

WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2012

The 3rd round at Collingbourne Kingston on Sunday 29 July 2012

by Chris Hague

With the forecast of a shower at midday, this being a repeat of last year's weather, we knew just what to expect - a hard-fought, close-run competition - and that is exactly what we got! With thanks to Rick Churchill, my competition format and scoring system has moved into the computer age. We simply (ha ha) type in the results of each slot and at the end of each round we have the updated score. These scores can then be printed out, thanks to a 12v/240v inverter and an HP printer. No need to borrow the biro again - it worked! So far - so good!

As this was a double event, with the Wessex Tomboys flying in the morning, the 600RES event started after the now customary midday shower. Wind speeds varied but tended to be rather strong at times making landing on the patch a little tricky. In round 1 Rick Farrer, after an excellent flight of over 13 minutes, was caught out with a poor landing. Rick subsequently added a spanner for ballast to increase the wing loading of his lightweight plane, which proved to be a great help in later rounds. In round 3, however, Rick Churchill was seen and heard to be dancing a jig of delight when, having landed and expected not to score any points, he discovered that both Malcom MacKendrick and Peter Kessell, his two opponents, had both landed out. The result being one very happy Rick scoring his only points of the day!

James Parry flew his lightweight Chinesesee ARFT into 9th place. Glenn won the three-way fly-off for 6th place, with Rick in 7th place and Malcolm in 8th place. With four wins Peter Kessell was in 5th place. Tom Airey, the only pilot to beat the eventual winner, was in 4th place. With six wins each, Rick Farrer won the very close fly-off against Ian Pratt. This left Chris Hague, with seven wins, to be the third different winner this season, Glenn and Tom being the other two. With two rounds remaining this leaves the overall result for this season still wide open and everything to fly for.

Our thanks go to our host Andy Head of the Marlborough MFC for the use of their excellent flying field and to David Baker for taking photographs.

Thanks also go to the timekeepers, George Barnard and James, for helping to run the event so smoothly, and to Rick Churchill for his excellent work with the Excel spreadsheet which has computerised my scoring system.

Pilots taking part in this series are also invited to join in with the monthly postal event, see the website for full details. After a very successful third round we look forward to round 4 on Sunday 9 September at the Templecombe site of the Wincanton Falcons. Watch this space at www.wessexaml.co.uk for all the latest information.

The Collingbourne Kingston results are as follows:

1st Chris Hague 8 wins; 2nd Rick Farrer 6 wins; 3rd Ian Pratt 6 wins;
 4th Tom Airey, 5 wins; 5th Peter Kessell 4 wins; 6th Glenn Woodford 2 wins;
 7th Rick Churchill, 2 wins; 8th Malcolm McKendrick 2 wins; 9th James Parry 1 win.

Low-cost 600RES		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Ian Pratt		9	8	8			25
2	Chris Hague		2.3	9	10			21.3
3	Tom Airey		2.3	10	7			19.3
4	Glenn Woodford		10	2	5			17
5	Peter Kessell		8	3	6			17
6	Rick Farrer		4.5	-	9			13.5
7	Ian Sapsed		6	7	-			13
8	Geoff Collins		7	5	-			12
9	Rick Churchill		2.3	4	4			10.3
10	Simon Oylott		2	6	-			8
11	Jeff Fellows		4.5	-	-			4.5
12	Malcolm McKendrick		2	2	3			7
13	James Parry		1	2	2			5
=14	Steve Howe		2	-	-			2
=14	Phil Mitchell		2	-	-			2
=14	Gordon Mignano		2	-	-			2
=14	Phil Anning		2	-	-			2
=14	Robin Caswell		2	-	-			2

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Glenn's Apollo landing safely on the patch



600RES launching, from right to left: Malcolm, George (timekeeping), Glenn & Chris



Malcolm's Apollo

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Chris Hague