

## WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2011

### **Scores after Round 1 held at Cashmoor on Sunday 27 March 2011 by Chris Hague**

The first round of the 2011 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Wimborne MAC. The weather forecast was good and the flying conditions turned out fine for vintage style models. 13 pilots turned up with Tomboy 36" models and 12 qualified for the fly-off, with flights of over four minutes, during the morning. The early morning haze soon gave way to sunshine and a gentle breeze. The air was buoyant and soon the Tomboys, using only 2cc of fuel, were reaching the limit of clear vision and after a few careful experiments a 30 second delay was decided upon for the fly-off. Models were checked for legality and three models needed some bigger wheels to come up to specification. Nearly all pilots used the increasingly popular MP Jet 040 Classic motor with its standard 2cc ali tank. This motor proved both powerful and easy to start, although one competitor had a very short flight when he launched with the motor running sweetly, but unfortunately, backwards. In the fly-off three pilots, Dave Ashenden, John Myers and Roly Nix failed to get away, James Collis and Paul Netton collided and landed soon after launch, quickly followed by engine guru Derek Collin. John Taylor still using a Mills .75 failed to get his usual decent engine run time and was next to land. Then followed a gap to James Parry and Chris Hague. Third place went to Rick Farrer, who had driven all the up from south Devon, followed by last years winner Tom Airey. Flying with an MP Jet for the first time, congratulations go to Peter Rose who was the convincing winner with his all black model, with a time of 7 min 12 sec.

#### **Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table**

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Peter Rose	<b>10</b>					<b>10</b>
2	Tom Airey	<b>9</b>					<b>9</b>
3	Rick Farrer	<b>8</b>					<b>8</b>
4	Chris Hague	<b>7</b>					<b>7</b>
5	James Parry	<b>6</b>					<b>6</b>
6	John Taylor	<b>5</b>					<b>5</b>
7	Derek Collin	<b>4</b>					<b>4</b>
8	James Collis	<b>3</b>					<b>3</b>
=9	Paul Netton	<b>2</b>					<b>2</b>
=9	Dave Ashenden	<b>2</b>					<b>2</b>
=9	John Myers	<b>2</b>					<b>2</b>
=9	Roly Nix	<b>2</b>					<b>2</b>
13	Bill Longley	<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>

1<sup>st</sup> Peter Rose 7 min 12 sec; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Airey 3<sup>rd</sup> Rick Farrer 4<sup>th</sup> Chris Hague 5<sup>th</sup> James Parry 6<sup>th</sup> John Taylor 7<sup>th</sup> Derek Collin; 8<sup>th</sup> James Collis 9<sup>th</sup> Paul Netton DNF: Dave Ashenden, John Myers, Roly Nix.

#### **Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table**

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	<b>10</b>					<b>10</b>
2	Chris Hague	<b>9</b>					<b>9</b>
3	Rick Farrer	<b>8</b>					<b>8</b>
4	Derek Collin	<b>7</b>					<b>7</b>
5	Clive Carpenter	<b>6</b>					<b>6</b>
6	Peter Rose	<b>5</b>					<b>5</b>
7	Bill Longley	<b>4</b>					<b>4</b>
8	Roly Nix	<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>

1<sup>st</sup> Tom Airey 10 min 46 sec; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Hague 3<sup>rd</sup> Rick Farrer 4<sup>th</sup> Derek Collin 5<sup>th</sup> Clive Carpenter 6<sup>th</sup> Peter Rose 7<sup>th</sup> Bill Longley.

There were eight entrants in the Tomboy Senior competition with seven qualifying for the fly-off. The event was comprehensively won by Tom Airey, his 48" span Tomboy achieving a massive height with a long but slow climb. The time could have been far longer but when Chris Hague landed after an impressive 10 minute 5 seconds Tom was able to dive for home. Third was Rick Farrer with a new lightweight model, fourth was Derek Collin with his brand new model, flying well on it's first outing. Chips Carpenter, who came fifth, was lucky (or well prepared!) to have a model for the fly-off as he launched earlier in the day without switching on! However, the model had a tracking device fitted, what great foresight! It was then located in no time at all, by all sorts of electricrery, about 2.5 miles away, none the worse for it free flight. Peter Rose and Bill Longley were the remaining two finishers, both suffering from short engine runs.

Our thanks go to our starter for the day, Phil Coupe and his timekeeper Roger. Also to the host club the Wimborne MAC for allowing the use of their flying field.

Remember it is the best four scores, shown in **bold** type, to count. The next round will be on Sunday 1 May at Templecombe, the site of the Wincanton Falcons. Full details available on our website: [www.wessexaml.co.uk](http://www.wessexaml.co.uk)



Peter Rose Tomboy 36



Chips Carpenter Tomboy 48

