

Report of the 32nd AGM of the BAeA,

The 32nd AGM of the BAeA was held at the Aviator Hotel, Sywell on Saturday the 13th January 2007.

Amongst those attending were Eric Marsh, Simon Janvrin, Graham Hill, David Cowden, Ton Cassells, Nick Buckenham, Ian Scott, Ben Ellis, Judi Jones, Jen Buckenham, Alan Cassidy, Steve Green, Chris Cain, Caroline Bois, Sam Mummery, Luke Goddard, Richard Buchan, Stephen Madle, Lynne Westnage, Phil Altey, John Dixon, Corinne Dennis, Richard Gee, James Allison, Julie Wood, John Wicks, Brian Gleave, Paul Tomlinson, Mike Newbound (Newman), Steve Jarvis, Elise Mason, Andy Cunningham, Chris Burkett, Daniel Bascombe O'Brien, Paul Watson, Ron Jubb, David Jenkins, Mark Erlund, John Vize, Robert Tinkler, David Shutter, Harry and Barbara Mason, John and Marge Paulson, Mark Jefferies, Andrew Holman-west, Tim Jenkinson, Simon Abbott, Jack Buckenham, Ed Harding, John and Christele Askew, Dick Happs and Roger Graham.

Apologies were received from Gary Ferriman, Adrian Willis, Ray Stoward, Dave Cavell, Jim Duthie, Jamie Allen, Charles Baker, Steve Todd, Clive Butler, Anne Sandford and Kester Scrope.

1 Matters arising from the 2006 AGM

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2006 AGM. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Tom Cassells and seconded by Ben Ellis.

2 Chairmans Address

It is customary to start proceedings with an address by the Chairman and there is no reason why this year should be an exception.

2006 saw a somewhat re-jigged BAeA Committee, with Ben standing down after 7 years as Chairman. In taking over this mantle, I passed on the baton of Head of Contest Organisation to Steve Green and I am sure that all of you here today appreciate the tremendous amount of time and new energy Steve has brought to the job. To Steve I would like to offer my personal thanks and I'm sure you'd all join me in that.

Stability has been assured during this change-over by the continuation in their established positions of Nick, Jen, Martin, Anne, Eric and others. These people give generously of their time and bring enormous competence to everything they do on behalf of the Association. We owe them, too, a great debt of gratitude.

In general terms the Association in 2006 worked much along traditional lines, but we set in motion some initiatives which we will enlarge in 2007

and which we hope will continue to bring the sport aerobatics to a wider audience.

We will have more Classic events this year, and more Beginners' events, including one aimed specifically at qualified aerobatic instructors.

We have been very pleased to accept invitations from some new host airfields for 2007: Dunkeswell, Shobdon and Wellesbourne Mountford. As a result we have planned a more active season for this year than ever before.

This is ambitious, and there is a risk that with such expansion we will bite off more than we can chew. This is my main concern: that we will provide more activities but in the process that we will totally overwork and exhaust the patience of those volunteers at the core of the organisation.

Therefore, I am making an appeal now, to all flying members of the Association, to ask that you look at how you might help behind the scenes on occasion in addition to the times that you enter as a competitor. The Association can only be successful in proportion to the enthusiasm and contribution of its members. So I ask you all to try to do just that little bit more in 2007.

You all have access to the principal committee members charged with overseeing different areas of the Association's activities. If you feel able to help at all in any of the support areas you see others filling, please get in touch. Don't put it off. There is a lot of satisfaction to be had from being part of a great organising team, as well as from being a brilliant individual competitor.

My first law of management is that committees never do anything. Only individuals actually do things. So instead of thinking of the Committee as 'them', I want you to think of the Association as 'us'. Then you can also play a part in shaping the way we develop as a mutually supportive group. We want your ideas, and we want your hands, feet and brains as well.

The top end of the sport has been greatly affected, nationally and internationally, over the last two seasons by the grounding of the CAP 230-series aircraft. The coming season should see things get busier in Unlimited, and I know we are all looking forward to that.

We are also seeing a lot of new, talented pilots training for Advanced this summer and I have a sense that we will see some new starts of the future among them.

What we need to keep this going, is, as always, a fresh supply of new faces entering at the lower levels of the sport. The Association, formally, is putting a lot of effort in this field, and I would urge all long-standing members to do as much as they can, personally, to encourage new blood to enter the sport. With this effort, I am sure we can flourish.

