

**BGA CLUB CHAIRMEN'S CONFERENCE
30 OCTOBER 2004
THE SOARING CENTRE, HUSBANDS BOSWORTH**

**CONFERENCE REPORT AND
DIGEST OF PRESENTATIONS**

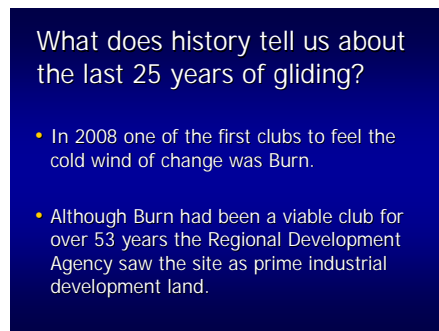
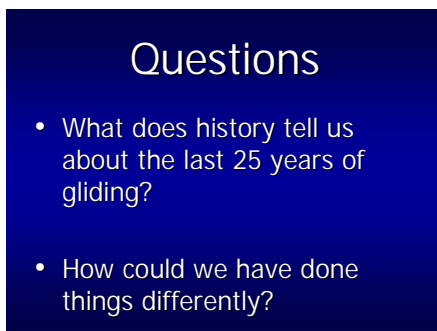
PART THREE

**REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
IN YORKSHIRE**

CAROLINE TRUST

Regional centre of Excellence in Yorkshire Dr. Chris Riley

Chris Riley, Chairman of Burn GC, gave a presentation looking into the future and suggesting ways in which gliding might develop to the benefit of clubs and members.





Just as those before them
had done

Key Regional Players

- Regional Assembly
- Regional Sport England
- Regional Development Agency
- Regional Environmental Agency

Impeding Forces

- Sports funding followed key priorities such as obesity and ill health
- Increasing airspace needs by the RAF and Commercial use
- Need for new housing and industry
- Changes in pilot training
- High glider insurance premiums
- Over reliance on volunteers
- Public perceptions about the sport
- Blame and claim culture
- Poor interclub regional working

Other Influences

- Glider maintenance regulations
- Public access to open spaces
- Costs involved in replacing aging glider fleets
- Lifestyle changes and impact on voluntary effort
- Lack of representation on Regional Sports Groups
- Lack of a national sport development plan



Need for a more Professional
Approach

Some Alternatives

So what could they have done 25-years ago to change the shape of the sport in Yorkshire and Humber?

Strong National Representation

- Re-branding and Re-organisation at national level
- Less reliance on part-time effort
- Paid staff to manage key areas of work

Strong Regional Representation

- Regional Aviation Councils
- Representatives of Sport Gliding
- Opportunities to showcase aviation

Regional Centres of Gliding Excellence

- Nothing new about centres of excellence
- Purchase large sub-regional airfields with good access
- Reach a critical membership mass and continuing to make gliding affordable
- Protection of airspace and a focal point for the sport at all levels

Proposals

- The Sport of Aviation must have a strong united voice with good representation at Regional level
- We must demonstrate that Sport Aviation is a major income generator in addition to a leisure provider
- Let us consider, amongst other things, Regional Centres of Gliding Excellence as a way forward



Caroline Trust

Pete Roberts

Pete Roberts outlined the nature of the Caroline Trust, which had been established as a registered charity in memory of Caroline Roberts, who was a member at Derbyshire and Lancashire GC.

The objectives of the trust are to:

- Encourage young people, especially women, to participate in gliding
- Encourage and enable people with disabilities to participate in the sport.

Grants are made to help young people between 16 and 21 to go solo, get a badge, become an instructor, do a first competition or achieve some other specified objective. Help may also be given to disabled pilots in terms of glider modification, specialist equipment or flying fees.

Pete also pointed out that one-off or regular donations or legacies to the Trust are always welcome.

He presented examples of grants which had been made.

<p>Pete Roberts Chairman carolinetrust@tideswell.net</p>  <p>Registered Charity 1089009</p> <p>2004 Awards - SGU Walking on Air.</p> <table><tr><td>Frederick Craig</td><td>£250</td></tr><tr><td>Rhana Steel</td><td>£250</td></tr><tr><td>Robert Mitchell</td><td>£250</td></tr><tr><td>David Tuttle</td><td>£250</td></tr><tr><td>Alastair Murray</td><td>£250</td></tr><tr><td>David Nesbit</td><td>£250</td></tr><tr><td>Caroline Darke</td><td>£250</td></tr><tr><td>Lindsay Cant</td><td>£250</td></tr></table> 	Frederick Craig	£250	Rhana Steel	£250	Robert Mitchell	£250	David Tuttle	£250	Alastair Murray	£250	David Nesbit	£250	Caroline Darke	£250	Lindsay Cant	£250	<p>Pre 2004 - Derbyshire & Lancashire G.C.</p> <table><tr><td>Rosanna Keegan</td><td>£500</td></tr><tr><td>David Greaves</td><td>£500</td></tr><tr><td>Sophie Rushmer</td><td>£500</td></tr><tr><td>Laura Hutchinson</td><td>£500</td></tr><tr><td>Robin Beaty</td><td>£500</td></tr><tr><td>Rachel Gray</td><td>£500</td></tr><tr><td>Caroline Wride</td><td>£500</td></tr><tr><td>Chris Chalmers Brown</td><td>£500</td></tr></table>  <p>DUGC gave special 50% discount.</p> <p>2004 Awards - Sally Longstaff</p>   <p>£500 for Insurance, C of A And Maintenance of a Skylark</p>	Rosanna Keegan	£500	David Greaves	£500	Sophie Rushmer	£500	Laura Hutchinson	£500	Robin Beaty	£500	Rachel Gray	£500	Caroline Wride	£500	Chris Chalmers Brown	£500
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2004 Awards

Training to Solo.

Katherine Healey	£500
James Collins	£500
Sarah Sheard	£250
Charlotte King	£0 but..!!



2004 Awards - Courses

Edward Dixon Ab Initio Course £250

Andrew Mills Assistant Cat Course £450



In the Pipeline.....

Assistance for Ka8 Modification for Disabled.

Disabled Flying Weekend Sponsorship

Air Experience for Disable Groups

Support for Bronze badge attainment

Training to Solo Applications.