



ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT SOARERS

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There is a note in the Model Shop promising a newsletter in early April - well, here it is. Also promised was a get-together in the Ferryhill on the 20th March - that's over. A good turnout of members promises well for the coming season (during the evening great things were spoken of that coastal site described in our last newsletter - St. Cyrus). Our soaring appetites were whetted.

Our Secretary reports that there are still some 1983 members who have not yet paid their '84 dues. Attached is a list of paid up 1984 members. If you have not paid your name will not appear, but far worse, this will be the last newsletter that you will receive. Please part with your fee and join for '84. Remember insurance is VITAL for our safety.

We are always on the lookout for new sites both for slope and flat field flying. Any suggestions to your committee please. Living as we do in a more or less rural area there must be suitable fields about. Let us have your report for the next newsletter describing your newly discovered site - no secrets please. If you feel unable to set pen to paper, then let your committee know the location - we'll write the report.

Norrie (BARCS Scottish Representative) has included in this issue a few notes about BARCS (British Association of Radio Control Soarers). Perhaps some of our newer members are not aware of the organisation nor of its aims. The £5 membership fee is well worthwhile. A regular Newsletter contains a vast amount of up to date soaring information. The SMAE now recognise BARCS as the real authority on soaring and is represented on the SMAE council. Competitions are more or less friendly fly-ins. Achievement programmes for both slope and flat field are encouraged. Remember RADIOGLIDE '85 is to be held in Scotland.

Graham Donaldson

KIT REVIEW - GALAXY 'SIDEWINDER'

This kit is the follow-on model to the 'Witch' and as I have flown the original slope version and the 2m version of the Sidewinder, I was pleased to have the opportunity to build one for Colin Brown.

As usual the kit is up to Ric Lorente's high standard, well cut wings, nice light glassfibre fuselage, well balanced balsa and all the accessories. All this was packaged in a heavy duty plastic bag (well, who flies the-box anyway?) which just happens to be the right size to protect a thermal soarer fuselage, but I digress.

Building was straight forward and by using 5 minute epoxy, the few assemblies that have to be done could be completed in a couple of evenings. The only tricky part is fitting the glassfibre cabin/wing fairing. To get it to mate properly, it may be worth adapting it with 2 x 1/2 formers so that the wing fairing is screwed permanently to the wing but can be removed quickly for access to the aileron servo.

Once the wing LE and TE are fitted along with the wing tips, shaping and sanding does not take too long and a nice light wing is the result. I used black Solarfilm to cover the flying surfaces and sprayed the fuselage with car aerosols. Colin intends dressing the aircraft up in J.P.S. trim. It should look very good indeed in the air.

As always with a Galaxy kit it is excellent value for money. It's a pleasure to construct. If one goes for the 'combo' pack of fuselage together with two sets of wings a truly universal model will result which could be flown all year round. It could be flown from the slope in windy weather or with the 2m wing in calm weather (but still reasonably aerobatic) and with the 2m wing from the flat field.

Norrie Kerr

WHAT IS BARCS?

The British Association of Radio Control Soarers was inaugurated in 1972 to band together those with model R.C. soaring, particularly thermal flying interests and to co-ordinate the activities for their mutual benefit whether for competitive or sport flying. In 1976 the scope was widened to include slope soaring.

WHAT DOES BARCS OFFER YOU?

The quarterly newsletter 'Soarer', posted direct to all members, this is widely recognised as THE R/C soaring magazine. It usually contains between 28 and 32 editorial pages and is published in March, June, September and November.

BARCS has published its Handbook. This contains rules and advise on contest organisation etc.

Achievement awards schemes for both thermal and slope flown from your own sites are encouraged. Certificates, transfers and awards are given for the various levels.

BARCS records for thermal and slope soaring are generally recognised as being the British records in these classes.

The John Whitaker trophy for cross country is an annual all season long event.

Winter and summer postal contests are held for flying from your own site.

The league thermal competition is on a geographical basis, with five regions. Last season over fifty League contests were organised by clubs such as ours all over the country to BARCS rules. Most members are able to compete in the necessary four with a minimum of travelling. Well over 300 members from the total membership of over 900 participated in the leagues. Trophies are awarded to the first five in each region.

It is hoped that slope contests may be promoted on a league basis in the future. This will depend on the support of clubs and their members.

The three day annual BARCS Championships - RADIOGLIDE - are held in a different region each year. It is recognised as one of the two most important thermal contests of the year. This year Radioglide is in York on the 26/28th May. Next year it is to be held in Scotland.

