

Report of the BAeA 34th AGM held at Staverton Park Hotel, on January 17th 2009

Amongst those attending were; Alan Cassidy, Nick Buckenham, John Wicks, Eric Marsh, Ben Ellis, Rachel Worth, Steve Green, Phil Atley, Julie Wood, Ian Scott, Jen Buckenham, Ray Stoward, David Cowden, Graham Hill, Simon Johnson, Judi Jones, Dick Happs, Richard Buchan, Lynne Westnage, Howard Fawkes, Ronnie Fawkes, John Calverley, Belinda Dutton, Phil O'Donoghue, Andrew Barlow, David Jenkins, Jenny Burgess, Phil Burgess, Richard Gee, Andy Leitch, Richard Jones, Ben Thompson, Steve Kirton, Alex Smith, Bernie Rafferty, Alan Newton, Ray Stoward, Charles Baker, Emily Todd, Denis Woodhams, Caroline Bois, Angela Cassidy, Andy Cunningham, Clive Butler, Gary Ferriman, Mike Newman, Ed Harding, Stephen Madle, Randal Hockey, Deborah Brown, Nick Onn, Simon Barnard and Annabelle Burroughes,

Apologies had been received from: Graham Saw, Dave Kaberry, Peter Rounce, Chris Burkett, Luke Goddard, Adrian Willis, Charles Lister, Cindy Copsey, Chris Cain, Corinne Dennis, Cas Smith, Julian Murfitt, Nick Wakefield, John Vize, Gerald Cooper, Bob Oliver and Tom Cassells

1 2008 AGM Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2008 AGM.

Andy Leitch proposed their approval, Mike Newman seconded this proposal.

2 Chairman's Review of 2008

Alan Cassidy said the highlight of the year for him was the team of pilots sent to AWAC in Oregon. The team performed extremely well and achieved 3rd place overall.

Team members were Julian Murfitt (8th), Stephen Madle (11th), Alan Cassidy (16th), Paul Tomlinson (20th), Nick Richards (21st), Ron Allan (24th) and Cas Smith (28th). Steve Green was their team manager, Nick Buckenham combined the duties of trainer, for some of the pilots and CIVA appointed judge.

The Unlimited team sent to the Czech Republic included Tom Cassells (10th), Gerald Cooper (15th) and Nick Onn (24th). Steve Green was again team manager assisted by David Cowden. The team was just 0.4% below the third placed Spanish team. The British Aerobatic Foundation financed the training and the support of the unlimited team which resulted in an excellent performance at this event and provides a strong foundation for the future. Alan expressed the team's gratitude to Eric Vazelle and David Cowden for their tremendous support. Graham Hill was Chief Judge at this event assisted by Nick Buckenham.

Attending EGAC in Radom, Poland were Paul Conran (33rd) and Mike Newman (35th) Lionel Sole was their team manager. Dick Happs and Judi Jones attended as the judging team. Financial support for the team was provided by the BAeA.

Graham Saw attended the first Glider Advanced Aerobatic Championship in Germany. He achieved 4th place out of around 25 competitors, only 0.2% below the 3rd placed pilot!

Sequences Flown in 2008

POWER	Planned	Flown	% Flown	To Count
Standard	18	18	100%	14
Std UK	11	12	109%	9
Intermediate	21	19	90%	15
Advanced	21	16	76%	12
Unlimited	15	7	47%	

