

WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2014

Scores after the second round at Flamstone Farm on Sunday 8 June 2014

The second round of the 2014 season was held in blustery weather conditions at the excellent Flamstone Farm site of the Salisbury MFC. A good entry of nine competitors arrived early and soon a few practice flights were taking place, with only one "experimental crash" - the new shocking pink pusher design from Malcolm McKendrick. The winds were fairly strong all day and there were few opportunities to find and stay in good lift. No flights needed to go to the full 15 minutes.

With an excellent entry of nine pilots the event consisted of four rounds, each slot comprising three pilots. Not counting any fly-offs at the end of the day for pilots with equal scores, each pilot flies four times in this Round Robin competition. The slots are so designed that each pilot will fly once against every other pilot in the competition.

Several models were weighed and the list of weights is available separately upon request.

After the pilots briefing Round 1 got under way in the stiff breeze, with a maximum two points in each of the three slots for Tom Airey, Andrew Fellows and Chris Hague.

Round 2 followed Round 1 (what else would you expect!), with a similar story of two wins for Andrew Fellows and also for Peter Kessell and for Jeff Fellows, who needed to make the first flight of the day of over 11 minutes duration in order to beat Tom Airey.

As the pilots were getting accustomed to the wind and the site terrain Round 3 produced some close contests, Malcolm McKendrick narrowly defeating Chris Hague and Peter Kessell to score two valuable points. This was the only round in which Rick Churchill failed to pick up a point.

In Round 4 Malcolm spoilt a good flight by landing out by a small margin. The heat had finally got to the black covering on Roly Nix's wing and induced a big warp, thus rendering the model uncontrollable, even with lots of added rudder movement. Andrew Fellows narrowly defeated Chris Hague, but the final slot was even more closely contested: Tom Airey was first to land, followed 20 seconds later by Peter Kessell and then finally by Darren Bumpass to win by a narrow margin and gain two valuable points.

The Flamstone Farm results are as follows:

1st Andrew Fellows 8 points; 2nd Jeff Fellows 7 points; 3rd Chris Hague 4 points; 4th Tom Airey 4 points; 5th Rick Churchil 3 points; 6th Peter Kessell 3 points; 7th Darren Bumpass 3 points; 8th Malcolm McKendrick 2 points; 9th Roly Nix 2 points.

600RES Class	Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Andrew Fellows	25	25				50
2	Jeff Fellows	24	24				48
3	Chris Hague	23	23				46
4	Peter Kessell	20	20				40
5	Malcolm McKendrick	21	18				39
6	Rick Churchill	17	21				38
7	Roly Nix	18	17				35
=8	Glenn Woodford	22	-				22
=8	Tom Airey	-	22				22
=10	James Parry	19	-				19
=10	Darren Bumpass	-	19				19
12	Ian Pratt	16	-				16

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.

Once again congratulations go to Andrew Fellows for his overall win with eight points out of a possible nine. Jeff Fellows was second with seven points. Third place went to Chris Hague after a fly-off against Tom Airey.

Rick Churchill's consistency in the earlier rounds paid off in the fly-off for fifth place as he was able to narrowly defeat Peter Kessell and an unlucky Darren Bumpass who just failed to open up his motor in time during the "chicken run" phase at the end of the flight and landed out.

Malcolm McKendrick's model was intact and so he did not need to fly-off for eighth place against Roly Nix whose warped wing rendered the model unflyable.

Our thanks go to the Salisbury MFC for the use of their excellent flying field. Thanks also to the timekeepers who volunteered throughout the day. After a successful second round we look forward to **Round 3 on Sunday 27 July at the Tarrant Hinton flying site of the DMFG**. Watch this space at www.wessexaml.co.uk for all the latest information.



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4th Tom Airey 1st Andrew Fellows 2nd Jeff Fellows



Jeff Fellows pusher design



Neat tail and hidden servo detail on Jeff Fellows pusher design.