



Report of the BAeA 35th AGM held at Staverton Park Hotel, on January 16th 2010

Amongst those attending the 2010 AGM were: Jen Buckenham, Nick Buckenham, Steve Green, Alan Cassidy, Ian Scott, Charles Baker, Julie Wood, Paul Conran, Graham Hill, Pamela Adams, Phil O'Donoghue, David Jenkins, Richard Pickin, Nick Richards, Simon Abbott, Denis Woodhams, Richard Buchan, Rob Howarth, Gary Ferriman, Stephen Madle, Julian Murfitt, Angela Cassidy, James Baring, Dick Happs, Judi Jones, John Askew, Ray Stoward, Lynne Westnage, Nick Wakefield, John Vize, Chris Cain, Graham Saw, Emily Todd, Patrick Greer, Mike Newman, David-John Gibbs, Peter Rounce, Andrew Barlow, John Scott, Phil Burgess, Andy Leitch, Alan Newton, John Calverley, Simon Barnard, Nigel Arthur, Rachel Brewin and Mazen Makari

Apologies were received from; Kester Scrope, Chris Burkett, Graeme Fudge, Ben Ellis, Rachel Worth, David Cowden, Patrick Margetson-Rushmore, David Cavell, Ron Allan, Luke Goddard, Steve Todd, Steve Kirton, Richard Jones, Paul Tomlinson and Martin Owen.

1 2009 AGM Minutes

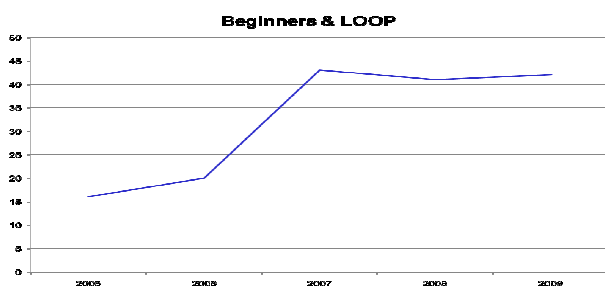
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2009 AGM. Alan Newton proposed their approval with Andy Leitch seconding the motion.

2 Chairman's Review of 2009

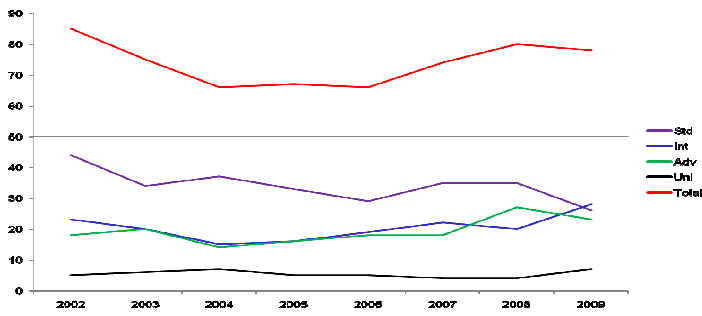
Alan welcomed all present to the 35th AGM and awards presentation. 2009 was the busiest season that he could recall since he became involved with the planning of competitions. He passed on his personal thanks to all those involved in making this a successful year. We should not go into 2010 being complacent, but strive to make this year even better.

Review of 2009

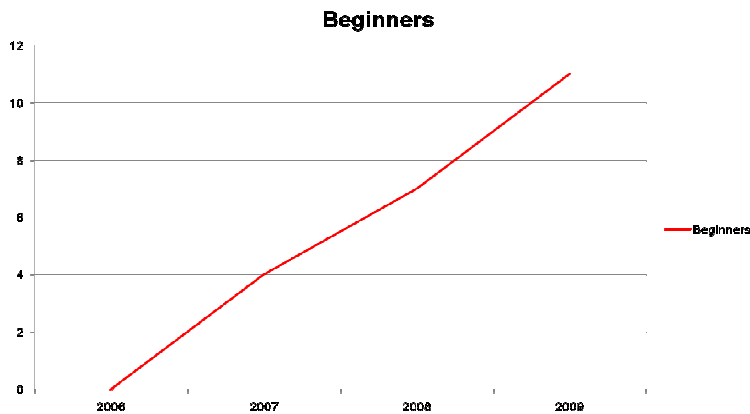
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• POWER				
• Standard	16	12	75%	
• Intermediate	15	12	80%	
• Advanced		21	18	86%
• Unlimited	16	14	88%	
• Total	68	56	82%	
• GLIDER				
• Sportsman	7	6	86%	
• Intermediate	6	6	100%	
• Advanced		8	8	100%
• Unlimited	8	8	100%	
• Total	29	28	97%	
Overall	97	84	87%	



