

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2011

Round 5 WMAC Cashmoor on Sunday 2 October by Chris Hague

The final round of the 2011 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Wimborne MAC at their Cashmoor flying site. The weather forecast turned out to be impressively accurate (believe me!) as it was a near perfect flying day with a clear blue sky and only very light winds.

By midday all the Tomboyists had flown their required qualifying flight of at least four minutes and landed back on the patch. Eight Tomboy 36's lined up for the fly-off and seven took off, Rick Farrer failing to have his motor running at launch time due to leaning out the engine too much. First to land was Derek Collin, followed just over a minute later by an ever-improving Dave Ashenden. Sometime later Peter Rose drifted down, closely followed by a young, but now very competitive, James Collis. Surprise of the day was James (my engine won't run!) Parry flying for nearly four minutes to claim third place. Chris Hague's flight of over five minutes was not enough to beat the all-conquering Tomboy expert, Tom Airey. This victory gave Tom a maximum score of 40 points. Peter Rose and James Collis both scored 32 points overall, with Peter claiming second place due to higher count back score. James Parry, in fourth place, headed the rest of the entrants, and it is satisfying to report that throughout the season 14 pilots took part.

T36 RESULTS: 1st Tom Airey; 2nd Chris Hague; 3rd James Parry; 4th James Collis; 5th Peter Rose; 6th Dave Ashenden; 7th Derek Collin; 8th Rick Farrer.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	9	10	10	10	10	40
2	Peter Rose	10	6	9	7	6	32
3	James Collis	3	9	8	8	7	32
4	James Parry	6	7	6	5	8	27
5	Chris Hague	7	5	5	4	9	26
6	Paul Netton	2	8	7	-	-	17
7	Derek Collin	4	3	2	6	4	17
8	Rick Farrer	8	4	-	-	2	14
9	Jeff Fellows	-	-	-	9	-	9
10	Dave Ashenden	2	-	-	-	5	7
11	John Taylor	5	-	-	-	-	5
12	John Myers	2	-	-	-	-	2
=12	Roly Nix	2	-	-	-	-	2
14	Bill Longley	1	-	-	-	-	1

All six entrants in the Tomboy Senior 48 competition comfortably made the fly-off and in the superb weather conditions some long flight times were anticipated. After a clean launch the first to land, at the 5 minute mark, was Rick Farrer followed over a minute later by both Barrie Collis and Derek Collin in that order. Peter Rose flew well to achieve a flight of just over eight minutes for third place. This left yet another of those epic battles to be fought out between Tom Airey and Chris Hague. Series leader Chris needed to win today to win overall. After an exceptionally good climb out under power it seemed that Tom had secured a significant height advantage. This was soon to change as the height advantage alternated between the two protagonists. After 10 minutes of flying both planes were approaching the landing area and it looked as though Chris was going to pick up a small patch of low level lift to win. But it was not to be, as Tom won by a scant two seconds, which gave him a hard won overall win in the Tomboy Senior series.

T48 RESULTS: 1st Tom Airey; 2nd Chris Hague; 3rd Peter Rose; 4th Derek Collin; 5th Barrie Collis; 6th Rick Farrer.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	10	8	10	6	10	38
2	Chris Hague	9	10	9	9	9	37
3	Derek Collin	7	7	8	7	7	29
4	Peter Rose	5	6	-	8	8	27
5	Rick Farrer	8	9	-	-	5	22
6	Andrew Fellows	-	-	-	10	-	10
=7	Barrie Collis	-	-	-	-	6	6
7	Clive Carpenter	6	-	-	-	-	6
9	Bill Longley	4	-	1	-	-	5
10	Roly Nix	1	-	-	-	-	1

Our thanks go to our starter and timekeeper for the day, Ian Pratt and to Martin Gardener (it's always good to find a couple of volunteers!) for keeping track of the ascent, as well as the order of descent. After a successful year we all look forward to next year's Wessex Tomboy events. I hear already of new models being built. Full details will be available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk



Wessex Tomboy 48 finalists