

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

### Scores after the 4<sup>th</sup> round at Collingbourne Kingston on Sunday 6 August

We missed the heavy rain on Saturday by just one day and were fortunate that Sunday turned out fine. The fourth round of the 2017 season was flown at Collingbourne Kingston in good but windy conditions with plenty of big billowing clouds to fly under, but not in! This is 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. We have a continuing debate with regards to its use next year, please email me your preference (democracy is not guaranteed!). There was a good entry with the event consisting of four rounds run to the now familiar round robin format. The slots in each round are so designed that each pilot will fly once against every other pilot in the competition.

Nearly all of the test flights were completed successfully and Round 1 got underway. This resulted in maximum scores for Pete Rose, Andrew Fellows and Jeff Fellows. (It should be noted here that Chris Hague got off to a bad start today: firstly crashing Roly Nix's new model whilst test flying and then in round one carefully flew the wrong model! Roly, having launched Chris's model, wondered why he was watching the other two models for so long! Luckily Roly spotted the model a long way downwind and mentioned that it might be a good idea to turn around and fly the model. It did illustrate how far a well trimmed model will fly on its own! Chris managed to recover to some extent and eventually achieve a flight time of just over 10 minutes, usually long enough to win a slot - but not this time! Rick Churchill flew for over 12 minutes, and the slot was won by Pete Rose with a time of very nearly 14 minutes.

However, Round 2 produced more maximum scores for Jeff Fellows and Andrew Fellows, both their launch heights giving them comfortable winning margins. Chris Hague outflew Mike Sims in a close contest for his first win of the day.

In Round 3 overall flight times showed a marked improvement as pilots finally found out where there was lift. This improvement in flight times by round 3 is something I have noted before and probably due in part to pilots having fine tuned their models during the earlier flights. Malcolm McKendrick was only narrowly defeated by Rick Churchill. A close contest ensued with Pete Rose, Mike Sims and Roly Nix eventually finishing in that order and all three being separated by less than a minute. The closest contest of the day was between Andrew Fellows, Jeff Fellows and Chris Hague, and the points were shared as all three pilots flew out the maximum flight time of over 15 minutes - and you can't get any more equal than that! However, the contest is over four rounds and to win overall a pilot has to be consistent in every round.

Round 4 continued to produce good flight times, once again Pete Rose flew over 13 minutes only to be narrowly beaten by Andrew Fellows. Pilots continued to find good lift, despite the brisk breeze and Mike Sims landed just before Rick Churchill and finally Jeff Fellows, whose time of over nine minutes finally won the slot. Roly Nix landed only a few seconds before Malcolm McKendrick in the final slot that was won by Chris Hague.

And so to the fly-offs: only one needed to be flown and that was for fourth place when Chris Hague outflew Rick Churchill. Although there was a tie for first place with both Jeff Fellows and Andrew Fellows having six wins each, Jeff conceded the win to Andrew. Congratulations to Andrew on his overall win, to Jeff in second place and to Pete Rose for a strong third place with five wins throughout the day.

The Collingbourne Kingston results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Fellows 6 wins; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Fellows 6 wins; 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Rose 5 wins;  
 4<sup>th</sup> Chris Hague 4 wins; 5<sup>th</sup> Rick Churchill 4 wins; 6<sup>th</sup> Mike Sims 2 wins;  
 7<sup>th</sup> Malcolm McKendrick 1 win; 8<sup>th</sup> Roly Nix 0 wins;

<b>600RES Class</b>		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Andrew Fellows		24	25	24	25		98
2	Chris Hague		25	24	25	22		96
3	Jeff Fellows		23	23	23	24		93
4	Mike Sims		22	20	20	20		82
5	Rick Churchill		20	21	19	21		81
6	Malcolm McKendrick		16	18	21	19		74
7	Peter Rose		-	22	22	23		67
8	Roly Nix		18	-	17	18		53
9	Ian Pratt		21	-	18	-		39
10	James Parry		19	17	-	-		36
=10	Bob Corfield		17	19	-	-		36

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Elegant trophy (on loan) from Bournemouth MAS for this year's winner.  
This trophy has quite a history and dates back to the 1930's



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 5 on Sunday 17 September** at **Cashmoor, Wimborne MAC's** excellent flying site, Watch this space at [www.wessexaml.co.uk](http://www.wessexaml.co.uk) for all the latest information.

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Chris Hague