3 Financial Report for 2006

Martin Sandford reported on the BAeA's finances in Anne's absence. In 2006 the revenue had been increased, and so had the costs, but the association ended the year with a healthy balance.

- The BAeA operated profitably in 2006
 - Income £31K
 - Expenditure £25K
 - Profit £6K

- Income rose by £3.5K compared to 2005
 - Subscriptions up by £1K
 - Competition fees up by £1K
 - LOOP Sponsorship £1.5K (£2K by end of calendar year)

- Expenditure was significantly higher than in 2005 (£10K more) but this was in line with the planned budget and reflected the increased activity of the BAeA in 2006.

- Cash reserves are higher than expected at £31K, because many of the grants and equipment costs budgeted were not spent

- Core operating costs associated with running the central activities of the BAeA are still controlled and on budget

- Competition Expenses rose significantly:
 - From £5K in 2005 to £11.5K in 2006
 - 2006 costs included:

• UK Expenses	£5K
• Judges Tabs	£1.5K
• International Fees & Travel	£1K (est)
• International Judges Expenses	£1K
• Medals & Trophies	£0.5K
• Sywell Costs	£2K

- Membership numbers were slightly up compared to 2005

- Competition entries rose, with greater activity at Intermediate and Advanced levels in 2006

- 2007 must focus on bringing in new members and encouraging expansion of Standard Level
- Significant cash reserves are available for development projects in 2007

Although equipment purchases deferred in 2006 they will be made in the first quarter 2007

Simon Abbott had previously checked the accounts, but in October Charles Baker undertook the task.

Formal approval of the 2006 accounts was proposed by Ben Ellis and seconded by Ian Scott. Anne Sandford had indicated that she was willing to continue as Treasurer for a further year.

4 Election of Officers

Directors in 2006	Appointed Members
Alan Cassidy	Jen Buckenham
Steve Green	Gerald Cooper
Nick Buckenham	Ben Ellis
Chris Cain	Simon Janvrin
Tom Cassells	Judi Jones
David Cowden	Julian Murfitt
Eric Marsh	Anne Sandford
Martin Sandford	Nick Wakefield
Ian Scott	

Standing for re-election :	Nick Buckenham
	Alan Cassidy
	Eric Marsh

The following Directors were due to retire from the committee: Eric Marsh, Nick Buckenham and Alan Cassidy; all had indicated their willingness to remain as Directors of the BAEA and nominations had been received. In addition a nomination had been received for Phil Atley.

The candidates were asked to leave the meeting whilst the voting took place. Chris Cain elected to stand down as a Director and all four candidates were appointed directors of the BAeA.

The Committee for 2007 will be:

Directors	Appointed Members
Alan Cassidy	Jen Buckenham
Steve Green	Chris Cain
Nick Buckenham	Gerald Cooper

Tom Cassells
David Cowden
Eric Marsh
Martin Sandford
Ian Scott
Phil Atley

Ben Ellis
Simon Janvrin
Judi Jones
Julian Murfitt
Anne Sandford
Nick Wakefield

During a short recess there was a discussion by the committee members during which Alan Cassidy was asked to remain as Chairman for 2007.

5 Proposed Budget for 2007

Steve Green presented his budget proposals for the coming year.

Loop magazine are to continue their sponsorship of the BAeA for a further year, the money available to the BAeA will be £2000 as in 2006. They have valuable contacts which could lead to further sponsorship; they hope to raise £10K for the BAeA in the coming year.

Income 2007

- No change in membership fees
- No major changes in contest entry fees
 - Some new entry fees set for the 'new' events (Classic, Loop and Instructors seminar)
 - Small changes in some entry fees
- LOOP sponsorship of £2K

Expenditure

Core Costs

- Competition expenses increased by 20% for 2007 to reflect increased events and higher level of support needed.
- £1K allowed for costs of the judging school and Instructors seminar.
- 10% rise in the cost of the BAeA's insurance is anticipated.

Bursaries

Will be awarded using the same structure as 2006 – 14 in total at an anticipated cost of £2750

International Teams

- International Teams support -£3K
- International Judges, Officials - £1.5K

Equipment:

- Box markers £2,000 (max)
- Radios £500
- Laptop & printer £750

Trophies:	
Reproduction Trophies (Neil Williams * 10)	£1500
• Medals	£500

Publicity Materials:	
• BAeA DVD	£800
• BAeA Publicity Booklet	£500
• BAeA Contest Information Posters	£700

2007 Budget Summary

Income:	
• Total Income	£30K

Expenditure	
• Core running costs	£25K
• Development expenses	£17K

	£42K

- Budgeted loss of £12K for 2007
- Cash reserve at end of 2007 predicted to be:
 - Bad weather season £13K
 - Good weather season £19K

6 Event Calendar

Due to the increase in the number of events planned for 2007 members were asked to try to come to extra events to assist in the running of the competitions.