Total (Excl unl.)	60	53	88%
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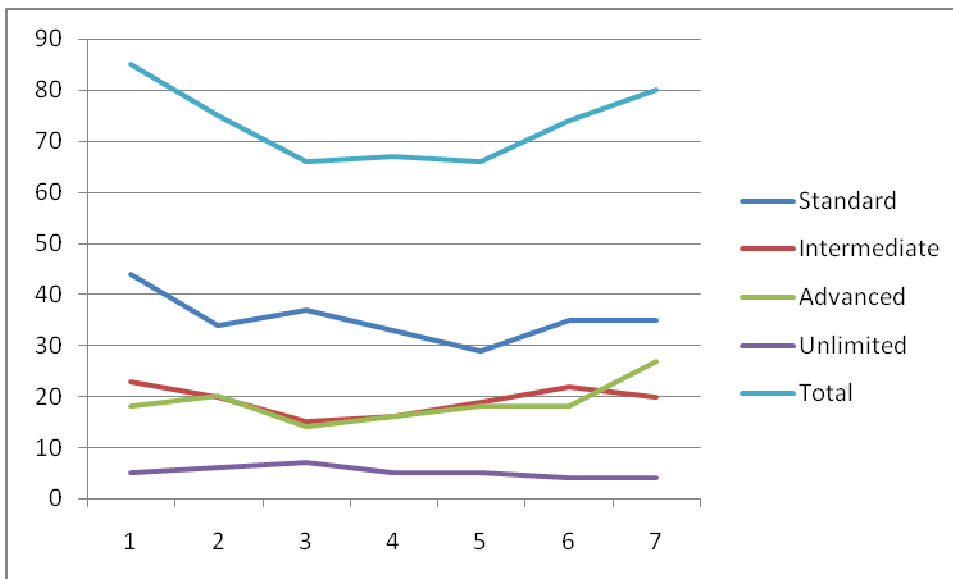
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Sportsman	8	4	50%
Intermediate	6	3	50%
Advanced	6	3	50%
Unlimited	6	4	67%
Total	26	14	54%

The number of pilots flying in each Power category is set out in tabular form below:

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Standard	44	34	37	33	29	35	35
Intermediate	23	20	15	16	19	22	20
Advanced	18	20	14	16	18	18	27
Unlimited	5	6	7	5	5	4	4
Total	85	75	66	67	66	74	80

And in graphical form:



Whilst the total number is almost back to the best recent year (80, compared with 85 in 2002), the most striking features are the number of Advanced pilots we now have, overtaking the number of Intermediate pilots. This has good portents for increasing the field at Unlimited in the next few years, while increases in participation at Beginners events will continue to supply newcomers to the sport.

There is a significant increase in the number of glider pilots competing.

3 Financial Reports for 2008

- The BAeA operated profitably in 2008
 - Income £39K

- Expenditure £35K
 - Profit £4K
 - Cash Reserve £39K
- Income rose by £5K compared to 2007
 - Mainly from increased Competition Entry Fees
 - Subscription Income similar to 2007
 - LOOP Sponsorship remained at £2K
 - Core operating costs (£24K) higher than 2007 but within budget
 - Expenses claims rose due to increased activity
 - £11K spent on BAeA development initiatives (Bursaries, Team Support, equipment)
 - Membership numbers were slightly up compared to 2007: 212 members, of whom 175 are either Full or Glider members
 - Number of Glider Members is growing (43 members, of whom 33 were Full Glider)
 - Competition entries were high in 2008 across all categories
 - The Beginners and LOOP events continue to bring people into the sport
 - 64 entrants to Beginners events
 - 40 entrants to LOOP events
 - Significant cash reserves are available for development projects in 2009

4 Election of BAeA Officers'

BAeA Directors in 2008

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| • Phil Atley* | Contest Logistics |
| • Jen Buckenham* | Membership Secretary |
| • Nick Buckenham* | Web, Scoring |
| • Tom Cassells* | British Unlimited Team liaison |
| • Alan Cassidy* | Chairman |
| • David Cowden* | Company Secretary & BAeF |
| • Steve Green* | Contest Organisation |
| • Eric Marsh* | Trophies |
| • Ian Scott* | Judging Co-ordination |

Other Committee Members

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| • Charles Baker | Glider Judging |
| • Gerald Cooper | Technical & Engineering |
| • Ben Ellis | Royal Aero Club/ GASCO |
| • Judi Jones | Glider Representative |
| • Julian Murfitt | CIB |
| • Martin Sandford | Points Tabulation |
| • Nick Wakefield | Sequences & Training |
| • Rachel Worth | Treasurer |

Vacancies: The following were appointed following the 2008 AGM

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| • John Dixon | Entry Level Training |
| • Vacant | Publicity |

- Graham Hill Judging (International & WAC)

The following directors, having served for a three year period, were due to retire from the committee: Ian Scott, Alan Cassidy and David Cowden. All candidates had expressed their willingness to remain as Directors of the BAeA. Nominations had been received for all three directors, there were no new candidates nominated. The members approved their appointment as Directors.

Following the resignation of Martin Sandford, Ian Scott has taken responsibility for the annual point's league tabulations.

Alan Cassidy agreed to remain as Chairman for a further year.

