

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2013

Round 5 Collingbourne Kingston (Marlborough MFC) on Sunday 28 July 2013 by Chris Hague

As this was a double event the Wessex Tomboys were flying in the morning with the electric thermal glider 600RES event starting after the now customary midday shower. The shower did arrive as forecast at midday, but by then both the 36" and 48" Tomboy classes had flown, this being the final round of the season.

The Collingbourne Kingston site is ideally suited to the Tomboy event and all pilots qualified, despite the strong wind, with very little difficulty – well nearly all that is – poor James was bitten by the propeller on his Mills 1.3 and needed expert medical attention from Barrie. We all agreed that Barrie should be appointed chief medical officer after his neat handiwork!

The first fly-off was for the Wessex Tomboy 36" class using the more than adequate miserly 2cc of fuel. James Collis's engine was not keen on running for very long, despite repeated efforts from dad Barrie, and was first to land. Flying conditions were not good in the strong wind, and Chris Hague was soon down. Ian Pratt had achieved a winning height, but was drifting way too far downwind for comfort. The inevitable landing-out resulted in a zero score. This rather lucky win gave Chris a maximum total of 40 points for the season. It reminds me that "you've got to be in it to win it"! Who else is going to have a go next year?

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Chris Hague	10	10	9	10	10	40
2	James Parry	8*	7	10	9	2	34
3	James Collis	9	6	2	2	9	26
4	Peter Rose	-	-	2	8	-	10
5	Paul Netton	-	9	-	-	-	9
6	Ian Pratt	-	8	-	-	2	8
7	Derek Collin	1*	1	2	-	-	4
=8	John Myers	1	-	-	-	-	1
=8	John Taylor	1	-	-	-	-	1
=8	Dave Ashenden	1	-	-	-	-	1

1st Chris Hague 2 min 32 sec; 2nd James Collis 1 min 21 sec;
Ian Pratt Landed out. DNS James Parry.

Remember the best four scores, shown in **bold** type, to count.

There were four entrants in the Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" competition (as James had had to retire wounded) with all four pilots qualifying easily for the fly-off. Barrie had, in fact flown for over 16 minutes early in the morning and considering the strong wind blowing it was quite an achievement. Entrants have 90 seconds to start and fuel up ready for the mass take-off. This time everyone achieved a good launch and climbed away cleanly. Both Peter Rose and Barrie Collis gained a good height and flew for nearly eight minutes. However, Derek Collin was first down after over five minutes, followed a few seconds later by Chris Hague. This left Barrie Collis and Peter Rose both flying their T48's superbly in the strong gusty conditions. Eventually Barrie landed followed a minute later by Peter. However, Barrie had an unbeatable points total for the season. Well done, Barrie!

James Parry had provided superb trophies for the overall winners and they were presented before the 600RES class started their competition.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Barrie Collis	9	9	10	8	9	37
2	Chris Hague	10	2	2	10	8	30
3	Peter Rose	7	10	2	2	10	29
4	Derek Collin	6	7	9	-	7	29
5	James Parry	1	8	8	9	2	27
6	Rick Farrer	8	-	-	-	-	8

1st Peter Rose 7 min 28 sec; 2nd Barrie Collis 6 min 37 sec; 3rd Chris Hague 5 min 18 sec; 4th Derek Collin 5 min 14 sec. DNS James Parry.

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Our thanks go to our host Andy Head of the Marlborough MFC for the use of their excellent flying field and to Jeff Fellows for being our starter on the day. That successfully concludes this year's Wessex Tomboy events and we propose to run the same events in 2014, with little or no change to the rules. This stability of the rules enables pilots to build, maintain and develop their models and engines over the winter with very little expense. As usual, full details are available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk

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. Once again full details are available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk



MP Jet 040 Classic



Tomboy 48, Mills 1.3cc; Tomboy 36, MP Jet 040; Tomboyezer 24, Mills 0.5cc, Tomboyezer 12, Mills 0.25cc models by Chris Hague



Wessex Tomboys at West Winterslow

Chris Hague

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