

Report of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the BAeA

The 33rd AGM of the BAeA was held at the Aviator Hotel, Sywell on Saturday the 26th January 2008.

Amongst those attending were Martin Sandford, Charles Baker, David Cowden, John Dixon, Richard Gee, Steve Todd, Tom Cassells, Cas Smith, Sam Mummery, Like Goddard, Nick Onn, Kester Scrope, Gerald Cooper, Trevor Bailey, Graham Saw, Dick Happs, Colin Short, David Holland, Nick Richards, John Vize, Robert Tinkler, Andrew Holman-West, Ed Harding, Jack Buckenham, Simon Abbott, Katie Banks, Stephen Madle, Bob Oliver, Nigel Arthur, Mark Erlund, Jen Buckenham, Mike Newman, Steve Jarvis, Nick Buckenham, Julian Murfitt, Alan Cassidy, Rachel Worth, Peter Macintosh, Steve Green, Caroline Bois, Paul Watson, Alan Newton, Alex Smith, Steve Kirton, Richard Rogers, Marco Kalweit, Elise Mason, Julie Wood, Ian Scott, Ben Thompson, Andy Leitch, Corinne Dennis, Paul Tomlinson, John Wicks, Ben Ellis, Lynne Westnage, Phil Atley, Richard Buchan and Barry Tempest.

Apologies were received from Graham Hill, Mark Jefferies, Andy Cunningham, Nick Wakefield, Cindy Copsey, Chris Cain, Clive Butler, Gary Ferriman, Ray Stoward, Guy Westgate, Howard Fawkes, Dave Cavell, and Val Rahmani.

1 Matters arising from the 2007 AGM

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2007 AGM. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Ben Ellis and seconded by Ian Scott.

2 Chairman's Address

Alan Cassidy welcomed all those present, particularly thanking Peter Macintosh and Rachel Worth for undertaking their long journeys to attend.

The AGM is a formal requirement under Company Law, so some of the proceedings must follow a particular pattern. There are also a number of traditional elements to the meeting, such as awarding the season-long trophies, which we will do in a structured way.

The AGM is also a chance for us to meet during the closed season, discuss matters of concern in a less formal way and possibly make a few decisions and place actions on willing individuals.

I want everyone present to feel free to contribute to the discussions that follow and I will try to let everyone have their say in matters that particularly concern them.

Before we start the agenda proper, I would like to point out a few of the highlights of the 2007 season, especially things we have tried for the first time.

Firstly, I should mention all those who were involved with the Unlimited Team at last year's WAC in Spain. The work done by Steve as Team Manager and by David Cowden (British Aerobatic Foundation) as Assistant Team Manager and fundraiser made a most significant contribution. This enabled team pilots to benefit fully from Eric Vazeilles's coaching skills and the Team was well prepared to make a significant impact on the world stage. Many thanks to all who made that possible. More about this event when we present the Len Perry Trophy for 2007.

At the opposite end of the sport, we held a number of very successful LOOP Beginners Days, introducing our sport to a new generation of aerobatic pilots. Those who made the biggest effort at these events were always the safety pilots, instructors who sometimes flew many trips each day, helping the newcomers to understand what it is all about. I would like to make special mention of Simon Janvrin who flew with so many newcomers' and co-ordinated the events.

This coming year we will be having 4 power Loop events and, for the first time, an event for gliders. I hope that these initiatives will impact on publicity and recruitment for the BAeA.

There were two other successful innovations last year. The first of these was the instructor-only seminar and contest at Wellesbourne Mountford. Clearly it is going to open many more channels to contest participation if more aerobatic instructors around the country learn enough about contest flying for them to encourage participation among themselves and their students. We will be repeating this event in 2008 at the same venue.

The other really new event was the Power v. Glider Champions fly-off at Lasham in October. This worked most successfully and was well received by the Lasham operators; it will be repeated at the end of this year.