- 15 Conventional Competitions, including 3 new venues:
 - Wellesbourne Mountford
 - Dunkeswell
 - Shobdon
- 3 LOOP Beginners Days
 - Bodmin
 - Little Gransden
 - Sherburn
- 2 Classic Events
 - Leicester
 - Brighton

Power vs Glider Match

- A new type of competition based at Lasham

- A Team of Glider Pilots will fly against a team of Power Pilots
- Entry by invitation – based on results of the Nationals at all levels
- It is likely that the event will be sponsored – contributions towards costs paid
- High publicity
- Practice Day – Competition Day – Weather Contingency
- Dick Happs spoke of the keenness of Lasham and that of the potential sponsor to host this event. The sponsor is prepared to put a substantial amount of money towards running the event. He is also keen to mount cameras inside the aircraft cockpits so that the flights may be filmed. Mark Jefferies asked if the equipment to be used required certification. He was advised that it would not be necessary.

Training Events

- Judging School at White Waltham
- Glider Competition Familiarisation Course – Saltby
- Aerobatic Instructors' Seminar at Wellesbourne
 - Joint initiative with On-Track Aviation
 - Seminar with Alan
 - Training Day – including opportunities for instructors to experience flying high performance aeroplanes. Steve Green asked that members should try to attend this event as aircraft would be required to give participants the experience of aerobatic competition flight. People would also be required to give critique and comment on the flights.

UK Teams Events

- Teams Media Day – Conington
- Advanced Squad Training Camp – location to be decided

7 Selection & Management of UK Teams

Nick Buckenham talked about team selection and their training during the coming year. It was felt that the unlimited team would be fairly self-selecting and would probably comprise of:

- Tom Cassells
- Gerald Cooper
- Mark Jefferies
- Nick Onn
- Kester Scrope
- Val Rahmani

- Other pilots wishing to participate should put themselves forward for selection and results from Elvington 2007 will be used to finalise the selection

Advanced Power

- The BAeA is keen to encourage pilots to participate in Finland in 2007 and at other venues in future years. It was felt that fewer pilots would attend this event due to the distance to be transited.
- An Advanced Team Squad is being trialled this year
 - Advanced and high performing Intermediate pilots will be invited to the BAeA organised training camp. This would have the benefit of giving intermediate pilots a taste of advanced level flight and identify future team member. Nick felt that there are a group of talented intermediate pilots 'waiting in the wings'; including them in a training programme would have a longer term aim and focus.
 - Advanced Team Pilots – qualified by right, based on 2006 results:
 - Alan Cassidy
 - Gary Ferriman
- Other pilots who wish to be considered for the team should contact to Nick Buckenham, who is the advanced team manager.

Mark Jefferies offered the use of Little Gransden airfield on two mid-week days for advanced and unlimited training, provided that there was a designated 'trainer'

Unlimited Glider

- Pilots are not selected as yet
- Team Manager will be Sam Mummery

8 BAeA Contest Scoring System 2007

Nick Buckenham has written new software for the BAeA Contest Scoring System

- This new system will be used in 2007
- Results are calculated using the CIVIA Fair Play System
- Windows based system, not DOS any more!
- Totally revised contest management tools
- Detailed results, including individual pilot score sheets should be available on the website

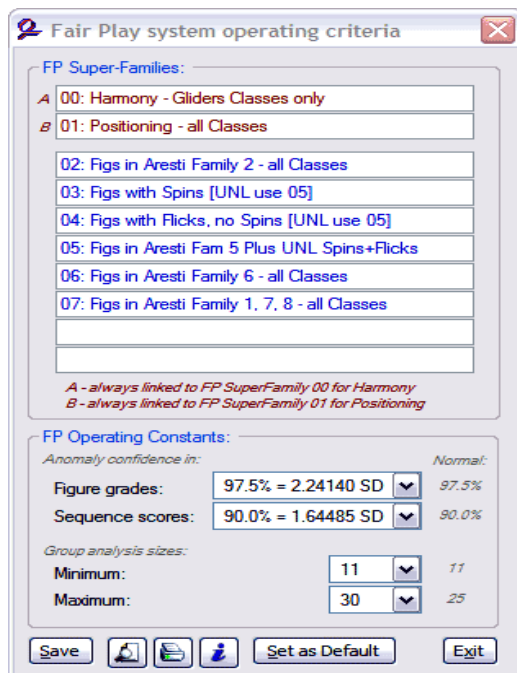
The Fair Play system:

