

## WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2012

### **Round 4, Flamstone Farm on Sunday 16 July 2012 by Chris Hague**

After days, weeks, or what seems like months, of strong winds and heavy rain we were very fortunate to have a near perfect flying day on Sunday at Flamstone Farm, the flying site of the Salisbury MFC. With a freshly-mown patch that very morning and a steady westerly breeze, contestants were eager to fly their four-minute qualifying flight straight after the pilots' briefing. Tomboy pilots and SMFC members alternated half hour flying slots throughout the morning.

Both the Tomboy fly-offs were scheduled in the 12.30 – 13.00 half hour slot. SMFC club member Spike Spencer volunteered to act as our starter for the day. First away was the Tomboy 36 class, and after a 20 second hold period everyone climbed away towards the clouds, some far higher than others. After a good qualifying flight a flooded engine prevented James Collis from getting airborne at the start. His ground crew, dad Barrie Collis, accepting responsibility for this unusual phenomenon as the MP Jet 040's are usually so easy to start. First back to the patch was James Parry (suggesting that he might therefore be the winner!) but others thought differently! Chris Hague was next down in 5 minutes 29 seconds followed only 10 seconds later by Paul Netton. This left a high-flying Tom Airey diving his Tomboy back to the patch for a comfortable win.

The Tomboy 48 class fly-off followed and everyone got away cleanly with planes exhibiting vastly differing rates of climb. First down was Barrie Collis in 45 seconds, although as events were later to prove this was not for last place. Although flying his "Jackson Pollock" decorated Tomboy 48 in competition for the first time James Parry flew for over six minutes before losing control and landing (luckily safely) in an adjoining field. The problem was later diagnosed as a flat receiver battery. Chris Hague failed to achieve a decent height with his slow flying model and landed after eight minutes and 26 seconds. A minute later Peter Rose, the winner last time, landed followed by Tom Airey who had achieved an enviable height with his long powerful motor run. Peter then discovered that his fuel tank had come unscrewed which had resulted in a short motor run time.

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

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	8	9	10	10		37
2	Chris Hague	7	8	7	8		30
3	Paul Netton	9	-	9	9		27
4	James Parry	6	7	6	7		26
5	James Collis	4	6	8	6		24
6	Jeff Fellows	10	10	-	-		20
7	Rick Farrer	2	5	-	-		7
8	Peter Rose	5	-	-	-		5
9	Dave Ashenden	3	-	-	-		3
10	John Myers	2	-	-	-		2
11	Derek Collin	-	1	-	-		1

1<sup>st</sup> Tom Airey 6 min 20 sec; 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Netton 5 min 39 sec;  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Hague 5 min 29 sec; 4<sup>th</sup> James Parry 2 min 36 sec. 5<sup>th</sup> James Collis DNF.

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

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>38</b>
2	Peter Rose	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>35</b>
3	Chris Hague	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>29</b>
4	Barrie Collis	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>25</b>
5	Andrew Fellows	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	-	-		<b>16</b>
6	Rick Farrer	-	<b>10</b>	-	-		<b>10</b>
7	James Parry	-	-	-	<b>6</b>		<b>6</b>
8	Bill Longley	<b>5</b>	-	-	-		<b>5</b>
9	Derek Collin	-	<b>1</b>	-	-		<b>1</b>

1<sup>st</sup> Tom Airey 9 min 54 sec; 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Rose 9 min 22 sec;  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Hague 8 min 26 sec; 4<sup>th</sup> Barrie Collis 0 min 45 sec; 5<sup>th</sup> James Parry DNF.

What luck that Sunday was the only good flying day for ages! Our thanks go to Tony Warrilow and members of the Salisbury MFC who enabled us to share their excellent flying site. Remember it is the best four scores, shown in **bold** type, to count. The next round will be on Sunday 29 July at the Collingbourne Kingston flying site of the Marlborough MFC. Full details available on our website: [www.wessexaml.co.uk](http://www.wessexaml.co.uk)



Barrie Collis 4<sup>th</sup> (Tomboy 48) ready for the fly-off Tomboy 48's Chris Hague (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tom Airey (1<sup>st</sup>) Peter Rose (2<sup>nd</sup>).

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