

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2011

Round 3 Flamstone Farm on Sunday 31 July 2011 by Chris Hague

The third round of the 2011 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Salisbury MFC at their Flamstone Farm flying site. Once again the Tomboys seem to attract windy weather for the competition. However, Tomboys cope admirably with these conditions and everyone produced at least the minimum four minute flight in order to qualify for the fly-off.

Before mid-day everyone was ready for the fly-offs and by flying early we avoided having to fly directly into the sun. The first fly-off was for the Tomboy 36, all seven models being fitted with the MP Jet 040 Classic diesel and using only 2cc of fuel in the standard ali fuel tank. 90 seconds were allowed to start the motor and fuel up after which a hold sign was held to signal that no more fuel was to be added. This is a strict cut-off point that must be observed by all pilots. Models were then readied for the launch, released when the "GO" sign was displayed, the hold time was 20 seconds and they were then soon fighting their way upwind, perfectly in sight and easily flyable at a reasonable height. That is all except Chris Hague, whose usually reliable motor cut after a few seconds, thus robbing James Parry of the distinction of being the first to land! Determined not to disappoint, James was in fact the next to land followed by Paul Netton who was beaten by our youngest competitor, James Collis. Peter Rose, the winner of first round, produced a strong flight, but not quite good enough this time to beat Tom Airey. At this point Derek Collin was still looking skywards and thought he was in with a good chance of a high score, however his hopes evaporated when the model he thought he was flying landed and closer inspection found that it was not his! Despite searching the sky no-one could spot Derek's model. There is a happy ending to this story as Derek found his model later in the day, having landed safely in a field about a mile downwind. Congratulations go to Tom who leads the table with two wins and a second place. Peter remains in a strong second place and James Collis moves up to third just one point ahead of JP.

T36 RESULTS: 1st Tom Airey; 2nd Peter Rose; 3rd James Collis; 4th Paul Netton; 5th James Parry; 6th Chris Hague. OOS Derek Collin.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	9	10	10			29
2	Peter Rose	10	6	9			26
3	James Collis	3	9	8			20
4	James Parry	6	7	6			19
5	Paul Netton	2	8	7			17
6	Chris Hague	7	5	5			17
7	Rick Farrer	8	4	-			12
8	Derek Collin	4	3	2			9
9	John Taylor	5	-	-			5
10	Dave Ashenden	2	-	-			2
=10	John Myers	2	-	-			2
=10	Roly Nix	2	-	-			2
13	Bill Longley	1	-	-			1

Of the four entrants in the Tomboy Senior competition three made the fly-off. Derek Collin was the first to land, which left an epic battle being fought out between Tom Airey and Chris Hague. With a shorter but more powerful engine run Chris gained the greatest height. Tom's motor running at lower revs seemed to run on forever maintaining a lower but still a very good height. Both models glided on and on for over 10 minutes, with Tom eventually winning using every ounce of local knowledge.

T48 RESULTS: 1st Tom Airey; 2nd Chris Hague; 3rd Derek Collin. DNS: Bill Longley.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	10	8	10			28
2	Chris Hague	9	10	9			28
3	Derek Collin	7	7	8			22
4	Rick Farrer	8	9	-			17
5	Peter Rose	5	6	-			11
6	Clive Carpenter	6	-	-			6
7	Bill Longley	4	-	1			5
8	Roly Nix	1	-	-			1

Our thanks go to our starter and time keeper for the day, Mike (Spike) Spencer with additional help from Denis Grocott from the host club for allowing the use of their excellent flying field and facilities. Remember it is the best four scores to count. The next round will be on Saturday 20 August at a new venue at Collingbourne Kingston, the site of the Marlborough MFC. This is another superb flying field and we are fortunate to be given the opportunity to fly on their site for round 4 of our Wessex Tomboy League. Full details will be available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk



Derek Collin, Barrie Collis & James Collis



Wessex Tomboy 36 finalists



Paul Netton searching for Derek Collin's Tomboy 36 - Derek's found it and doesn't he look happy!