- Gives equal importance to each Judge's marks.
- Replaces anomalous grades with statistically fitted values.
- Provides a more informative and "Open" view to Pilots of what has happened to their scores.
- Gives better feedback to the Chief Judge about the standard of scoring.
- And this time – it's in Windows, not DOS!

Treatment of Hard Zeros

- The awarding of Hard Zeros is decided for ALL Judges on the Judging Line.
- It is not a majority view any more, the CJ's sheet is the one that has the "**Confirmed HZ's**". Individual Judges' sheets that have HZ's in other positions or marks where the CJ has indicated a Confirmed HZ will be changed by Fair Play to accord with the Chief Judges view.
- The Chief Judge can be a "scoring" CJ or a "non-scoring" CJ. In either case, it is always the CJ's marks sheet that decides whether HZ's are applied or not.

Grouping of Figures for Fair Play analysis



- In Knowns and Unknowns Figures are sorted into Groups of similar K values before they are analysed.
- For Free sequences the figures are arranged into Groups of the same basic figure type – see left.
- This ensures that "Like" is compared with "Like" when the comparisons are made by the software, to determine whether each Judges mark is in keeping with his own and also all the other Judges' marks.

Raw Marks Check-Sheet

Chris Burkett Pitts S1-C G-BHSS

Standard - Power level - Standard Nationals 1st Known

British Junior Nationals 2006 at Peterborough Conington, 18-19th August 2006

Chief Judge: Alan Cassidy (scoring)

Judges: 1 - Alan Cassidy 2 - Steve Green 3 - Ian Scott

4 - Peter Macintosh 5 - Julie Wood 6 - Lynn Westnage

Fig No.	K Factor	CJ1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	Av'ge mark	Equiv. score
1	10	9.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.3	83.3
2	20	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.0	6.0	7.3	145.0
3	5	8.5	8.0	8.0	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	40.0
4	14	7.5	7.0	8.0	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.3	102.7
5	17	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.5	7.0	7.8	133.2
6	14	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.3	102.7
7	10	7.5	8.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.6	75.8
8	7	9.0	8.0	9.0	7.5	7.5	9.0	8.3	58.3
9	17	9.0	8.5	7.5	8.0	8.5	7.0	8.1	137.4
10	11	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	8.5	9.0	8.4	92.6
Fram	15	7.0	7.5	7.0	8.0	8.5	8.0	7.7	115.0

Penalties:	No.	Value	Deduct
Insertion	0	20	0.0
Too Low	0	50	0.0
Wing Rocks	0	15	0.0
Other Penalties	0	10	0.0
Total awarded:			0.0

Max. possible score: 1400.0

Raw equiv. score total: 1086.0

No penalties to subtract

Pre-FP score valuation: 77.6%



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Raw Marks Check Sheet

Available from the Scorer as soon as the Judges marks are entered.

Allows each Pilot to check that the Scorer has entered the Judges marks correctly.

This sheet shows ONLY the Raw Marks before any processing by Fair Play. The "Equivalent Score" is a simple approximation of the likely scores using the Raw Marks as a basis.

Processed Marks Check Sheet Shows the original marks and all the changes made by Fair Play to each Judges output. When ALL pilots have flown these sheets will also accurately show any changes made by Fair Play to the sequence score totals.