The opportunity for lively and often humorous contact with other soarers through the newsletter and on the contest field.

BARCS is administered by an Executive Committee, all keen and practising soarers, and all major decisions on rules and constitutional matters are taken by democratic vote at the AGM.

Norrie Kerr

EXTRA CALENDAR DATES

29. 4. 84	100S	Elgin
10. 6. 84	Open Slot	Elgin
19. 8. 84	Class 2 Scale	Elgin
30. 9. 84	Taylor Trophy	
28. 10. 84	Knock Trophy	

For all the above competitions, the contact number is :-

02612 2772

LIST OF MEMBERS

For your information and convenience the current role of paid up 1984 members is listed below. It is hoped that your membership cards for both ADS and SAA will be included with this newsletter. As indicated in the introduction to the newsletter if you have not paid your '84 fee, then your name will not appear, but most importantly this will be the last newsletter you will receive.

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MORE SITE NEWS

1. HILL O FARE

For this year at least it looks as if this hill could be available again. Following a visit to Corfeidly Farm parking will be allowed at the edge of the farm providing there is no obstruction caused to the farmer and his vehicles. This is a very generous gesture by the farmer, DO NOT ABUSE IT.

2. PINDON

Continuing the series of Slope Reports, we come to a site which has been used very little, but which dates back to pre-ADS days. To reach the site is quite straightforward. Following the main dual-carriageway south from Aberdeen and take the Findon turn left just before Portlithen. Follow this road until you reach a row of houses running SE to NW at the southern edge of Findon. Turn right and continue until you reach a sign 'Unilever Research Laboratory'. At this point take the road to the left until you reach a further row of house. This is Old Mill Road. Follow this road down to a rough track then turn left between the new bungalows. Park next to the sign 'These Cliffs are Dangerous'. Please park carefully - if in doubt park further up the hill where there is more room. The cliff is the about 200yds walk past the sign. Lift can be worked from as little as 5kts over the range 080 - 130 degrees. Two words of warning are necessary. There is an extremely deep gully which looks quite frightening at the northern edge of the cliffs. Also, there is no beach - only rocks. However the cliffs at the flying area are quite shallow and there is ample room for a downwind landing slightly down the face. The site does not lend itself to raw beginners, but anyone with average skill should have no difficulty. If you have never tried cliff soaring, then try Findon. It's closer than you think.

INSURANCE

The Scottish Aeromodellers Association third party insurance cover has this season been increased to £1,000,000. This has to be one of the best insurances available for modellers. If anyone has any queries regarding insurance or would like to see the policy, then please contact John McConville.

TUESDAY EVENINGS

As usual it is intended that this year again Tuesday evenings will be the main weekday ADS activity. Once again the main contact phone numbers are John McConville at 724498 or Norrie Kerr at 324722. If there is no joy at either of these numbers try another committee member. We hope to start within the next week or so. Hopefully we'll manage a barbeque or a bring your own bangers evening. See you there.

CONSTITUTION

It is some time now since our constitution was amended. For all members and particularly those more recently joined, it was thought useful to incorporate a copy of our constitution into a newsletter.

1. Name

The club shall be known as 'Aberdeen and District Soarers', hereinafter referred to as ADS.

2. Object

The object of ADS is the advancement of all aspects of model radio controlled glider flying in the Aberdeen area.

3. Membership

The membership of ADS shall be open to any person with an interest in radio controlled glider flight. The committee shall have the right to temporarily reject or expel members, awaiting a final decision by a general meeting.

4. Committee

Members of the committee having been elected at a general meeting shall serve a maximum period of three consecutive years. They shall not be eligible for re-election until at least one year has elapsed from the time of standing down.

5. Safety

Before flying, each member will have current insurance cover. A correct frequency pennant is always to be displayed whilst flying. When available a frequency pegboard must be used and no transmitter switched on unless there is a coloured peg on the aerial. Low flying over compound, spectators or other pilots is not allowed. The SAA Code of Practice for General Flying and the Code of Practice for Display Flying, as far as is applicable to glider flying, will be followed.

6. Country Code

All members must respect the Country Code. Care is to be taken crossing walls and fences to avoid damage. Gates are to be securely closed.

ADS CLUB OFFER

Until the end of April, ADS members have the chance of an introductory offer discount on a transparent TX rainshield. This is part of a national offer and amounts to 25%. It's just the thing for this part of the world! Those interested, please let John McConville have their names and transmitter type before 30th April.