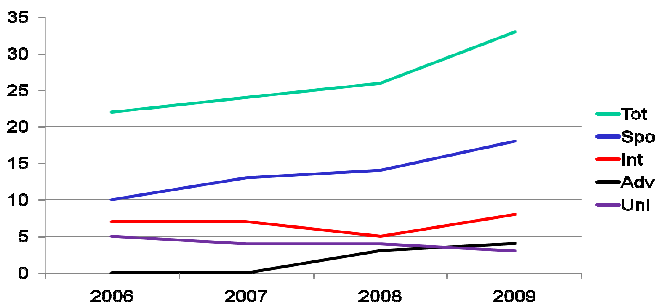
All power participants



Glider Beginners



All Glider participants



Mazda Sponsorship

- Mazda made a significant financial commitment to sponsoring aerobatics in 2009

WAC

- Invested a very significant sum into providing transport and cash for the Championship – the BAeA is very grateful for this commitment from Mazda

BAeA

- Mazda invested £30K towards the development of Sport Aerobatics through the BAeA in the UK:
- Encompassing Standard through to Unlimited level
- Supporting the development of individual pilots:
 - Bursaries
 - BAeF Scholarships
- Development of the sport in the UK
 - Financial input to the National Championships (all levels)
- Support for International Teams

Future MAZDA Sponsorship

- The current financial situation in the motor industry means that Mazda are currently unable to offer any significant cash funding for 2010.
- Nevertheless, the BAeA Board and Mazda are keen to work closely together this year in the hope of obtaining further funding in the future.
- To this end Mazda has offered the services of their PR department to help us publicise our events and Teams in 2010 and we intend to use this to the full.
- If Mazda is able to provide financial support from 2011 onwards, this will be allocated similarly to the 2009 plans outlined earlier.
- Graeme Fudge will be involved in the promotion of the teams

Leon Biancotta Diploma

This Diploma was established in February 1993 on a proposal by the FAI Aerobatics Commission. Widely regarded as one of the finest aerobatic pilots of all times, Leon Biancotta was a member of the French aerobatic team. He lost his life practising for the first FAI World Aerobatic Championships in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia in 1960. Biancotta won the famous Lockheed Aerobatic Trophy in England on three of the six occasions it was held. In 1965, a competition known as the Biancotta Trophy was started which eventually developed into the European Aerobatic Championships. This has only been previously awarded 4 times.

The Diploma may be awarded on the recommendation of the FAI Aerobatics Commission to individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly to the sport of aerobatics.

The British Aerobatic Association's most notable achievement in 2009 was the organization of the 25th World Aerobatic Championships in Silverstone, United Kingdom. It is widely regarded as the best organized WAC in FAI's history. The BAeA, under the leadership of Chairman Alan Cassidy, has been able to attract a wide array of talent to its organization and their skills were on display in every operational area of the WAC. Its Contest Director, Steve Green, worked tirelessly for the last two years to make every detail perfect. BAeA member Graham Hill served as Chief Judge of the event. Alan Cassidy was its Flight Director. Nick Buckenham has authored a superb software package for FAI Aerobatic Championships worldwide and it was BAeA members that worked on the new "FairPlay System" that is the heart of the software. Aside from the WAC, BAeA organizes a full array of domestic competitions and training camps that would be the envy of organizations one-hundred times its size. They have contributed immeasurably to the promotion of aerobatics in the true spirit of FAI.

The Diploma will be awarded at the FAI council meeting to be held in Dublin later in 2010.

Unlimited Team

All the members of the Unlimited Team were congratulated on their performance at WAC 2009

1. Gerald Cooper	CAP 232	7th	74.87%
2. Mark Jefferies	Extra 330SC	10th	74.62%
3. Tom Cassells	CAP 232	32nd	62.38%
4. Kester Scrope	Edge 540	34th	61.01%
5. Nick Onn	Sukhoi 26M	42nd	57.05%

Warm-up Pilot: Richard Pickin

Manager: David Cowden

The team was placed 4th overall in the Team medals

4 Minute Free

Eric Vazeille	CAP 232	3rd
Gerald Cooper	CAP 232	10th

(Eric Vazeille was able to represent the UK as he fulfilled the FAI residency requirements.)

The British Aerobatic Foundation financed training and support of the Unlimited Team, including six training camps led by Eric Vazeille.

