

Scale Day 22nd May 2016

It is said that the Lord smiles on the righteous So judging by the perfect weather there must be at least one in the club! Sunday dawned chilly and misty with a hint of smoke in the air. At 8.00am when your scribe reached the field there were the last wisps of mist in the valley and the dew was lying heavy on the sward - time to get assembling the craft.

By 9.00 the first few test flights had been made and our CD, Dave Pound, addressed the assembled multitude. The rules were as ever and the classes the usual - Over and Under 7kg for Civilian and Military with a good turnout in each group. Plus there would be Scanner/Tiger racing at lunch time,



the table was positively groaning with trophies.

Here's part of the line-up in the pits. Flying was judged by fellow fliers based on the type of original and the nominated manoeuvres and everyone took it in turns as well as acting as a Flight Line Controller when needed.



There were a lot of old favourites as well as some new ones. This is Clive Weatherheads smart new



ARF Stinson Reliant while Phil Rossi had a large "Jug" (not of beer but a P47 Thunderbolt exactly the same as the one David Foster had - shown here with his Fokker DVII and Beaver). Both flew well but Phil had recurring retract problems giving him the chance to demonstrate two classic wheels-up belly-landings! Doug Radford brought out his very smart Tiger Moth, rebuilt and re-engined a while ago to put on a fine display of slow flying. Here it is in close up and coming in for another smooth landing (flying photos by Jody Redfern).





Dave Bolstad managed to load his 27 aircraft into his trailer but only chose to fly 3 of them (one of which we will not talk about - hrumph - dolls in the cockpit!) including his excellent Me 110 - see top photo.



Col Buckley managed to fly despite being half blind in one eye (operation) and bitten in the other one (insect)! Here he is trying to find the gap in the fence to get to the take-off strip!

Stan Begg turned up with his recently refurbished Chipmunk (count the rivets when you have an hour to spare) and his mighty P40pity he only brought one Tx but the Chippie flew well.



Speaking of heavy military metal Ron Clark flew his Mitchell but only for fun not for comp. Similarly

Simon Comish flew his B29 (great flying photos



from Jody) and a Cessna 182 in the comp but even more impressive was this little screamer pulled

around by a 5x5 prop at enormous revs! Revs reminds us of Racing and lunchtime saw Clive Weatherhead, Andrew Biddlecombe, Mike Minty, David Foster and Dave Pound blow the dust off their Tigers and head for the sky. A Le Mans start (10 second count down to cross the start line) saw some close racing, especially at the turns, with only 20 secs separating the four finishers after 10 laps. Another great photo from



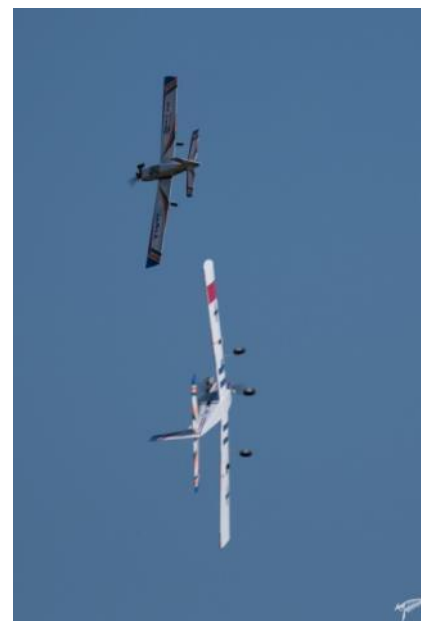
Jody, Yep! Only 4 as Dave P suffered a stuffed engine and had to retire early. Now for the irony award - Dave P sold his good engine to Clive before the race who then fitted it and went on to win!

Doug flew his big ARF MSXR in the over 7 kg Civilian (what kind of a name is an MXSR? Ed.) while Mike M flew his Flivver (below - now in its 17th year and still no easier to fly!)



Andrew Biddlecombe had his Texan (that must be getting on a bit too! Ed.) and a new Fly Baby for which he is still

hunting a suitable pilot.



Chris Walker flew his foamy Piper Cup in his first ever comp and did very well, he only missed 4th place by 2 points! Good one Chris. Simon Nichols flew this foamy Spitfire which another fine shot from Jody shows, while you have to play "guess the Owner" with the Jug!



And don't forget all the helpers and friends judging, spotting turns in the race, making hot sausages and rolls - wouldn't all work without them!

When Clive and Dave P had spent the required 2 hours adding up so many numbers the results came out thusly :

Racing

1st Clive Weatherhead 2nd Andrew Biddlecombe

3rd Mike Minty 4th David Foster

Scale over 7kg Civilian

1st Doug Radford - Tiger Moth 2nd Doug Radford - MXSR

3rd Col Buckley - Super Cub 4th Dave Foster - Beaver

Scale under 7kg Civilian

1st Stan Begg - Chipmunk 2nd Mike Minty - Ford Flivver

3rd Mike Minty - Tiger Moth 3rd Simon Comish - Cesna 182

Scale over 7kg Military

1st Mike Minty - Sopwith Pup 2nd Jim Masterton - Corsair

3rd Clive Weatherhead - Stinson 4th Dave Bolstad - Me 110

Scale under 7kg Military

1st Dave Foster - Fokker D VII 2nd Simon Comish - B17

3rd Andrew Biddlecombe - Texan 4th Dave Bolstad - P40

And here, of course, are the grinning winnings - see you next time!