The only real disappointment of 2007 was the poor turn out at the Classic event at Leicester and the cancellation of the Classic event at Brighton. Sadly we have decided not to run the Classic contest in 2008.

You will here more about the Association's finances shortly; our finances are sound and our membership at the end of 2007, from Abbott to Young, was 207, a good number by recent standards.

The biggest decision that we as a committee had to make in 2007 was to join forces with Flying Aces and Silverstone Circuits to bid to host the 2009 WAC in the UK, for the first time since 1986. This bid was successful and you will here more about it later in the meeting.

Before moving on I would like to thank most wholeheartedly those of my colleagues who put so much effort into the 2007 season. These people are all here today and you all know who they are, You all know that Steve Green has worked hard as HCO, but you should also know that his tireless efforts in the fields of International Judges support was officially recognised by the FAI's award of their Air Sports Medal at last November's CIVA meeting.

Lastly I should thank all of you who have flown in all the events over the past twelve months and particularly congratulate anyone who won a medal or moved up a level. Your future success is our motivation. Please keep up the great efforts that you made last year and keep making progress in every way you can.

Thank you again and I wish you all a successful 2008.

3 Financial Reports for 2007

- The BAeA operated profitably in 2007
 - Income £34K
 - Expenditure £28K
 - Profit £6K
 - Cash Reserve £35K

- Income rose by £3K compared to 2006
 - Mainly from increased Subscriptions (up by £2K)
 - Competition fees revenue similar 06 to 07
 - LOOP Sponsorship £2K

- Core operating costs (£19.5K) similar to 2006 and below budget
 - Lower contest expenses because of bad weather in 2007
 - Fewer issues of ANR published than anticipated

- £8K spent on BAeA development initiatives (Bursaries, Teams, International contests, equipment etc.)

- Membership numbers were slightly up compared to 2006: 207 members, of whom 168 are either Full or Glider members

- Competition entries were similar to 2006, although the LOOP events drove Beginners up from 26 to 68 entries.
- 2008 must focus on building on the success of the LOOP events and encourage more people to move through to Standard Level. LOOP will continue to sponsor the BAeA with £500 donated at quarterly intervals
- Significant cash reserves are available for development projects in 2008
- Membership vote needed to:
 - Appoint Treasurer/Auditor for 2007

Alan Cassidy thanked Anne Sandford for her work as Treasurer over the past years. Anne has stood down as Treasurer. Rachel Worth was nominated to undertake the task; her appointment was proposed by Alan Cassidy and seconded by Martin Sandford, this was accepted unanimously by the members present. Charles Baker has agreed to audit the BAeA accounts again.

4 Election of BAeA Officers'

Directors of BAeA in 2007 (a maximum of 9)

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| • Phil Atley* | Contest Logistics |
| • 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 |
| • Martin Sandford* | Points Tabulation |
| • Ian Scott* | Judging Co-ordination |

Committee Members

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| • Charles Baker | Glider Judging |
| • Jen Buckenham | Membership Secretary |
| • Gerald Cooper | Technical & Engineering |
| • Ben Ellis | Royal Aero Club/ GASCO |
| • Judi Jones | Glider Representative |
| • Julian Murfitt | CIB |
| • Nick Wakefield | Sequences & Training |
| • Rachel Worth | Treasurer |
| • VACANT | Publicity |
| • VACANT | Judging (International & WAC) |

- VACANT Entry Level Training

The following directors, having served for a three year period, were due to retire from the committee: Tom Cassells, Martin Sandford and Steve Green. All candidates had expressed their willingness to remain as Directors of the BAeA. Nominations had been received for Tom Cassells, Steve Green and Jen Buckenham. The members approved their appointment as Directors.