The Team is very grateful to Eric Vazeille and David Cowden for their tremendous support.

Advanced Team

EAAC Radom, Poland

1 Paul Tomlinson	Edge 360	12th	72.75%
2 Nick Richards	Extra 300L	27th	67.07%

The BAeA provided financial assistance to allow the team to attend EAAC

Unlimited Glider Team

13th WGAC Czech Republic

1. Mike Newman	19th	69.42%
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Dick Happs and Judi Jones attended as a Judging Team. Lionel Sole was Team Manager. The BAeA provided financial support for the team.

Alan expressed his thanks for all the good wishes following his award of the MBE. He was particularly pleased to note that Aerobatics has been recognised as a sport!

3 Financial Reports for 2009 Season

- The BAeA operated profitably in 2009
 - Income £66K (excluding WAC income)
 - Expenditure £56K (excluding WAC expenses)
 - Profit £10K
 - Cash Reserve £50K (estimated)
- Income rose by £27K compared to 2008
 - Mainly from Mazda Sponsorship of £30K
 - Less income received in 2009 from Advertising in the ANR and Bank Interest
- Core operating costs £19K – £5K lower than 2008 reflecting the scaled down domestic contest season in 2009
 - Costs generally on budget and under control
- £37K spent on BAeA development initiatives (Bursaries, Team Support, equipment)
- Funding of Development Initiatives during 2009 included:
 - PILOT Support:

• A Good Start: BAeF Bursary Scheme	£6K
• Progression: Points Trophy Bursaries	£7K
• Towards the Top: International Team Support	£18K
• Champions' Rewards: Prize Money	£3K
 - Non-Pilot International Contest Participation
 - Team Managers, Judges, Jury £3K
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| | TOTAL | £37K |
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- Membership numbers were slightly up compared to 2008:
241 members:
 - 135 Full Power members
 - 31 Glider Members
 - 69 Associate Members (about 30 more than in 2008 due to WAC)
 - 6 Club Members
- Competition activity was good at all levels in 2009, despite a smaller domestic programme of events
- The Beginners and LOOP events continue to bring people into the sport – but we need to place more emphasis on moving newcomers from Beginners to Standard level in 2010.

WAC

It was always our intention that WAC would not be a drain on BAeA reserves, and that it should be revenue-neutral for us. The net result conformed to this ambition and did not cause any depletion of BAeA Reserves.

- Membership vote needed to:
 - Endorse the financial report for 2009
 - Appoint a new Treasurer
 - Rachel Worth is standing as Treasurer after doing the job for a number of years.
 - Paul Brice has agreed to become Treasurer with effect from June.

4 Election of Directors

BAeA Directors in 2009

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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 |

The following directors, having served for a three year period, were due to retire from the committee: Phil Atley, Nick Buckenham and Eric Marsh. Two of the candidates had expressed their willingness to remain as Directors of the BAeA. Nominations had been received for Nick Buckenham, Eric Marsh, Graham Hill, Charles Baker, Julian Murfitt and Paul Tomlinson. Following a vote by the members Charles Baker, Nick Buckenham, Graham Hill and Eric Marsh were appointed as directors.

Following the resignation of David Cowden, Charles Baker has agreed to serve as Company Secretary. Paul Conran will take the place of Judi Jones.

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

Directors for 2010

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| • Charles Baker | Company secretary/ Glider Judging |
| • Jen Buckenham | Membership Secretary |
| • Nick Buckenham | Web, Scoring |
| • Tom Cassells | British Unlimited Team liaison |
| • Alan Cassidy | Chairman |
| • Steve Green | Contest Organisation |
| • Graham Hill | International Judging |
| • Eric Marsh | Trophies |
| • Ian Scott | Judging Co-ordination and Points Tables |

Other Committee Members for 2010

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| • Gerald Cooper | Technical & Engineering |
| • Paul Conran | Glider Representative |
| • Julian Murfitt | CIB |
| • Phil O'Donoghue | Entry Level Training |
| • Nick Wakefield | Sequences & Training |
| • Rachel Worth, § Paul Brice | Treasurer |
| • Graeme Fudge | Public relations |

§ Paul Brice will take over as treasurer from June 2010

5 Proposed Budget for 2010

Total Income of £36.5K budgeted

- No change in membership fees
- No change in contest entry fees
- LOOP Sponsorship to continue
- No Mazda financial support in 2010, but they will continue to assist with raising media profile of the BAeA

