

WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2011

Scores after the 4th round at Collingbourne Kingston on Saturday 20 August 2011 by Chris Hague

The fourth round of the 2011 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Marlborough MFC at their Collingbourne Kingston flying site. This was a re-arranged fixture and was flown as a double header event with the fourth round of the Wessex Tomboy League.

The weather forecast turned out to be impressively accurate (believe me!). Predicted to be flyable in the morning, heavy rain at midday and clearing throughout the afternoon. And it was and it did.

An entry of 8 pilots and the wait for the rain to clear provided the recipe for an enjoyable action-packed afternoon. This round had been postponed from earlier in the year and some of the regular competitors had been unable to attend due to prior engagements - like annual holidays! The event marked the debut of not one but two new pusher designs. Malcolm McKendrick flew his twin boom inverted vee tail pusher design, whilst new entrant Jeff Fellows debuted a very competitive slim model of his own design, also positioning the motor behind the wing.

Having waited for the midday rain to stop, armed with clip boards and pencils George Barnard and James Parry were soon organising the flight line and relaying the results back to Nancy Kessell. During the early rounds flight times struggled to reach the five minute mark. As the weather cleared and when the sun came out patches of lift started to appear and flights times improved, so much so that in the fly-off for second place at the end of the afternoon, Chris Hague had to fly for over 15 minutes in order to beat a very consistent Tom Airey. Mark Annandale (Parkzone Radian 2m) and Denis Grocott (Easy glider Pro) both continued their experiments with ARTF foam models, but so far are achieving better results with more conventional models. Malcolm McKendrick is still searching for consistency and lift with his lightweight innovative models. Ian Pratt has built an even lighter pod and boom fuselage which will no doubt soon begin to reach its potential. Peter Kessell narrowly missed out on the fly-off for second place and finished fourth and now moves up to second place in the league table, just one point ahead of Tom Airey with one round to go. Jeff Fellows flying impeccably, ably assisted by his son, tactician and spotter Andrew, remained unbeaten all day and won his first ever 600RES event by the narrowest of margins. Congratulations, Jeff.

Our thanks go to the Marlborough MFC and Andy Head for the use of their excellent flying field. And of course to our regular scorers, Nancy Kessell and George Barnard, who have the unenviable task of keeping all the scores and producing the final results. 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 successful fourth round we look forward to the final round on Saturday 10 September at Cashmoor. Watch this space at www.wessexaml.co.uk for all the latest information. The Collingbourne Kingston results are as follows:

1st Jeff Fellows 7 wins; 2nd Chris Hague 5 wins; 3rd Tom Airey 5 wins;
 4th Peter Kessell 4 wins; 5th Ian Pratt 3 wins; 6th Denis Grocott 2 wins;
 7th Malcolm McKendrick; 1 win; 8th Mark Annandale 0 wins.

Low-cost 600RES		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Chris Hague		7	9	9	9		34
2	Peter Kessell		9	7	6	7		29
3	Tom Airey		-	10	10	8		28
4	Rick Farrer		10	6	8	-		24
5	Denis Grocott		5	8	4	5		22
6	Ian Pratt		8	3	-	6		17
7	Malcolm McKendrick		3	-	7	4		14
8	Jeff Fellows		-	-	-	10		10
9	Dick Hanley		4	5	-	-		9
=9	Steve Howe		-	4	5	-		9
11	Mark Annandale		2	2	2	3		9
12	John Taylor		6	-	-	-		6
13	Simon Oylott		-	2	3	-		5
14	Geoff Collins		2	-	-	-		2
=14	James Parry		2	-	-	-		2
=14	Roly Nix		-	-	2	-		2
=14	Robin Caswell		-	-	2	-		2

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Jeff Fellow's own design pusher 600RES Malcolm's own design pusher 600RES model