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- Rachel Worth Treasurer

Vacancies: The following were appointed following the AGM

- John Dixon Entry Level Training
- Martina Willis Publicity
- Graham Hill Judging (International & WAC)

5 Proposed Budget for 2008

Income 2008

- No change in membership fees
- Small increase in contest entry fees (£45 per contest)

- LOOP Sponsorship £2K anticipated
- Expenditure 2008

Running Costs:

- 10% increase in Competition Expenses budgeted
- £2K allowed for purchase of medals
- ANR expected to be a single Annual Publication
- £2K allowed for production of Neil Williams Trophy replicas

Bursaries:

- Budgeted for 8 bursaries of £250 each (only 4 claimed in 2007)

International Teams – EAC, WAAC, EGAC:

- Trainers, Managers & Contest Support £8.5K
- International Judges, Officials £3K

2008 Budget Summary

Income:

- Total Income £31K

Expenditure

- Core running costs £25K
- Development expenses £16K
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- £41K

- Budgeted loss of £10K for 2008
- Cash reserve at end of 2008 predicted to be:
 - Bad weather season £20K
 - Good weather season £25K

6 Calendar of Events

- 17 Conventional Competitions, including:
 - Duxford (90th Anniversary Celebration)
 - Wickenby
 - Air Squadron Trophy – sponsored by the Air Squadron
- National Championships will be held at three locations:
 - Peterborough: Standard & Intermediate
 - Wickenby: Advanced
 - Silverstone: Unlimited
- Glider vs Power Match will be held at Lasham again, sponsored by ATSI

- 5 LOOP Beginners Days
 - Power: Brighton, Leicester, Little Gransden, Sherburn
 - Glider: Saltby
- Instructors' Seminar at Wellesbourne
- Glider Competition Preparation Course

Team Training Camps:

- Power Advanced Team:
 - Trainer: Nick Wakefield
 - Canervon, Scampton, Shobdon, Dunkeswell
- Power Unlimited Team:
 - Trainer: Eric Vazeille
 - Wickenby and Duxford
- Glider Unlimited Team:
 - Trainer: Sam Mummery
 - Saltby

7 British Teams Abroad in 2007

WAC 2007 - Granada

Gerald Cooper	8th
Mark Jefferies	9th
Tom Cassells	22nd
Nick Onn	27th
Kester Scrope	43rd
Richard Gee	46th



The British Aerobatic Foundation financed training and support of the Unlimited Team which resulted in an excellent performance from the team in Spain and provides a very strong foundation for the future.

Thanks to the BAeF and David Cowden for this support.

AEAC 2007 - Finland

Alan Cassidy	6 th
Julian Murfitt	13 th
Stephen Madle	27 th



Alan Cassidy won a bronze medal in the second unknown

The BAeA provided financial assistance to help the team train and enable Team Managers (Peter Rounce and Richard Buchan) to travel to Finland to support the team. We plan to give the Advanced team more support in 2008 at WAAC.

WGAC 2007 - Austria

Paul Conran	43 rd
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Paul Conran was the only British pilot who flew at WGAC in 2007. Sam Mummery travelled with Paul to support him as Team Manager. The BAeA helped to support Paul's training for the contest.

Selection & Management of UK Teams for 2008

Unlimited Power

- Pilots available and selected for EAC 2008:
 - Tom Cassells
 - Gerald Cooper
 - Richard Gee
 - Nick Onn
- Other pilots wishing to participate should put themselves forward for selection and results from Elvington 2008 will be used to finalise the selection

Advanced Power

- Pilots available and selected for WAAC to date:
 - Alan Cassidy

- Julian Murfitt
 - Ron Allan
 - Clive Butler
 - Gary Ferriman
 - Stephen Madle
- Results from Sandtoft or Elvington 2008 will be used to finalise the selection of pilots to fill the remaining places

Unlimited Glider

- Pilots – Paul Conran and Mike Newman
- Team Manager – Sam Mummery

8 Bursaries for 2008

Training Bursary Recipients - Power

Standard - 5

- John Wicks
- Richard Verrall
- John Calverley
- Elise Mason
- Simon Hampton
- Chris Waddington

Intermediate - 3

- Paul Tomlinson
- Richard Buchan
- David Jenkins
- Luke Goddard
- Simon Johnson
- Neil Bigrigg

Advanced - 1

- Julian Murfitt
- Ron Allan
- Gary Ferriman
- Tony Maxwell
- Stephen Madle
- Cas Smith

Training Bursary Recipients - Glider

Sports - 3

- Ron Jubb
- Brian Griffin
- Steven Hardy
- Gerald Davies
- Jon Gowdy

Intermediate - 2

- Graham Saw
- Patrick Greer
- Paul Barker
- Paul Watson

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.