Directors for 2009

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- Jen Buckenham* Membership Secretary
- Nick Buckenham* Web, Scoring
- Tom Cassells* British Unlimited Team liaison
- Alan Cassidy* Chairman
- David Cowden* Company Secretary & BAeF
- Steve Green* Contest Organisation
- Eric Marsh* Trophies
- Ian Scott* Judging Co-ordination and Points Tables

5 Proposed Budget for 2009

Total Income of £32K budgeted

- No change in membership fees
- No change in contest entry fees (£45 per contest)
- LOOP Sponsorship £2K anticipated

Core Operating Costs: £29K

- 10% increase in Core Operating Costs budgeted
- No ANR expected to be produced in 2009
- £2.2K allowed for production of Neil Williams Replica trophies and an Advanced Glider Trophy

Development/Optional Expenditure: £<17K

- £2K Training Bursaries
- £3.5K Support to Team Pilots (Power and Glider)
- £6.5K to send Team Managers, Trainers and Judges to International contests
- £1.5K Elvington Development (Test Event for WAC)
- £3K For Members' Facilities at Silverstone

2009 Budget Summary

Income:

- Total Income £32K

Expenditure

- Core running costs £29K

- Development expenses £17K

 £46K
- Budgeted loss of £14K for 2009
- Cash reserve at end of 2009 estimated to be:
 - Bad weather season £20K
 - Good weather season £25K

Mazda Sponsorship

Discussions are taking place regarding Mazda's sponsorship of the BAeA. It will possibly be for a three year period and is intended to benefit power aerobatics from the grass roots upwards. If Mazda invests in the BAeA it is proposed that this income should be disbursed at the following areas:

Mazda Scholarships – A Good Start

Awarded to young pilots who show aptitude and determination to reach the top

Mazda Bursaries - Progression

Awarded to consistently good pilots to help them move to the next level

Team Mazda UK – Towards the Top

Awarded to team members to help in training to achieve medals

Mazda British National Aerobatic Championships

Champions' Rewards

To reward success at all levels in the domestic arena

Sponsorship by Mazda would allow the release of additional BAeA funds to provide to more support for Glider aerobatics.

6 Calendar of Events 2009

Amongst the events planned for 2009 are:

- 3 LOOP Beginners Days
 Brighton, Leicester, Little Gransden
- Instructor's Seminar at Wellesbourne
- Glider Training Camp (Bicester)
- Glider Competition Preparation Course (Saltby)

There are slightly fewer events this year owing to the World Aerobatic Championships to be held at Silverstone in August.

The Dan Smith Glider event at Dunstable has reverted to its' original format, not as published in the CIB.

7 Glider Intermediate and Advanced Categories

- Advanced: now a CIVA category with the first International competition in 2010.

- Fully adopted by BAeA although we await confirmation of an agreed advanced repertoire.
- National Advanced championship is now planned as 6 sequences, as per CIVA.
- *Intermediate*: K21 now minimum aircraft.
- New slimmed-down repertoire within the supplementary rules for gliders.
- The aim is to make Intermediate more accessible, now that Advanced is an additional stepping stone towards Unlimited.

8 UK teams for 2009

Unlimited Team, WAC Silverstone

- Pilots available and selected for WAC 2009 based on their performance at EAC 2008:
- Tom Cassells, Gerald Cooper, Nick Onn
- Other pilots wishing to participate will be invited to a training camp with Eric Vazeille at the end of March where they will have to fly the Known and an Unknown sequence.
- A selection panel will then make the final selections to the team, to make a total of up to 6 pilots.
- There is the opportunity for one pilot to attend WAC as a warm-up pilot
- David Cowden will be Team Manager, assisted by Peter Rounce

World Air Games, Turin

- The UK was chosen as one of 7 non-host countries awarded a place at WAG for a power aerobatic pilot. This was based on UK pilots' performance at recent international unlimited events.
- The opportunity to represent the UK at the World Air Games in Turin was offered to the leading power pilots from the 2008 European Championship
- Consequently, Gerald Cooper is our primary candidate, while Tom Cassells will be keeping an eye on the required programmes and will take over if Gerald or his aeroplane becomes indisposed.
- Alan Cassidy will be part of the International Jury.