Core Operating Costs: £30.5K

- £10K increase over 2009 actual spend
- £5K Legal Advice about Risk Assessment and Operating Procedures
- £3K development of the Sywell Nationals
- £2K medals and trophies

Development Initiatives: £29K

PILOT Support:

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| • A Good Start: BAeF Bursary Scheme | £0K |
| • Progression: Points Trophy Bursaries | £4.5K |
| • Towards the Top: International Team Support | £12.5K |
| • Champions' Rewards: Prize Money | £0K |

Non-Pilot International Contest Participation

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| • Team Managers, Judges, Jury | £9K |
| • Silverstone Event Development | £2K |

2010 Budget Summary

Income:

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| • Total Income | £36.5K |
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Expenditure

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| • Core running costs | £30.5K |
| • Development expenses | £29K |
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| | £59.5K |

- Budgeted loss of £23K for 2010
- Cash reserve at end of 2010 estimated to be:
 - Bad weather season £20K
 - Good weather season £25K

6 Event Calendar 2010

Amongst the 22 events planned for 2010 are:

- 4 LOOP Beginners Days
Brighton, Leicester, Little Gransden and Sleap
- Instructor's Seminar at Wellesbourne
- 5 Glider Contests
- Advanced and Unlimited Nationals at Sywell
- Regional Judges Training weekend and contest event at Bodmin
- Judging and CD's seminars at White Waltham in March

7 International Teams (EAC, EGAC, WAGAC, WAAC)

Unlimited Team MAZDA EAC 2010

- Pilots available and selected for EAC 2010 based on their performance at WAC and the Nationals in 2009:
- Tom Cassells, Gerald Cooper, Richard Pickin, Kester Scrope
- Final team places will be decided based on the results of the Icicle, Elvington and a selection training camp, likely to be held in May 2010
- A selection panel will then make the final selections to the team, to make a total of up to 6 pilots. A warm-up pilot place is available.
- There is the opportunity for one pilot to attend WAC as a warm-up pilot
- Steve Green will be Team Manager

Team MAZDA WAAC 2010

Pilots available and selected for WAAC to date:

- Alan Cassidy
- Gary Ferriman
- Marco Kalweit
- Nick Richards
- Paul Tomlinson
- Nick Wakefield
- Results from Sandtoft or Elvington 2010 will be used to finalise the selection of pilots to fill the remaining places (maximum of 8 pilots)
- Angela Cassidy will be Team Manager

GB Glider Teams

Final team selections will be made at a training camp to be held at Lasham in April 2010.

Unlimited

- Pilots available include: Paul Conran, Mike Newman
- Team Manager – Sam Mummery

Advanced

- Pilots available include: Graham Saw, Mazen Makari, Patrick Greer and David-John Gibbs. Other possible team members are Chris Cain and Paul Barker
- Dick Happs will be Team Manager

8 Training Bursaries 2010

Training Bursaries 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 payable to the end of the season.

Power Recipients

4 Standard to intermediate £300	3 Intermediate to Advanced £500	2 Advanced to Unlimited £700
Simon Barnard John Scott Richard Jones Andy Leitch Steve Kirton James Edwards	*David Jenkins Phil Burgess *Brian McCartney Neil Bigrigg Luke Goddard Charlie Kimbell * recipients in 2009	Paul Tomlinson Gary Ferriman Simon Johnson Cas Smith Richard Buchan Randal Hockey

Glider Recipients

3 Sports to Intermediate £200	2 Intermediate to Advanced £400	1 Advanced to Unlimited £500
Mark Erlund Gary Nuttall David Gethin Adam Hoskin Brian Griffin	Patrick Greer David Gibbs Charles Baker Jonathan Ross Maz Makari	Graham Saw Paul Barker Chris Cain

9 BAeA Rule Changes

The BAeA has reviewed its Rules and Operating Procedures extensively over the closed season. Main changes include:

- Revision of the General Rules and Code of Conduct
All aircraft, including Gliders are required to have a functioning radio
All pilots are required to give details of their next of kin
- Drafting of a BAeA Safety Analysis and Risk Assessment
All competition sites are being reviewed to ensure that competition flights take place over public areas or private dwellings.
Following the accident at WAC to BAeA need to be seen to be taking reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the public and not put anyone at significant risk.
- Preparation of procedure document to give Contest Directors guidance in the event of incident or accident

10 Glider Issues

Judi Jones has stepped down from the Committee; she has been replaced by Paul Conran.