9 WAC 2009

The successful BAeA presentation to CIVA was shown to members present. There are 3 partners in the bid, BAeA, Flying Aces and

Silverstone Circuits. A tri-partite agreement has been made; any financial risk incurred would be borne by Flying Aces and Silverstone Circuits. It is hoped that the BAeA will benefit from a share in the net income.

Jeff Zaltman, of Flying Aces, is seeking to bring aero-sport into the same arena as motor sport. He is responsible for the running of the Aero – GP, and has a contract with the FAI to produce TV programmes covering all FAI air sports disciplines. The facilities, landside, at Silverstone are more than adequate with Fire and Rescue services, catering, Parking and an on site hospital.

Weather statistics indicate that the weather will be better in the afternoon and evening and favour completion of the competition within the timeframe.

The organisers are seeking sufficient sponsorship to defer the cost of entry fees; final confirmation of the entry fees has to be made to the CIVA conference at their autumn meeting in 2008.

Key personnel are Steve Green - Contest Director

Alan Cassidy – Assistant Contest Director

Nick Buckenham – Web and Scoring Programme

Jen Buckenham – Registration and Scoring

Members were asked to assist with the running of the event in whatever way they could, there will be a great number of tasks to be undertaken by volunteers including line judging. It is hoped to trial a GPS system for accurate line judging in Oregon; Manual back up would have to be available.

Silverstone are in the process of building a new pits area, which is hoped to be large enough to accommodate visiting aircraft during the event.

Eric Marsh sought assurance that the BAeA's monies were not at risk; Alan Cassidy confirmed that any risk would be borne by Flying Aces and Silverstone.

10 The World Air Games in 2009

Mark Jefferies, Tom Cassells and Gerald Cooper have indicated their interest in attending this event. One competitor will be selected by the committee, based on their performance in International events in 2008, domestic contests in 2008 and then retrospective performance at earlier international contests. The selection decision will be made once the 2008 contest season is finished.

There will be four flights consisting of a 500K known sequence, a 5 minute free, a four minute free and a 'masters' with nominated unknown and freestyle figures

11 Annual Trophy Awards

We all know that the summer of 2007 was awful, with floods and unusually cold weather through June, July and August. In that context, flying 73% of the planned power sequences was no mean feat (though assisted by deferring unflown sequences to later venues). This was, nevertheless, 8% lower than the 81% recorded in 2006. The glider folk suffered more with just 50% of the planned sequences flown; Intermediate flew just 50% due to the weather and Unlimited only 33% due to weather and an unserviceable glider for the Saltby Open. It was a good year to be power flying at Intermediate (79% of planned sequences flown) but Unlimited flew only 8 sequences of a planned 12. For powered aircraft, the number of countable sequences for the cross-level tables was driven by Standard (80% of 10 = 8) whilst that to count at Intermediate was 12 and Advanced 10. The details are set out below. All the statistics in this review exclude the Classic Aircraft and LOOP days.

