

WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2010

Scores after the first round at CASHMOOR on Sunday 18 April 2010

The first round of the 2010 season was held in glorious weather conditions at the excellent Cashmoor site of Wimborne MAC. An excellent entry of 10 competitors enjoyed a close competition with the final positions in doubt right up to the final flights. Despite the superb weather none of the rounds went to the full 15 minutes. However, the fly-off for first place between Chris and Peter was another story altogether. More of that later.

Once again, for yet another year, the rules remained unchanged and this stability has meant that models do not become outdated. The most popular models were the Peter Kessell designed 2.3m Apollo and the Swift in either 1.8m or 2m wing spans. Almost everyone is now using the 4/5 sub C NiMH 2200 pack which is proving to be very robust as it is working at around a very leisurely 1C. We have equality of launch height at an average height of around 150 metres and then the search for a thermal starts.

There were some good individual performances produced by everyone at one time or another. However, consistency is important and although Denis and James managed 5 wins each, Chris and Peter won 7 times each, each only being defeated on one occasion. All assembled to watch the fly-off between Chris and Peter each having a spotter to help during the flight. Little did they know what a commitment this would be. After an equal launch Chris managed to gain height and looked comfortable, however after 15 minutes Peter was still flying at a low altitude and by now Chris had lost height and come down to the same height and in the same patch of sky. The contest was really hotting up now and the chirpy banter from earlier died down as the search for lift became paramount. Peter kept working the low level lift, but failed to gain much height and landed after 19 minutes and 50 seconds. You would have thought that that was a winning time, but Chris had found some lift and gradually gained height, in fact a lot of height, to win comfortably. With no need to fly any longer and after a tricky decent Chris landed back on the patch with a flight of over 23 minutes. The first four places in the competition were filled by pilots from three different clubs.

Our thanks go to the Wimborne MAC for the use of their excellent flying field. The competition was run along side club members who were sport flying their own models, with consideration being shown all around this worked well with the non competitors enjoying the competition especially the fly-off and introducing some of them to another side of aeromodelling. Thanks to the timekeepers, to Nancy for keeping all those scores on such a busy competition. Also to James who worked tirelessly setting up the field and the very tasty BBQ as well as winning 5 rounds of the competition. (We could do with volunteer to organise the BBQ at future WMAC Cashmoor events.) After a successful first round we look forward to Round 2 on Saturday 29 May. The venue is to be announced soon. Watch this space.

The Cashmoor results are as follows:

1st Chris Hague 7 points 2nd Peter Kessell 7 points 3rd Denis Grocott 5 points
 4th James Parry 5 points 5th Malcolm McKendrick 4 points. 6th Dick Hanley 3 points
 7th Geoff Collins 3 points 8th Rick Churchill 2 points 9th Roly Nix 0 points
 DNF Bill Longley

600RES Class		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Chris Hague		10					10
2	Peter Kessell		9					9
3	Denis Grocott		8					8
4	James Parry		7					7
5	Malcolm McKendrick		6					6
6	Dick Hanley		5					5
7	Geoff Collins		4					4
8	Rick Churchill		3					3
9	Roly Nix		2					2
10	Bill Longley		1					1

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



The first four in round 1, from left to right, Peter Kessell (2nd) James Parry (4th)
 Chris Hague (1st) Denis Grocott (3rd) Both models are Apollo variants.