Processed Marks Check-Sheet

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1	10	9.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.333	83.330
		8.724	8.760	8.353	8.132	8.044	8.225	8.373	83.728
2	20	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.0	6.0	7.250	145.000
		7.742	7.799	7.918	7.613	6.380	5.679	7.188	143.768
3	5	8.5	8.0	8.0	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.000	40.000
		8.220	8.155	8.162	7.992	7.544	7.958	8.005	40.026
4	14	7.5	7.0	8.0	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.333	102.662
		7.017	6.800	8.725	7.316	7.902	6.703	7.410	103.745
5	17	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.5	7.0	7.833	133.161
		8.207	8.041	8.350	8.222	7.528	6.888	7.873	133.836
6	14	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.333	102.662
		7.199	7.731	7.765	7.266	6.063	7.299	7.220	101.086
7	10	7.5	8.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.583	75.830
		7.118	8.311	6.582	8.022	7.744	8.489	7.711	77.111
8	7	9.0	8.0	9.0	7.5	7.5	9.0	8.333	58.331
		8.651	8.205	8.986	8.287	7.815	8.362	8.384	58.691
9	17	9.0	8.5	7.5	8.0	8.5	7.0	8.083	137.411
		8.751	8.677	7.918	8.121	7.918	7.026	8.069	137.165
10	11	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	8.5	9.0	8.417	92.587
		8.547	8.575	8.243	7.714	8.422	9.222	8.454	92.995
Fram	15	7.0	7.5	7.0	8.0	8.5	8.0	7.667	115.005
		7.474	7.694	7.394	8.176	8.578	7.505	7.804	117.053

Judge averages: 8.273 8.000 7.636 7.636 7.818 7.636

7.968 8.068 8.036 7.896 7.631 7.578

Judge equiv. scores: 1122.278 1101.238 1025.633

1108.340 1120.430 1057.300

Equiv. processed score total: 1089.203

No penalties to subtract

Processed score valuation (max. poss 1400): 77.8%




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More informative Results Reports

Results: Standard Nationals 2006 - Known
 British Junior Nationals 2006 at Peterborough Conington, 18-19th August 2006
 Sequence: Standard Nationals 1st Known

Rank	Pilot	H/C	Aeroplane	Registration	Known #1	Totals	O/all %
1	Chris Burkett		Pitts S1-C	G-BHSS	1089.176	1089.176	77.80
2	Stephen Hipwell		Pitts S1-S	G-IITI	1067.828	1067.828	76.27
3	Charles Kimbell		Pitts S2-A	G-WREN	1057.679	1057.679	75.55
4	John Wicks		CAP-10C	G-CPXC	1047.266	1047.266	74.80
5	Oliver Elmer		Pitts S1-E	G-MAGG	1036.561	1036.561	74.04
6	Al Coutts		Pitts S-2A	G-PITZ	1035.565	1035.565	73.97
7	Mark Stewart		Extra-200	G-MRKI	1015.419	1015.419	72.53
8	David Slater		Pitts S1-T	G-BKPZ	999.901	999.901	71.42
9	Luke Czeplera		Pitts S2-A	G-WREN	983.751	983.751	70.27
10	Ed Harding		Pitts S-1S	G-MAXG	982.445	982.445	70.17
11	Elise Mason		Decathlon	G-ZZAP	979.284	979.284	69.95
12	Chris Waddington		Pitts S1-E	G-BOXV	968.114	968.114	69.15
13	Jack Willis		Extra-200	G-EEEE	964.885	964.885	68.92
14	Adrian Willis		Extra-200	G-EEEE	930.298	930.298	66.45
15	Simon Hampton		Pitts S1-S	G-MAXG	915.195	915.195	65.37
16	Andrew Barlow		Acrosport-2	G-VCIO	887.352	887.352	63.38
17	Randal Hockey		Pitts S1-S	G-MAXG	854.847	854.847	61.06
18	David Shutter		Pitts S1-D	G-LOOP	695.945	695.945	49.71
	Farrell McGee		Pitts S1-S	G-FARL			
	Paul O'Donnell		Extra-200	N-22JW			
	Jonathon Cooper		Yak-52	G-YAKH			


Contest Director: Nick Buckenham Contest Chief Judge: Alan Cassidy Scorer: Jen Buckenham
 Judges: Alan Cassidy Steve Green Ian Scott Peter Macintosh Julie Wood Lynn Westnage
 Judges Assistants:
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- H/C is now shown and ranked correctly.
- Contest officials, Judges and Assistants are all reported by name.
- On the BAeA web we intend to link a pop-up page of each Pilots Processed Marks Check Sheet to every sequence score, so everyone can see how other Pilots scored.

