

## 2017 WESSEX AEROMODELLERS LEAGUE Low-Cost 600RES Competition

### Scores after the 3<sup>rd</sup> round at Collingbourne Kingston on Sunday 2 July

The third round of the 2017 season was flown at Collingbourne Kingston in almost perfect conditions - a breeze, sunshine and clouds and an excellent flying site, home to the Marlborough MFC. We again used the CAM height limiter, set to 30 seconds motor run time and 200m altitude.

There was a good entry of nine competitors with the event consisting of four rounds with equal slots of three pilots in each. The slots are so designed that each pilot will fly once against every other pilot in the competition.

In ideal conditions all of the test flights were completed successfully and Round 1 got underway. This resulted in maximum scores for Chris Hague, Andrew Fellows and Jeff Fellows. (that order was to become significant by the end of the day.)

However, Round 2 produced the first maximum for Ian Pratt, and Andrew Fellows's second maximum inflicted the first and only defeat for Jeff Fellows.

In Round 3 overall flight times showed a marked improvement as pilots finally found out where there was lift. Malcolm McKendrick picked up two wins (helped by Mike Sims missing this round whilst repairing his model) to add to his win in the previous round. Although flying for over 10 minutes, Ian Pratt did not score as both Peter Rose and Jeff Fellows shared the points with maximum flight times of over 15 minutes. Chris Hague needed to fly for over 14 minutes to win his slot against Andrew Fellows and Roly Nix.

Round 4 continued to produce good flight times, once again Ian Pratt flew over 10 minutes only to be narrowly beaten by Rick Churchill and Andrew Fellows. Jeff Fellows scored a maximum to inflict the only defeat that Chris Hague suffered all day. Peter Rose had run out of models by now and missed this round, leaving Mike Simms to win with Roly Nix landing only 12 seconds later.

And so to the fly-offs: seventh place was secured by Rick Churchill when flying against Ian Pratt and Roly Nix who had very generously been lent one of Malcolm McKendrick's models for his last two flights. Separated by only one second, Malcolm McKendrick finished in fifth place from Mike Simms. The first place fly-off between Chris Hague and Andrew Fellows was a tough battle, with the advantage alternating throughout the whole flight. Eventually Andrew landed after nearly 17 minutes of flight time which left Chris the winner on the day with a flight of over 17 minutes.

The Collingbourne Kingston results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Chris Hague 7 wins; 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Fellows 7 wins; 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeff Fellows 6.5 wins;  
 4<sup>th</sup> Peter Rose 3.5 wins; 5<sup>th</sup> Malcolm McKendrick 3 wins; 6<sup>th</sup> Mike Sims 3 wins;  
 7<sup>th</sup> Rick Churchill 2 wins; 8<sup>th</sup> Ian Pratt 2 wins; 9<sup>th</sup> Roly Nix 2 wins;

<b>600RES Class</b>		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Chris Hague		25	24	25			74
2	Andrew Fellows		24	25	24			73
3	Jeff Fellows		23	23	23			69
4	Mike Sims		22	20	20			62
5	Rick Churchill		20	21	19			60
6	James Parry		19	17	-			36
=6	Bob Corfield		17	19	-			36
8	Malcolm McKendrick		16	18	21			55
9	Peter Rose		-	22	22			44
10	Ian Pratt		21	-	18			39
11	Roly Nix		18	-	17			35

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Just where is the lift? Opinions vary!



Rick's model glides in for a perfect landing.



Pilots and rudder/elevator/spoiler 600RES models at Collingbourne Kingston.

Our thanks go to the Marlborough MFC for the use of their excellent flying field at Collingbourne Kinston and a special thanks must go to Gordon Cook who single-handedly completed all of the time keeping. After a successful third round we look forward to **Round 4 on Sunday 6 August** once again at **Collingbourne Kingston. Marlborough MFC's** excellent flying site, Watch this space at [www.wessexaml.co.uk](http://www.wessexaml.co.uk) for all the latest information.