Advanced Team, EAAC Radom, Poland

Pilots available and selected for AEAC to date:

- Simon Abbott
- Richard Buchan
- Adrian Howe
- Simon Johnson
- Nick Richards
- Cas Smith
- Paul Tomlinson
- Results from 2008 and Sandtoft or Elvington 2009 (if needed) will be used to finalise the selection of pilots to fill the remaining place.
- Eric Marsh will be Team Manager

Unlimited Glider WGAC

The 2009 WGAC planned for Chambley in France has been cancelled. CIVA has asked for another country to step up at short notice to host the event. There is a possibility that this may be in Poland. If so, BAeA representation is planned as for last year, that is:
Pilots: Paul Conran, Mike Newman, Team Manager: Lionel Sole

9 Bursaries for 2009

Training Bursary Recipients – Power

5 Standard

- *Phil Burgess*
- *Andrew Barlow*
- *David Kean*
- *John Wicks*
- *Peter Rounce*
- *Phil O'Donoghue*

3 Intermediate

- *David Jenkins*
- *Brian McCartney*
- *Adrian Willis*
- *Randal Hockey*
- *Stephen Hipwell*
- *David Cowden*

1 Advanced

- *Gary Ferriman*
- *Ron Allan*
- *Cas Smith*
- *Simon Abbott*
- *Julian Murfitt*

Training Bursary Recipients - Glider

3 Sports

David Gibbs
Steven Hardy
Gary Nuttall
Mark Erlund
Matt Plumridge

2 Intermediate

Brendan O'Brien
Patrick Greer
Ron Jubb

1 Advanced

Graham Saw
Paul Barker
Chris Cain

Training Bursaries of £250 are awarded to pilots based on their performance in the point's 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.

9 Annual Trophy Awards

Review of the 2008 Season

To the non-flyer, the season may have seemed nearly as bad as 2007 but to all but the Glider folk it was actually, in aerobatic competition terms, better than last year. Excluding Unlimited (where other factors than the weather led to sequences not being flown), we actually flew 88% of the planned sequences (against 73% last year), with Standard flying 100% and presenting one statistical anomaly (109%) in flying one more unknown than in the CIB. Wickenby was washed out for the Advanced Nationals, but an extra sequence was flown at Sherburn in partial compensation to yield 76% of the planned sequences flown. Intermediate did nearly as well as Standard with 90%. The Unlimited pilots who turned up flew very well, but many were shy and didn't venture out at all this year. The complete washout of the Saltby Open meant that most of the glider pilots only flew half of the season's planned sequences. The details are set out below.

Trophy Results

The Tiger Club Trophy for Standard level pilots was won by Phil Burgess with 399 out of a possible 420 points, followed by Andrew Barlow on 392 and David Kean on 370. Phil Burgess also won the Marcus Norman with 260 points from a possible 270 followed again by Andrew Barlow on 254 and David Kean on 228. David Jenkins, having finished 3rd last year, took the Swinstead Trophy for Intermediate pilots this year by a country mile with 445

out of a possible 450 points, followed by Brian McCartney on 379 and Adrian Willis on 366; David also scored the highest total number of points this season with 553! It was back to "business as usual" in the Manx Kelly Trophy for Advanced pilots with Gary Ferriman regaining supremacy with 335 points from a possible 360, followed by Ron Allan on 319 and Alan Cassidy (who very sportingly only flew 11 sequences with 12 to count) on 295.

The competition for the Pitts trophy was as intense as ever with 34 pilots eligible this year. This year the first two places went to Standard pilots with Phil Burgess scoring 347 out of a possible 360 followed by Andrew Barlow on 340 and Brian McCartney (Intermediate) third with 331. Few CAP's flew enough sequences to have discards and the winner of the Golden Frog had none; Phil O'Donoghue came out on top with 310, followed by John Wicks on 303 and Richard Buchan on 250 out of a possible 360. Given his performance in the Manx Kelly, it was unsurprising that Gary Ferriman deservedly regained the Extra Trophy with 335 points from a possible 360 followed by Adrian Willis on 317 and Randall Hockey on 283 (counting 2 fewer sequences, since he only flew at Duxford, Compton Abbas, Bodmin & the Junior Nationals). Sequences flown in YAK's were sparse again this year but the Shaggy Cow Trophy was won by John Calverley with 250 points ahead of Andrew Holman-West on 162 and Simon Cattlin on 137. It was good to see both healthy competition in the Slingsby Trophy and one being campaigned at Intermediate. The end result was a win for Steve Kirton on 224 points with Andy Leitch on 218 and Richard Jones on 209, all out of a possible 360. Unfortunately, no-one flew a Cessna in competition this year so that trophy is not awarded. Annabelle Burroughes scored an average of 67.51% to take the Diana Britten Trophy from Corinne Dennis on 58.40%.