FairPlay system Judging Analysis Report
 Contest: British Junior Nationals 2006
 Venue: Peterborough Conington
 Contest date: 18-19th August 2006
 Sequence: Standard Nationals 1st Known
 Level: Standard - Power
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	CJ1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6
Discrimination Index	0.485	0.368	0.407	0.447	0.592	0.475
Ranking Index	0.136	0.173	0.160	0.247	0.210	0.284
Low Scoring Index	0.005	0.010	0.010	0.015	0.020	0.005
High Scoring Index	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.000	0.010	0.025
Sequence Anomaly Index	0.000	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.167
Hard Zero Index	0	3	0	2	1	2
Judge Performance Index	0.323	1.097	0.710	1.097	1.290	1.484

HZ Analysis:
 HZ reset to Confirmed Mark - 2 - - 2 - 1
 Mark reset to Confirmed HZ - - - - 1 -
 SZ reset to Confirmed HZ - 1 - - - 1
 AV reset to Confirmed HZ - - - - -

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Judge Performance Analysis Report

- Shows how each Judge's marks have compared with the other Judges, using a number of different viewpoints.

Mark Jefferies was concerned that the Fair Play system might 'fall over'. He was reassured that it might be the software that 'crashed', not the already tried system. Ben Ellis hoped that the programme would be as user friendly and bombproof as the current DOS based programme. Graham Hill stated that the programme had the additional benefit of being a training aid for judges.

9 Royal Aero Club matters

Ben Ellis spoke about his role as RAeC and Gasco delegate:

I attend meetings of the Royal Aero Club on your behalf. The main driver for our continuing membership is the requirement by the body governing international competition aerobatics, CIVA (a part of the FAI) that we belong to our National Aero Club. This applies to all aviation sports, so the balloonists, parachutists, glider, hang-glider, micro light and model pilots – in fact anyone who wants to compete internationally in the air - all have to belong.

The traditions of the RAeC span over a century and one major aspect of our activity is the Medals & Awards made annually – but more of that in a moment.

Despite the varied nature of the sports represented, there are many common problems facing us, from increased regulation and charging both in the UK and Europe to potential loss of flying sites and increases in taxation. Lately, the RAeC is doing much to bring together people capable of engaging with our regulators and legislators to fend off these attacks and ensure we get the best possible deal. 2 such are David Roberts who comes from the British Gliding Association and Roger Hopkinson, from the Popular Flying Association. Roger is also the driving force behind the GA Alliance and in my view has done more than any other single individual to advance our cause and help protect our future in the UK. We welcomed Roger to the ranks of the RAeC Council and I hope he has benefited from the support we have been able to give him. Likewise, David Roberts is very active in Europe AirSports which is the main European sporting aviation lobby group which has direct access to EASA. So, if you were to ask me what the purpose of the RAeC is today then I would say that it is to be an effective force to protect the interests of British sporting aviation.

Now, I mentioned the Medals & Awards. I also have a seat on the M&A committee that dishes out these things every year to the Great and the Good. Sometimes the wrangling that goes on and the ebb and flow of argument about who is deserving of which award is very tiring but I'm pleased to say that there was overwhelming support for our submission

for the 'old and bold' award this year, our very own Harry Mason. I do hope that some of you will be able to join us at the ceremony this year. In addition to Harry, you'll get the opportunity to hear some truly heroic stories that are deserving of a wider audience, but sadly, unless sport is about one of the mainstream televised activities, you probably haven't heard of any of it.

GASCo

Practically every UK aviation organisation is represented on the General Aviation Safety Council, including ourselves. Our ability to lobby effectively is hamstrung by our terms of reference which clearly state that comment should be made ONLY on a safety case, no an economic or utility basis. In addition, 50% of GASCo's funding comes from the CAA and they naturally don't want to pay people to object to their activities. My current involvement, apart from attending the regular meetings is to attend a CAA airspace forum on GASCo's behalf.

10 BAeF Progress Update & Fundraising

David Cowden reported on the progress made within the BAeF (British Aerobatic foundation). There had been 32 applicants for the scholarship; this was eventually short listed to 5 pilots with the final two pilots being awarded the scholarship.

2006/2007 Scholarship Winners

David Taudevin

Age 21, David expects to graduate from the University of Sheffield this summer with an honours degree in international politics. He is due to enter the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst in September, with the ultimate aim of becoming a military pilot with the Army Air Corps. David currently works as a ground crewman with Ultimate High Academy at Kemble. Among his other interests he lists mountaineering, sailing, athletics, classic cars and debating.

Jon Gowdy

Age 22, Jon is employed as a staff pilot for the Air Atlantique Classic Flight based at Coventry. In this role he gets to fly such aircraft as the DC-3, Twin Pioneer, Dragon Rapide, Percival Prentice, Pembroke and the DH Dove: in connection with which, Jon holds a Formation Display Authority.

Jon is also a line training captain with Air Atlantique, flying the reconnaissance aircraft engaged in maritime pollution surveillance and mapping operations.

