

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2013

Scores after Round 2 held at Templecombe on Sunday 28 April 2013 by Chris Hague

The second round of the 2013 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Wincanton Falcons at their superbly equipped Templecombe flying site. The weather forecast was better for the morning than the afternoon so everyone got started promptly. With the exception of Derek Collin, whose Tomboy 36 motor refused to run for very long, foreign matter in the fuel was the prime suspect. Everyone qualified easily, and as the air was very buoyant, it was decided to have a 20 second hold time after the 90 seconds allowed to start, adjust and fuel up the models. This is the successful Wessex way which is designed to prevent the models going too high under the power phase of the competition.

Five pilots flew in the Wessex Tomboy 36 fly-off and after a clean getaway James Collis was first to land with a poor motor run time. After reaching a good height on the motor run James Parry was next down, followed just one second later by newcomer to the series and a fast learning, Ian Pratt. This left just Paul Netton and Chris Hague at a good height but in different parts of the sky. Paul found the sink first and landed leaving Chris the comfortable winner for the second time in a row.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Chris Hague	10	10				20
2	James Collis	9	6				15
3	James Parry	8*	7				15
4	Paul Netton	-	9				9
5	Ian Pratt	-	8				8
6	Derek Collin	1*	1				2
=7	John Myers	1	-				1
=7	John Taylor	1	-				1
=7	Dave Ashenden	1	-				1

1st Chris Hague 5 min 05 sec; 2nd Paul Netton 4 min 11 sec; 3rd Ian Pratt 2 min 40 sec;
4th James Parry 2 min 39 sec; 5th James Collis 2 min 19 sec. DNQ; Derek Collin
*Scoring error corrected from round 1

There were five entrants in the Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" competition with all five qualifying for the fly-off. Entrants have 90 seconds to start and fuel up ready for the mass take-off. Due to incorrect engine settings (commonly known as fiddling with the settings!), after 88 seconds, Chris Hague's Mills 1.3 stopped and with insufficient time to restart had to retire. All the other Wessex Tomboy Seniors launched and climbed away cleanly. Engine supremo Derek Collin was first to land with a time of 4 minutes 40 seconds. Next down after six minutes was James Parry followed two minutes later by a vastly improving Barrie Collis who has recorded two second places in the first two rounds. The easy winner was Peter Rose, who had the luxury of diving down from a great height after Barrie had landed, that was after an impressively long motor run time.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Barrie Collis	9	9				18
2	Peter Rose	7	10				17
3	Derek Collin	6	7				13
4	Chris Hague	10	2				12
5	James Parry	1	8				9
6	Rick Farrer	8	-				8

1st Peter Rose 10 min 06 sec; 2nd Barrie Collis 8 min 0 sec;
 3rd James Parry 6 min 00 sec; 4th Derek Collin min 40 sec; DNF; Chris Hague

Our thanks go to our starters and timekeepers for the day, Derek Collin, Peter Rose and to Ian Pratt. Also to the host club, the Wincanton Falcons, for allowing the use of their flying field. Remember it is the best four scores to count. The next round will be on Sunday 2 June at West Winterslow, the site organised by Peter Rose. We will also be flying our control line Wessex Spitfire Scramble and Wessex mini speed at this event.

Complete Spitfire Scramble kits are available at about £45 + P&P from Topco Kits and that includes the engine!! Yes, that is correct, it includes the engine! Anyone interested in taking part in Tomboy events might like to try the 36" version with a new MP Jet Classic 0.6cc diesel costing a mere £50, a Rx., two 6 gram servos, covering material and either a laser short kit at up to £30 or build from one of the plans around. Contact James for details of plans available. You can be fully competitive for about £130 or less if you have any of the bits already. Full details available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk Email me if you require directions to the site.



James Parry's colourful Wessex Tomboy 48



Ian Pratt's Wessex Tomboy 36



Paul Netton and Peter Rose prepare Paul's Wessex Tomboy 36 for the fly-off.



And a clean getaway for Paul Netton's Wessex Tomboy 36