of our Thursday night slope meetings where we will meet at Brimmond car Park (the one with the pylon in It.) then move to wherever the wind takes us. We hope that because we now have two nights we will see more people attending The slope meetings as last year we only managed a maximum of six at any one meet. Also a reminder any one who wishes to fly at weekends Graham Irvine would love To here from you. Graham can be contacted on (01358) 743561.

Our first winter meeting will be on Tuesday the 24th of February 1998 at The Royal British

Legion. Everyone will be made welcome so come along and have a chat (and a pint away from the wife).

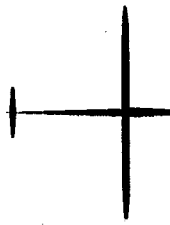
Some of you who fly at weekends will have already noticed that there is now another Gate at Calder Park over the road to the car park, we have negotiated with Aberdeen City council and have received a key to this gate due to the restrictions put upon us by the council

We can only supply the committee with copies of keys. We hope this is not a Deterrent for people who wish to come along and fly.

We have arranged again use of the Aberdeen exhibition center for our indoor meetings This year we will be having two meetings as long as all goes well in the first instance. The first will also incorporate our annual bring and buy sale where due to the increased attendance we hope to increase sales, So look at all those bits and pieces you have gathering dust in your workshop,attic,loft,garage etc. We intend advertising these events in the local press and also on local radio to reach as large an audience as possible. Both of the indoor meetings that we held last year were very well attended by people from as far afield as Dundee in the south Huntly to the west, and Peterhead to the north, we hope this years events will also attract the same interest and who knows what they might bring to sell.

This years competition has changed slightly with the addition of a novice class and a change to the landing bonus structure. Further details and rules will be produced and sent out shortly.

Were now nearing the end so if any one has any article they would like to see in print or any classified add (any thing you want to buy or sell swap or generally get rid of wives not excepted unless in excellent condtion and cheap to run.) please send details to Neil Masson On 01224 248778.

The logo for AVS, consisting of the letters 'A', 'V', and 'S' in a bold, stylized, italicized font.

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NEWS LETTER ISSUE NO.2

Well this is the second Newsletter of the year and we have now started to fly on Tuesday nights at Calder Park.

We also have started our Tuesday night competition the first night was on the 5/5/98 where we had a turn out of four people competing. All of which were so called experts so there is still plenty of time for the beginners to try their hand and win some money for their efforts as it is the best four out of six scores counting.

We have also made some changes to the format this season making it easier for the beginners to win. You will find attached to this Newsletter a copy of the rules and a score card so now there can be no excuses for not competing.

We are also very close to our main competition of the year which takes place on the weekend of the sixth and seventh of June at Hazelhead park.

The format will be the same as years gone by with a fly in on the Saturday where you are welcome to try any type of model you wish from free flight right through the range to helicopters as long as you have proof of insurance.

We also welcome members of other clubs to come along both on the Saturday for the fly in and the Sunday for the competition. (Gliders only in the comp.)

As in other years we will be holding both a 100s and Open competition on the Sunday with trophies and prizes for the winners along with the now infamous (sorry famous) Bar B Q.

We also hope to have some flyers from down south so it would be nice to see as many local members attending as is possible.

We have now started to fly on a Thursday night also which as we have previously stated this is a dedicated slope soaring night. We meet at Brimmond Hill car park and dependant on the wind direction we either stay at Brimmond or move to another hill which suits the wind direction.

Slope soaring is an ideal way for beginners to improve their flying skills as unlike thermal soaring where flight times average 4-5 minutes on the slope with the right wind you can spend all night in the air or until the batteries go flat which ever comes first.

On a more serious note it has come to the committees notice that Cove Boys Club have put forward proposals to develop Calder park into a sporting facility which they hope over the next few year's will see the building of changing rooms showers etc.

However in the short term they are looking at using Calder for both training and for Playing regular matches on.

With the Tuesday night attendance's for the last few Tuesday's only reaching seven or eight people if we were asked it would be difficult for us to make a case as to why we should be given the use of Calder when the boys club would regularly have between thirty and forty boys training and between 30 and 32 there on match days.

