

WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2013

Scores after the 3rd round at FLAMSTONE FARM on Sunday 7 July

The delayed third round of the 2013 season was held on a scorching hot day at the excellent Flamstone Farm site of the Salisbury MFC. An excellent entry of 13 competitors arrived with much enthusiasm as Malcolm, Darren and Peter erected their valuable shade-producing gazebos! The site, with a north-easterly wind, provided quite a challenge. At no time did we find massive lift, and in fact, none of the slots were required to fly out the full 15 minutes. Throughout the day several models landed out and unfortunately a few suffered damage. A total of 21 competition slots were flown.

After the pilots' briefing Round 1 got under way in light winds, with a win for Andrew Fellows in a closely-contested slot, with only two minutes difference in time covering Andrew, Peter Kessell, Darren Bumpass and Geoff Collins. Ian Pratt flew what was to turn out to be the longest flight of the day of 13 minutes 41 seconds in order to secure wins over Jeff Fellows, Chris Hague and James Parry. In winning the opening slot, Glenn Woodford's narrow victory over Ian Sapsed was to prove to be Ian's only defeat of the day. So now you know who won!

Round 2 was a recovery round for previously defeated pilots, with slot wins for Jeff Fellows, Darren Bumpass, Chris Hague and Ian Sapsed. The close nature of this competition was highlighted with seven different slot winners in the first two rounds.

Chris Hague, Andrew Fellows, Glenn Woodford and Ian Sapsed had clear wins in a defining Round 3 with these four pilots heading the leader board for the remainder of the contest - but not in that order!

Rick Churchill flew his low tech, plastic fuselage machine for nearly 10 minutes to win a hard fought contest in Round 4 against Roly Nix, Peter Kessell and Chris Hague. Geoff Collins flew for 13 minutes 31 seconds to narrowly defeat a high-flying Malcolm McKendrick.

In the final round James Parry and Darren Bumpass emerged winners by the narrowest of margins. Glenn Woodford lost out when flying a long, long way downwind and his low score in this round meant that in the final slot of the day either Ian Sapsed, Andrew Fellows or Chris Hague could either equal or better Glenn's temporary lead in the overall scoring. Andrew was first to land, which enabled Chris, who was next to land to equal Andrew's score and compete in a fly-off for third place. Congratulations go to Ian who not only won the slot, but in the final analysis, finished a clear two wins ahead of Glenn. Interestingly they were both flying standard Vee-tailed Apollos. In a very close fly-off Andrew out flew Chris for third place. In the fly-off for fifth place Jeff Fellows flew for over eight minutes to defeat Ian Pratt (who was still experimenting with his pusher and tractor design models). Darren Bumpass landed out, but was not the only pilot to do so during the day. (no names mentioned but you will all remember it in detail!)

Our thanks go to Martin Symes and the Salisbury MFC for the use of their excellent flying facility. Thanks go to the timekeepers and in particular to James Parry and Rick Churchill who helped with the scoring.

After a successful third round we look forward to the fourth round on Sunday 28 July at Collingbourne Kingston, the flying site of Marlborough MFC. This is a double event with Wessex Tomboys flying in the morning and the Wessex 600RES event starting at around noon. Watch this space at www.wessexaml.co.uk for all the latest information.

The Flamstone Farm results are as follows:

1st Ian Sapsed 11 wins; 2nd Glenn Woodford 9 wins; 3rd Andrew Fellows 8 wins;
 4th Chris Hague 8 wins; 5th Jeff Fellows 7 wins; 6th Ian Pratt 7 wins;
 7th Darren Bumpass 7 wins; 8th Geoff Collins 6 wins; 9th Malcolm McKendrick 5 wins;
 10th Rick Churchill 4 wins; 11th James Parry 3 wins; 12th Peter Kessell 3 wins;
 13th Roly Nix 0 wins.

600RES Class		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Andrew Fellows		24	25	23			72
2	Jeff Fellows		25	24	21			70
3	Geoff Collins		23	22	18			63
4	Malcolm McKendrick		21	23	17			61
5	Chris Hague		18	19	22			59
6	Glenn Woodford		15	16	24			55
7	Ian Pratt		22	13	20			55
8	Peter Kessell		20	20	14			54
9	Ian Sapsed		19	-	25			44
10	Rick Farrer		16	21	-			37
11	Darren Bumpass		17	-	19			36
12	Roly Nix		2	17	13			32
13	James Parry		13	18	15			31
14	Rick Churchill		11	-	16			27
15	Tim Bailey		-	15	-			15
16	John Taylor		14	-	-			14
=16	Richard Few		-	14	-			14
18	Denis Grocott		12	-	-			12

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Pusher v tractor.....



Which way? There's always one!.....