

2018 WESSEX AEROMODELLERS LEAGUE Low-Cost 600RES Competition

Scores after the 2nd round at Flamstone Farm on Sunday 3 June

The second round of the 2018 season was flown at Flamstone Farm in superb sunny conditions, with lots of lift and also some sink, which made for a brilliant competition. We again used the CAM height limiter, set to 30 seconds motor run time and 150m altitude.

There was a good entry of seven competitors, and the event consisted of four rounds. The slots are so designed that each pilot will fly once against every other pilot in the competition.

Many test flights were tried with reports of massive lift available everywhere; time will tell how accurate that would turn out to be. Rick Churchill requested a last minute test flight, which unfortunately only lasted a few seconds and resulted in a broken fuselage boom. Luckily he had a spare old but serviceable model.



Pilots at Flamstone Farm after an excellent days flying.

Round 1 got underway. This resulted in maximum scores for Chris Hague, Rick Churchill and Roly Nix. (that order was to become significant by the end of the day.)

However, Round 2 produced lower times and pilots scratching for lift. Tom Airey lost a win by “landing out” which benefited James Parry. Roly Nix beat Peter Rose by only a few seconds in a closely fought low level contest. Mike Sims flew for over nine minutes but that was not enough to secure a win over Chris Hague.

In Round 3 all three slots resulted in a close contest. Both Roly Nix and Rick Churchill needed to fly over 11 minutes to secure wins against Tom Airey and Mike Sims respectively. Chris Hague, James Parry and Peter Rose finished in that order, landing in quick succession with flights around the five minute mark.

And so to the fourth and final round where the final order had still not been decided and wins were required by all competitors. Peter Rose and Rick Churchill had a real “up and down” contest with Peter losing sight of his plane and recovering it in the nick of time. Having lost all the height he then proceeded to seek out and find some lift, and eventually both pilots flew out the maximum 15 minutes to share the points. Roly Nix flew for over 13 minutes to just beat Mike Sims and James Parry only to risk a zero score with what can only be described as a desperate attempt to land on the patch. This was achieved only by the tip of a wing tip! In a very short flight of less than four minutes. Chris Hague beat Tom Airey which ensured a maximum score, and he remained unbeaten throughout the contest.

No models suffered damage during the competition, (only Rick with his practise flight – I won’t mention it again!) The Flamstone Farm results are as follows:

1st Chris Hague 6 wins; 2nd Rick Churchill 4.5 wins; 3rd Roly Nix 4 wins;
 4th Peter Rose 2.5 wins; 5th Mike Sims 2 wins; 6th James Parry 2 wins;
 7th Tom Airey 0 wins.

600RES Class		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Rick Churchill		25	24				49
2	Chris Hague		23	25				48
3	Roly Nix		24	23				47
4	Peter Rose		22	22				44
5	James Parry		21	20				41
6	Mike Sims		19	21				40
7	Tom Airey		20	19				39
8	Ian Sapsed		18	-				18

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Mike Sims with 600RES model.



Peter Rose & Rick Churchill launching.

Our thanks go to the Salisbury MFC for the use of their excellent flying field at Flamstone Farm and a special thanks must go Gordon Cook who acted as starter and time keeper for every round. After a successful second round we look forward to **Round 3 on Sunday 15 July at Collingbourne Kingston. Marlborough MFC's** excellent flying site, Watch this space at www.wessexaml.co.uk for all the latest information.

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Chris Hague