

# Scale Day 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014

Well the forecast was hot and sunny, possibly up to 40 degrees but that was better than the previous week when it was planned and the weather provided heavy rain followed by strong wind!



People started arriving before 8,00 am and by the Pilot Briefing at 9 there was a fair crowd. Dave Pound, the CD, gave the usual news and it was time to look around and fly. Simon Comish had an interesting collection of

"foamies" plus this screamingly fast Rare Bear.



Relaxing in the shade are the 3 Wise Men all in their smart look-alike Club Shirts! David Foster had his usual collection of WWI planes and this big Spacewalker which looks very impressive in the air. Not to be outdone, Tony



Martin had his Spacewalker and, of course, Dave Bolstad had his as well (but we can't show a picture owing to the



Mike Minty brought his Heinkel, Sopwith Pup and Tiger Moth but sadly the He went home in a large plastic trash bag! The Tiger Moth demonstrated the "ashes drop over the sea" with black beans and 2 of the judges were impressed - Dave P never seems to be able to see them!







Here comes Col Buckley with his big Cub - as you can see he only just fits through the gap ..... the plane that is!  
And here it is taking off for one of many smooth flights.



Andrew Biddlecombe brought two AT6s that he flew at high speed around the field.

And here's another 2 plane man, Kelvin King assembling his big Extra before putting on a great display of complicated aerobatics!



Meanwhile Dave P is sorting out the 19 trophies and the pile of paperwork needed to run the show.



Simon made many slow passes with this little beauty, it has a surprising turn of speed when he turns it on but cruises around very quietly when needed. It's not true scale but looks like it. His B17 and the DC3 are just as impressive considering their size.





Jim Masterton brought this gem for "show and tell". It's only just finished and not ready to fly yet but he has done a great job on the finishing and it should be very impressive when it does. It's built from an old Byron "kit" with a fibreglass fuselage he picked up cheap but no plan or instructions so he had to make the rest up!

Col Mitchell brought this un-flown and untested SE5A. The flight proved that it needs a bit more time to be tested - retrieved from the trees after and "interesting" flight!



Tom Sparkes flew his Laird Turner in it's usual style - fast and furious, it really carves up the sky. Still going strong after 10 years of racing! Strong is the word as Tom designed and built it to take a heap of "G"s in a turn.

David B had his new electric Me 110 twin to fly. It's a good looking plane on the ground

and in the air but he had to do a rather fast downwind landing and it rushed UP the field and tried to do a limbo under the steel bar at the top of the field - luckily very little damage.



Dave Menzies flew his scratch built electric Blenheim - it's so quiet you can barely hear it.

Doug Radford brought his recently re-built, re-decorated and re-engined Tiger Moth but your Ace Reporter missed the photo-op; sorry Doug.



At the other end of the power scale is Ron Clark's BIG Mustang. It flies as well as it looks but is quite a handful getting it on and off our limited field.

There were a few hearts in mouths (as well as Rons) during his take-off and landing.

During a lull in the flying we had a visitor from long ago. John Power (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) turned up! He used to do a lot of scale and glider flying and had won the Wal van H



trophy in 1982. He gathered with 3 other past winners, Doug Radford, Ron Lucas and Mike Minty for a photo with the trophy but Stan Begg, also a past winner, turned up after he had gone so here he is tacked on the end!

During the lunch break the Tigers were dragged out - still only 5 of them out of the 20+ in the club but enough for a race. They don't go very fast with an 11x6 on the front but 10 laps went very quickly for the pilots and there were no mid-air! See later for the results.



Back to scale flying ..... and Eli Mehanna showed he has mastered fixed wing as well as



helicopter flying with his P51 and Bell 222. His Mustang is particularly impressive as it sounds just like a "real" engine not an electric.





In another power contrast Tom flew his electric DH Comet. It a very smooth looking plane, the original one is in the Shuttleworth collection, looking like it's going fast even when on the ground!

Flying stopped at about 3 o'clock and then Dave Pound (aided by Eli & Col B) had the unenviable task of adding up all the voting slips from the pilots!

The Results were .....

#### Over 7kg Military

- 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Radford - Tiger Moth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Minty - Sopwith Pup
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Foster - Sopwith Camel
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ron Clark - Mustang P-51

#### Under 7kg Military

- Dave Foster - Fokker DVII
- Eli Mehanna - Mustang P-51
- David Menzies - Blenheim
- Simon Comish - Boeing B-17

#### Over 7kg Civilian

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Sparkes - Laird Turner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelvin King - Extra (Big)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Col Buckley - Piper Cub
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Foster - Spacewalker

#### Under 7kg Civilian

- Mike Minty - Tiger Moth
- Tom Sparkes - DH Comet
- Kelvin King - Extra (Small)
- Eli Mehanna - Bell 222

#### Tiger Racing

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Minty      2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Foster      3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Bolstad      4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Biddlecombe

In addition there were two new prizes, the **Colin Simpson Memorial trophy** for the most "spectacular or impressive" flight and the **Cup for Best Modified ARF**. There were a couple of possibles for the Col Simpson Trophy, Col Mitchells hairy entry into the trees and Mike Mintys landing that shed one wheel to roll 10m on as the Pup flipped but ..... it was awarded to **Kelvin King for his amazing Extra aerobatics!**

The BMA cup was awarded to **Mike Minty and his Tiger Moth** by CD Dave Pound.

And finally there was the **Wal van Heekeren scale trophy** for best scratch or kit built model and it was awarded by the pilots to **Doug Radford and his beautiful Tiger Moth**.

Although some winners had to leave early there were enough to do the winners are grinner's photo so here it is! Thanks to all who flew and judged and to Dave Pound for running things.



