

# WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2014

## Scores after the 4<sup>th</sup> round at Cashmoor on Sunday 7 September 2014

The fourth round of the 2014 season was held at the excellent flying site of the Wimborne MAC in fine weather conditions and with a steady westerly breeze. An excellent entry of 11 competitors arrived early and after the pilots' briefing a few practice flights took place. The moderate winds provided good lift - sometimes too good - and throughout the day there were plenty of opportunities to find and stay in it. Five pilots flew for the full 15 minutes - Ian Sapsed even managed to do it twice - many other flights lasted for over 10 minutes.

With an entry of 11 pilots and not counting any fly-offs at the end of the day for pilots with equal scores, each pilot flies five times in this Round Robin competition. The slots are so designed that each pilot will fly once against every other pilot in the competition.

After a few practice flights Round 1 got under way in excellent weather conditions, with a maximum three points in each of the three slots for Andrew Fellows, Jeff Fellows and Glenn Woodford.

Round 2 followed with some very long flight times, as previously mentioned, resulting in 15 minute flights for Ian Sapsed, Chris Hague, Darren Bumpass and Glenn Woodford. Also in this round Jeff Fellows needed to fly for 13 minutes to beat Rick Churchill and James Parry, whilst Andrew Fellows flew for 12 minutes to beat Malcolm MacKendrick.

Long flight times continued in Round 3 when pilots had worked out the best locations to fly over the site terrain. Jeff Fellows and Ian Sapsed both flew for the full 15 minutes to beat Glenn Woodford's 10 minute flight. Ian Pratt needed to fly for 13 minutes to beat Rick Churchill (as Rick had given Ian a lift to the field this nearly cost him the ride home!). However, Malcolm MacKendrick's time of just five minutes was sufficient to beat both Chris Hague and Peter Kessell.

The shorter flight times continued in Round 4 resulting in some very close contests with Ian Sapsed narrowly beating Malcolm MacKendrick whilst Jeff Fellows, Andrew Fellows and Rick Churchill similarly recorded very narrow wins.

During the final round Darren Bumpass put in a good flight to beat Ian Sapsed and the new-found form of both Rick Churchill and Ian Pratt produced well earned wins. However, probably the closest contest of the day, when the landings were separated by only three seconds, ended in favour of the eventual overall winner Andrew Fellows having landed just one second later than Jeff Fellows who beat Chris Hague by another whole second.

And so to the fly-offs. Eighth place was settled in favour of Glenn Woodford who despite flying at a lower altitude for most of the flight gained height when it mattered most and narrowly beat Chris Hague.

The fly-off for fourth place was a contest between the two Ian's, Sapsed and Pratt, and resulted in a win for the former after another close contest.

Once again congratulations go to Andrew Fellows for his overall win with a maximum 10 points. Jeff Fellows was second with eight and a half points after just one defeat and one draw. Third place went to a delighted Rick Churchill whose home brew model suited the conditions (Rick said!) especially with the unusual underslung fin and rudder. Andrew should also be congratulated on a perfect score of 100, winning the four rounds this season and not even losing a flight during the whole contest. Brilliant.

Our thanks go to the Wimborne MAC for the use of their immaculate flying field at short notice as a replacement for the lost day in April due to poor weather conditions. Thanks also to Paul Sapsed for taking on the timekeeping duties throughout the day and keeping the event running so smoothly. Both during and after the event a few club members also flew their power planes.

Thinking of 2015 and the new brushless motors that we have selected to use, Jeff Fellows demonstrated the equality of two motors to everyone's satisfaction and delight. Now we anticipate more equal launch heights, only affected by battery management, model design, model weight and of course, flying ability!

After a successful fourth round we look forward to the **Round 5 on Sunday 5 October at the Tarrant Hinton flying site of the DMFG**. Watch this space at [www.wessexaml.co.uk](http://www.wessexaml.co.uk) for all the latest information.

The Cashmoor results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Fellows 10 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Fellows 8.5 points;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rick Churchill 7 points; 4<sup>th</sup> Ian Sapsed 6 points; 5<sup>th</sup> Ian Pratt 6 points;  
6<sup>th</sup> Darren Bumpass 5.5 points; 7<sup>th</sup> Malcolm McKendrick 4 points;  
8<sup>th</sup> Glenn Woodford 3.5 points; 9<sup>th</sup> Chris Hague 3.5 points;  
10<sup>th</sup> Peter Kessell 1 point; 11<sup>th</sup> James Parry 0 points.

<b>600RES Class</b>	Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Andrew Fellows	25	25	25	25		100
2	Jeff Fellows	24	24	24	24		96
3	Chris Hague	23	23	22	17		85
4	Malcolm McKendrick	21	18	20	19		78
5	Rick Churchill	17	21	15	23		76
6	Peter Kessell	20	20	16	16		72
7	Glenn Woodford	22	-	19	18		59
8	Ian Pratt	16	-	21	21		58
9	Darren Bumpass	-	19	18	20		57
10	Roly Nix	18	17	17	-		52
11	James Parry	19	-	14	15		48
12	Ian Sapsed	-	-	23	22		45
13	Tom Airey	-	22	-	-		22

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



600RES models at Cashmoor September July 2014



600RES models just after take-off at Cashmoor September 2014



600RES launching



Vee tails are popular, but not compulsory!