POWER	Planned	Flown	Percentage Flown	Number to Count
Standard	14	10	71%	8
Standard Unknown	9	7	78%	5
Intermediate	19	15	79%	12
Advanced	18	13	72%	10
Unlimited	12	8	67%	
Total	63	46	73%	
GLIDER				
Sportsman	8	5	63%	
Intermediate	6	3	50%	
Unlimited	6	2	33%	
Total	20	10	50%	

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

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

Trophy Results

The Tiger Club Trophy was won by John Wicks (3rd last year) with 231 out of a possible 240 points, followed by Richard Verrall on 225 and John Calverley on 196. John Wicks also won the Marcus Norman Trophy for Standard Unknowns with 146 out of a possible 150 equal on Adjusted Points with Richard Verrall but with a higher Raw Score. Elise Mason was a very creditable third on 125 points flying the Decathlon. Paul Tomlinson retained the Swinstead Trophy for Intermediate pilots with 357 out of a possible 360 leaving Richard Buchan 2nd on 322 and David Jenkins 3rd on 294. Gary Ferriman failed to chalk up a fourth successive Manx Kelly victory at Advanced, possibly due to flying Hors de Concours at the Nationals because of a display flying commitment. This left Julian Murfitt a clear winner with 358 points out of a possible 360 with Ron Allan 2nd on 280 and Gary 3rd on 255.

As always, the competition for the Pitts trophy was intense with 30 pilots eligible. Paul Tomlinson came out top with a "perfect" 240 followed by Ron Allan on 227 and last year's winner, Luke Goddard, 3rd on 219. It was good to see CAP's back at the highest level but it was John Wicks with 233 points from a possible 240 who walked away with the Golden Frog from Tom Cassells on 179 and Gerald Cooper on 171; the 8 "sequences to count" was the total number of Unlimited sequences flown, making it impossible for an Unlimited pilot to win one of the "type" trophies unless he flew all the available sequences, which no-one did. The Extra trophy went to Julian Murfitt with 233 points from a possible 240 with Gary Ferriman 2nd on 231 and Richard Verrall 3rd on 226. John Calverley was the only pilot to fly more than 8 sequences this year in a YAK, so the Shaggy Cow went to him with 196 points followed by Arnd Schweisthal on 93 and Simon Cattlin on 52. Up until the final competition, the Tiger Trophy, it had looked as if no-one would contest the Slingsby Trophy but Steve Kirton, Richard Jones and Andy Leitch all competed at Sherburn and finished in that order. Trevor Bailey was the only pilot to fly a Cessna in competition this year and so retains the Cessna Trophy. Elise Mason scored an average of 67.28% to take the Diana Britten Trophy from Corinne Dennis on 51.38% having, moved up to Advanced.

The Glider Trophy was won by Graham Saw with 29.67% over 4 sequences whereas there was a tie for 2nd place between Guy Westgate and Steve Jarvis who, due to both the weather and a broken glider at the Saltby Open had only flown 2 competition sequences this season.

Members were asked if any rule changes affecting the points trophy results were required for 2008. None were requested.

Trophy Winners for 2007

Contest Director of the year	Nick Buckenham
Judge of the Year	Phil Atley
Tiger Club International Trophy	John Wicks
Marcus Norman Trophy	John Wicks
Intermediate Points Trophy	Paul Tomlinson
Manx Kelly Trophy	Julian Murfitt
Glider Points Trophy	Graham Saw
Cessna Aerobat Trophy	Trevor Bailey
Pitts Trophy	Paul Tomlinson
Shaggy Cow Trophy	John Calverley
Chipmunk Trophy	Alan Newton, On-Track Aviation
Golden Frog Trophy	John Wicks
Extra Aviation Trophy	Julian Murfitt
Diana Britten Trophy	Elise Mason
Peter Clark Memorial Trophy	Steve Kirton
Len Perry Trophy	Gerald Cooper

Eris Marsh reminded all winners that they are custodians of the trophies for the year, and they should be returned engraved and cleaned.

12 Any Other Business

Steve Green will be managing and organising the Unlimited and Advanced teams and requested to meet with them at the conclusion of the meeting.

There was a request for clarification about pilots arriving late at LOOP beginner's events and not being allowed to fly.

Alan Cassidy stated that the briefing time was published and should be adhered to; the BAeA rules are specific. Pilots can fly H/C if they have arrived late, but will still require a briefing from the contest director.

There were no more questions and the meeting closed at 1230.

Jen Buckenham
BAeA Membership Secretary.