

2018 WESSEX AEROMODELLERS LEAGUE Low-Cost 600RES Competition

Scores after the 3rd round at Collingbourne Kingston on Saturday 4 August

The third round of the 2018 season was flown at Collingbourne Kingston in superb warm sunny conditions and a cooling breeze, 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 six 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 would tell how accurate that would turn out to be.

Round 1 got underway and resulted in maximum scores for Gordon Cook and Rick Churchill - an order which was to become significant by the end of the day.

However, Round 2 produced even better times with four pilots flying in excess of 13 minutes. Mike Sims beat Peter Rose by 11 seconds, Chris Hague beat Roly Nix by 18 seconds, but Gordon Cook's shorter flight time still resulted in a win as Rick Churchill landed out.

In Round 3 Gordon Cook experienced his only defeat of the day against Chris Hague, and Rick Churchill needed to fly just over 7 minutes to secure a win against Peter Rose, but both Roly Nix and Mike Sims landed out and failed to score.

And so to the fourth and final round where the final order had still not been decided and wins were required by Gordon, Rick and Chris as they were on equal scores. Rick Churchill had a "walk over" against Roly Nix, whose plane was damaged beyond field repairs. Gordon Cook secured his win against Mike Sims which just left Chris Hague flying against Peter Rose who had not secured a win all day. This was flight was going to have an effect on the overall scores. With Chris's plane having plenty of height and Peter at a low altitude this contest looked to be over. Peter, however, found some low level lift and to his credit gradually gained height, so much so that both pilots were still flying after 15 minutes and therefore shared the point. This left Gordon and Rick to fly-off for first place, and for the second time during the day, Gordon won.

Previously Gordon Cook had acted on many occasions as timekeeper for our competitions and this was his first entry and he won, most deservedly. Congratulations, Gordon! The Collingbourne Kingston results are as follows:

1st Gordon Cook 4 wins; 2nd Rick Churchill 4 wins; 3rd Chris Hague 3.5 wins;
4th Mike Sims 1 win; 5th Roly Nix 1 win; 6th Peter Rose 0.5 win.

600RES Class		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Rick Churchill		25	24	24			73
2	Chris Hague		23	25	23			71
3	Roly Nix		24	23	21			68
4	Peter Rose		22	22	20			64
5	Mike Sims		19	21	22			62
6	James Parry		21	20	-			41
7	Tom Airey		20	19	-			39
8	Gordon Cook		-	-	25			25
9	Ian Sapsed		18	-	-			18

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Our thanks go to Marlborough MFC for the use of their excellent flying field at Collingbourne Kingston. **The next round scheduled for Sunday 19 August at Cashmoor will be postponed due to a clash of events.** I hope to be able to announce a new date at an alternative venue in the near future. Watch this space at www.wessexaml.co.uk for all the latest information.