11 Judging Resources

Graham Hill and Ian Scott stressed that there were very few people willing to come and judge to contests and this was putting a strain on those who did come to events. Those present were encouraged to come to the judging school and to try to attend at least one event a year in order to judge. The Judging school will take place at White Waltham on Saturday 6th March. There will be a briefing for glider judges ahead of the Dam Smith Contest at Dunstable on the evening of Friday 26th March.

12 Royal Aero Club

Ben Ellis sent the following report to the AGM

I have represented the BAeA as a councilmember of the RAeC for the past 10 years or so. The BAeA is required to be a full member of the RAeC so that our pilots can obtain their FAI sporting licence to enable them to compete internationally and, of course, to enable us to stage a World Aerobatic Championship in the UK. Over the years the RAeC has earned considerable respect and influence, using this to great effect when helping to preserve and enhance our freedom to engage in sporting aviation of all kinds, both at home and worldwide. The RAeC chairman, David Roberts, is also President of European Air Sports, previously he was treasurer. EAS has developed great influence with the European Aviation Safety Agency, carrying on the good work started by Sir John Allison. The RAeC has taken a partnership approach and found this much more fruitful than the confrontational attitude adopted by other representative bodies whose views are largely marginalised. We have high hopes concerning sporting and recreational pilot medicals. Dr Peter Saundby, a former RAeC chairman is a leading authority and much respected in Europe. A part of the work the RAeC council does is to formulate policy and agree a mandate for EAS. We also provide financial support for this lobbying on your behalf. The RAeC is entirely funded by subscriptions from member associations. The BAeA pays a modest sum as it is one of the smaller associations (about 8% of that paid by the Aero modellers) All the work done by council members is on a voluntary basis; a part time secretary is employed for a modest fee.

The RAeC has a seat on the CAA's finance watchdog committee. Attending my last meeting last week I was able to raise a couple of interesting questions regarding the cost of licensing small aerodromes There would appear to be some light at the end of the tunnel – following increases of 200% over the last five years. The smallest 40 aerodromes are unlikely to require a licence at all; some of these are aerodromes at which the BAeA holds events and their continued viability is important to us.

The RAeC organises an Annual Medal and Award ceremony and we are still able to press for proper recognition of our members' efforts. The list of award winners goes back over a century and includes some of the most famous names in aviation.

I have had the honour of being vice – Chairman of the RAeC for the past two years and would normally have gone on to do a stint as chairman. Due to my radical change in circumstances I am standing down from this post and the council; Alan Cassidy will be your new council representative.

13 Award of 2009 Trophies

Trophy Winners for 2009

Contest Director of the year	Steve Green
Judge of the Year	Graham Hill
Tiger Club International Trophy	Simon Barnard
Marcus Norman Trophy	John Scott
Swinstead Trophy	David Jenkins
Manx Kelly Trophy	Paul Tomlinson
Glider Points Trophy	Patrick Greer
Cessna Aerobat Trophy	Not awarded
Pitts Trophy	Marco Kalweit
Shaggy Cow Trophy	Andrew Holman-West
Chipmunk Trophy	Alex Lacey (Silverstone Circuit Ltd)
Golden Frog Trophy	Tom Cassells
Extra Aviation Trophy	Gary Ferriman
LOOP Beginners Trophy	Matt Summers
Diana Britten Trophy	Emily Todd
Peter Clark Memorial Trophy	Richard Jones
Len Perry Trophy	Gerald Cooper (presented at WAC)

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 to the 2011 AGM.

14 Any other business

- Simon Barnard asked if there were to be any training camps arranged for the 'lower' levels. There are none planned, but it is left to individuals to arrange and invite others to participate. Several trainers round the country can be contacted to organise these.
- There will be water repellent jacket available for members to purchase, in navy or pale blue. They can be embroidered with the BAeA logo and are expected to cost in the region of £35.00 (inc.vat); there will be an additional charge for postage.
- WAC Equipment. There are some reclining and upright judging chairs for sale, also 2 cool boxes, Sun beds, green camp beds and stationery trays. Prices will be circulated on the BAeA exploder.
- John Calverley asked what had become of the mobile phones used at WAC. Nick Buckenham informed the meeting that most had been returned to Flying Aces; those bought by BAeA members had been retained for use at glider and power contests.
- Sufficient box markers had been retrieved from Silverstone for use at glider and power events. These are currently in storage. There are also some in storage at Saltby airfield.
- David Jenkins proposed a vote of thanks to all for making a wonderful job of 2009.

The meeting closed at 1305 hours.

Jen Buckenham