He is a member of the Southdown Gliding Club where he flies gliders and tug aircraft.

The Scholarship entitles the pilots to 50 hours aerobatic training over the next two years. This training will be strict and stringent; if a pilot is found to be failing he will lose the training. The winners are seen as the next generation of aerobatic pilots and they are perceived as good ambassadors for the sport. Their training will be a fast-track to enter at intermediate level.

The programme will be advertised in February for the 2007 scholarship, it is hoped to support the training of one pilot each year for the next four years.

David had circulated a letter to the members before Christmas asking them to consider fund raising to support the British aerobatic teams. Aerobatics is not seen as the medium for lottery funding.

It was suggested that if each member was able to raise £500 each this would have an enormous impetus to a training programme for advanced and unlimited team members. Eric Marsh asked if it was fair to ask members to contribute to what is essentially a 'rich mans sport. Tom Cassells reminded the members that the BAeA had originally been formed to support team members entering international events. It was also asked if the BAeF money could have been spent to support international teams. The meeting was assured that the finances of the BAeA and the BAeF were completely separate.

It was suggested that members might add a donation when renewing their membership.

11 Training Bursary Recipients 2007 - Power

Standard – 5 pilots

- **Ed Harding**
- **Stephen Hipwell**
- **John Wicks**
- **Adrian Willis**
- Farrell McGee
- Simon Hampton
- Oliver Elmer
- David Slater

Intermediate – 3 pilots

- **Paul Tomlinson**
- **Luke Goddard**
- **Mark Davies**
- David Jenkins
- Stephen Madle
- David Cowden
- Neil Bigrigg
- Simon Janvrin

Advanced – 1 pilot

- **Gary Ferriman**
- Cas Smith
- Julian Murfitt
- Ron Allan
- Dave Kaberry
- Corinne Dennis
- Rob Howarth
- Tim Jenkinson

Training Bursary Recipients 2007 - Glider

Sports – 2 pilots

- **Charles Baker**
- **Brian Griffin**
- Ron Jubb
- Brendan O'Brian

Intermediate – 1 pilot

- **Paul Watson**
- Graham Saw
- Patrick Greer
- Mike Newbound

Training Bursaries of £250 are awarded to pilots based on their performance in the points trophy tables. To be eligible pilots must commit to move up a level in the following season. Bursaries are paid at the end of the season.

12 Review of 2006 Season and Award of Trophies

Was it a good summer? Judging by the increase over last year in the percentage of planned sequences flown, up from 76% to 81% for power in the UK, it was. What is even more striking is that this happened whilst the number of planned sequences was raised by 35% and the number actually flown rose by 43% compared with 2005. It was a good year to be flying at Advanced in powered aircraft (88% of planned sequences flown) and an astounding year for gliders (100%); indeed, at Intermediate, more sequences than planned were flown! For powered aircraft, the number of countable sequences for the cross-level tables was driven by Standard (80% of 12, rounded down = 9) whilst that to count at Intermediate and Advanced was 12. The details are set out below. All the statistics in this review exclude the Classic Aircraft and YAK 52 events.

During the season 29 pilots competed at least once at Standard (compared with 33 in 2005, 37 in 2004, 34 in 2003 and 44 in 2002), 19 (2005-16, 2004-15, 2003-20, 2002-23) at Intermediate, 18 (16-2005, 2004-

14, 2003-20, 2002-18) at Advanced and 5 (2005-5, 2004-7, 2003-6, 2002-5) at Unlimited. Eliminating duplication from those that flew at more than level, and those that flew only at Waterford, the aggregate number of competition pilots active in the UK amounts to 66 (2005-67, 2004-66, 2003-75, 2002-85).

Power - Total Sequences including Waterford

	Sequences	Sequences	Percentage
	Planned	Flown	Flown
Standard	17	13	76%
Standard Unknowns	11	8	73%
Intermediate	20	16	80%
Advanced	19	16	84%
Unlimited	12	8	67%
Total	<u>68</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>78%</u>

Power - Total Sequences excluding Waterford

	Sequences	Sequences	Percentage	Countable
	Planned	Flown	Flown	Sequences
Standard	15	12	80%	9
Standard Unknowns	10	7	70%	5
Intermediate	18	15	83%	12
Advanced	17	15	88%	12
Unlimited	12	8	67%	
Total	<u>62</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>81%</u>	