If however we can show that we have between 15 and 20 we would stand a much better chance of retaining the use of Calder. So what we are really asking is please come along on Tuesday nights and support your club if at all possible.

If you have any suggestions of alternative flying sites or any other constructive criticisms the committee would only be pleased to hear from you as it is everyone's club and we all want to see it flourish. If you do not know who the committee are for this year they are as follows:-

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| Neil Masson | 01224 248778 |
| Norrie Kerr | 01224 324722 |
| Brian Ord | 01224 698449 |
| James Ruxton | 01224 316082 |
| David Davidson | 01224 692922 |

We hope we haven't been too negative and look forward to seeing every one at the competition weekend and at Calder Park on Tuesday nights.

Best Regards

Neil Masson

The logo for ADS (Aberdeen District Soarers) features the letters 'ADS' in a bold, stylized, sans-serif font. The 'A' and 'D' are connected, and the 'S' is separate. To the right of the letters is a vertical line with a horizontal crossbar, resembling a cross or a stylized 'H'.

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NEWS LETTER ISSUE NO.4

Well its that time again we are coming in to the last two months of the Summer season and the annual Bar B Q looms ahead.

This year as in previous years it will be held at Calder Park the date of this momentous occasion being the 30th of August. Please come along, as there will be some major prizes to be won and fun comps to enter.

This year's Scottish Nationals were once again held at Pitreavie in Dunfermline and again a delegation went down from the ADS.

Due too the weather the previous week s we were all expecting to washed away in the storms however it turned out to be a Glorious weekend.

As is normal the Saturday started of with the 100's competition the number of competitors were down on last year but there was still a field of over 30 fliers.

With the exception of two of the slots all were flown to the wire.

The delegation from the ADS "DONE GOOD" well for us anyway.

We all showed that if the conditions are right it is possible to keep up with the plastic fantastic jobs with good old ply and balsa gliders and the conditions were right.

John Barnes had some good flights with his Aquilla ending up 18th out of 37. Tom also done quite well flying a Norrie Kerr machine (more about him later) having two high scores and two mediocre scores one coming from a half height launch when the tow line snapped Tom ended up 13th in the hundred "S" section. Brian Ord had the some problems with the trim settings of his aircraft but still managed to place in a reasonable position (in other words Tom forgot to note where he came.) and Mr. Masson junior ended up being the strongest man there (held the rest of them up) So what happened well in my own words I blew it because of my sheer "Quote Stupidity Unquote" in other words I thought my plane was higher and closer than it was and ended up landing on the golf course.

However it will take a team of wild horses to stop me going back for another try and I think that goes for the rest of team A.D.S. as well.

We all also entered the open competition where John Barnes was going great with his Aquilla again until a slight misjudgment had his aircraft just clip the trees and ruled him out of the rest of the open section. Tom was sitting 7th after two rounds with one round to fly and only 870 points required to reach the fly off but as is normal for Tom in his words "I made a complete B*****k's of the last flight landing out and scoring zero". Both Brian and I were unlucky as some of the slots had patchy lift and if you missed it that was that. But it was a close competition with only 500 points separating the top 20 fliers

(A word of caution don't sleep any where near the Bartlett tent because Tom Snores like someone using a chain saw then blames it on his son Matthew.). Thanks must also go to Jim Masson for his towing and timing skills And also to Pauline, June and Nessie for keeping us in Bacon and eggs and Chicken broth and to Matthew for attempting to tow (maybe next year).

I mentioned Norrie earlier and as you may have seen there was no mention of his name at the Scots Nat's which is unusual. So for those of you who do not Know Mr. Kerr is living the high life in Trinidad Yep the hot place just down the road from Miami. (1864 miles down the road).

Norrie has transferred out with Transocean to Trinidad where he will be for the next 3 months and if he and Alison like it they will make it there home for the next Two to Three Years. So from the ADS thanks for all your years of service and I hope you have room for some holidaymakers as the soaring conditions should be ideal.