The Glider Trophy was won by Mike Newman flying Unlimited with an average of 29.25% followed by Brendan O'Brien (Intermediate) on 29.00% and Graham Saw (last year's winner flying Intermediate but now flying Advanced) on 28.00%. As noted above, due to the washout of the Saltby Open, all levels only flew 4 sequences. Also of note is that this was the first season where there was an Advanced level between Intermediate and Unlimited.

Trophy Winners for 2008

Contest Director of the year	Nick Buckenham
Judge of the Year	Steve Todd
Tiger Club International Trophy	Phil Burgess
Marcus Norman Trophy	Phil Burgess
Swinstead Trophy	David Jenkins
Manx Kelly Trophy	Gary Ferriman
Glider Points Trophy	Mike Newman
Cessna Aerobat Trophy	Not awarded
Pitts Trophy	Phil Burgess
Shaggy Cow Trophy	John Calverely
Chipmunk Trophy	Nick Buckenham
Golden Frog Trophy	Phil O'Donoghue
Extra Aviation Trophy	Gary Ferriman
LOOP Beginners Trophy	Steve French
Diana Britten Trophy	Annabelle Burroughes
Peter Clark Memorial Trophy	Steve Kirton
Len Perry Trophy	Tom Cassells

Eric Marsh reminded all winners that they are custodians of the trophies for the year, and they should be returned engraved and in a clean condition.

11 WAC 2009 Update

Alan said prior to the Q and A session that 2009 was going to be an important season to support and in which to participate.

It is the intention of the committee to make a hospitality tent available to members of the BAeA and their families. They would be able to watch the event from a close proximity and buy lunch.

As yet, the WAC is still in the planning stage rather than the procurement stage; the most notable spend to date has been on the fabric for making the necessary box markers. Any person willing to assist in their manufacture should get in touch with Eric Marsh or Graham Hill.

There was a question regarding the numbers of aerobatic pilots world wide; an estimate of 1500 to 2000 was made. It was felt that the recession would make a difference to numbers.

It was confirmed that Mazda has agreed to provide transport at the event and some money as sponsorship. There may be additional sponsorship which is dependent on media (TV) coverage.

Training venues for visiting teams are being sought by Howard Fawkes and Steve Green. The BAeA is committed to finding suitable venues for the overseas teams, but the Russian and the USA teams will be given priority if training sites are limited. None of the training sites will be allocated until the teams have completed their registration and paid the entry fee.

Angela said that she has 16 volunteers covering some of the duration of the event, but will need more to fill in the gaps. She requested that volunteers should complete a form and return it to her. 12-16 people would be required to complete a line judging team should QuinetiQ not be able to provide their radar range finding service. Corinne Dennis would be co-ordinating the line judges.

Steve Green said that we would be using the competition at Elvington as a test event prior to WAC; there would be a marked box.

The WAC planning budget includes accommodation and subsistence for a central corps of key volunteer workers. The amount of financial assistance available for additional, part-time, volunteers still has to be decided, but it was hoped to be able to provide them with lunch and a contribution towards accommodation costs; at present volunteers should be prepared to be at least partly self-funding.

Ben Ellis described the airspace restrictions which will in place to prevent box incursions. Members will not be able to fly into Silverstone, but may use nearby Turweston. There will be a safety radio frequency and all local frequencies will be monitored.

As planning for the event proceeds it will be necessary to delegate more tasks.

12 Any Other Business

David Jenkins expressed thanks, on behalf of all the members, to all the committee for all their hard work.

Ben Ellis was congratulated on his appointment as Vice-Chairman of the Royal Aero Club.

Gary Ferriman asked if the Aerobatic News Review would be continue to be published, Alan said that the committee had decide not to continue with this publication as it is difficult to get copy and only a vehicle for 'old' news.

Graham Hill advised the members that Nick Buckenham has been appointed a CIVA judge at unlimited level. Graham will be Chief Judge at WAC 2009.

Andrew Barlow was presented with the Baldwin Trophy as highest scoring pilot on the successful Power team at the Glider v. Power match at Lasham in October.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

Jen Buckenham
BAeA Membership Secretary.