Gliders

	Sequences	Sequences	Percentage
	Planned	Flown	Flown
Sportsman	6	5	83%
Intermediate	6	7	117%
Unlimited	8	8	100%
Total	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>100%</u>

Looking at the results themselves, the Tiger Club Trophy went to Ed Harding with 258 points out of a possible 270; Stephen Hipwell was 2nd on 241 with the venerable John Wicks (who won the Tiger Trophy) 3rd with 240. Ed Harding also won the Marcus Norman Trophy for Standard Unknowns with 147 out of a possible 150 with the apparent tie for 2nd between John Wicks and Stephen Hipwell on 139 being broken by the former's higher raw score. Paul Tomlinson (winner of both the Tiger Club and Marcus Norman trophies last year) took the Swinstead Trophy for Intermediate pilots with 341 out of a possible 360 leaving Luke

Goddard 2nd on 336 and Mark Davies 3rd on 330. Gary Ferriman chalked up his third successive Manx Kelly victory at Advanced with 358 points out of a possible 360; Cas Smith was 2nd on 340 with Julian Murfitt 3rd on 333.

Two of the 'type' trophies were won by the only person to fly in that type in competition this year; Trevor Bailey in a Cessna Aerobat and John Wicks in a CAP 10 to take the Golden Frog. No-one flew a Slingsby in competition this year.

As ever, and particularly with the large number of sequences flown this year giving 9 sequences to count, the competition for the Pitts trophy was intense. Luke Goddard came out on top with 265 out of a possible 270 points, with Cas Smith 2nd on 259 and with Paul Tomlinson 3rd on 258 equal to the adjusted points achieved by Ed Harding, but with a higher "raw score" total. Possibly partially because of the absence of CAP's for this season, 24 pilots flew an Extra this season. Gary Ferriman came out on top with a "perfect" 270 closely followed by Mark Jefferies on 269 and with LME, Corinne Dennis, on 231. YAK's were flown by 5 pilots, but none flew more than 7 sequences, leaving Andrew Holman-West the winner on 143, Simon Cattlin 2nd on 80 and David Cavell 3rd on 77. I have yet to ask Diana Britten if she believes Elise Mason should be awarded the Diana Britten Graduate Trophy. Elise had an average score of 62.1% at Standard compared with 50.5% achieved by Corinne Dennis after stepping up to Advanced

With up to 8 sequences to count, the result for the chaps who do it without attached engines were very close. The winner was Steve Jarvis with an average of 29.25% followed by Paul Watson on 28.57% and Guy Westgate on 28.50%

Any changes to the rules for next season? Some clarification to make it explicit what happens when a "cut" is imposed before all scheduled sequences have been flown would be sensible; I "ruled" that all scheduled sequences flown count, but some pilots were not happy with this. It would also be sensible to make it explicit that scores from single type events (such as the YAK 52 event) and "specials" such as the Classic Aircraft Event, will not count in the points tables. Otherwise, I believe the system is working well! Anybody differ?

Trophy Winners for 2006

Contest Director of the year	Nick Buckenham
Judge of the Year	Steve Todd
Tiger Club International Trophy	Ed Harding
Intermediate Points Trophy	Paul Tomlinson
Advanced Points Trophy	Gary Ferriman

Glider Points Trophy
 Cessna Aerobat Trophy
 Pitts Trophy
 Shaggy Cow Trophy
 Chipmunk Trophy
 Golden Frog Trophy
 Extra Aviation Trophy
 Diana Britten Trophy

Steve Jarvis
 Trevor Bailey
 Luke Goddard
 Andrew Holman-West
 Clive Hughes
 John Wicks
 Gary Ferriman
 Elise Mason

Harry Mason

Royal Aero Club “Old & Bold” Trophy Winner 2007



Nick Onn

Highest Placed British Pilot at Unlimited
 International Competition in 2006
 Winner of the Len Perry Memorial Trophy
 16th Overall in the European Aerobatic Championships 2006



13 Any Other Business

- David Jenkins thanked the committee for all their work during the past year.
- Nick Onn asked if the unknown sequences would be pre-selected or pilots own design. Steve Green responded that this had been done in 2006 as there were fewer than normal unlimited pilots competing. If there are sufficient pilots it should not be necessary to do so this year.
- Mark Jefferies suggested that a Corporate Event could be included in the competition format to raise funds. Loop has promised to pursue this.
- Some delays have been noted in postings to the UK aerobatics exploder; Yahoo are investigating this problem.
- It was suggested that flour of chalk could be used for box-markers.
- There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 13.40.

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