

Scale Day May 25th 2014

Well sometimes it works out just right - wasn't Sunday a beaut flying day! Warm sun, light breeze (shame it wasn't in the opposite direction) and the field looking great.



At nine o'clock there were not many people there so Dean took the opportunity to show his new skills - yes, he's joined the dark side. He flies very smoothly even bringing it back to catch in his hand though your reporter is still not sure why!

Anyway, more turned up and by 10 we had 14 pilots with 23 aircraft ready to go for this pile of trophies.



Dave Pound gave a quick intro to the comp and flying started. An early up was Mike Minty with his Sopwith Pup soon joined by Col Buckley and his big Piper Super Cub seen here 3rd in the line behind Doug Radford's big Beaver and RV7.

As usual judging was by a team of 3 members looking for a good take off and landing plus any aerobatic options nominated by the pilot.

Dave Bolstad had his fleet on display and added 50' streamers to his Space Walker for extra pizzazz (or something like that!). Anyway the kids thought they were

"awesome".

Andrew Biddlecombe flew his AT6 and his Christen Eagle, the latter at super high speed!

Dean Schubeck returned to the fold and flew his Edge 540 in his regular smooth way and even Peter Pappas managed to fly his Cessna Starwagon in scale like fashion (ie not rolling circles or high speed inverted



passes!).



Here he is preparing for the first flight and - who's that in the picture? It's our old mate Ron Lucas now living in Dural. This was not to be Stan's day, after too big a swing to the left on an uphill take off he was forced to try and climb over the trees up the hill unfortunately it didn't and Stan has a huge repair job!

Then there were the two biggies! Here is Jim Masterton's big new Sea Fury. Only its second flight after certification but it looks really good carving up the sky.

Even more impressive, since it is scratch built, is Stan Begg's P40.



Mike Minty brought his venerable Ford Flivver for Under 7kg Civilian and was very lucky not to destroy his Heinkel 46 (second from the left) as he forgot to tighten the wing strut retaining bolts! They fell out just on take off flipping the plane over for no damage but no take off score!

Meanwhile Stuart Cohen puts together his 17 year old (yep! Seventeen years!) Ultimate built from a Goldberg kit prior to a very aerobatic flight. It's one of two he built and still flies.

That's his big Yak 54 in the background also flown in the comp. One in each of Under 7kg and Over 7kg Civilian.



It was good to see a new face in the comp, Simon Nicholls and 2 electric models.



Here he is with his B17 and he also had a Spitfire. He asked on Saturday if he had to fill in the entry form as he was only flying for fun with no expectation of placing in the results - just goes to show eh?

Speaking of Electrics our high volts man David Menzies had his black Blenheim night fighter there and also a delightful Chester

Jeep 30's racer in miniature form - not in the comp - just a comment on the ever increasing size of most models!



Barry Mason brought another tiny scale electric but again not for comp.

But what would be a

Scale Comp without our Contest Director and a lump of heavy metal?

This is Dave Pounds Me109 complete with eager pilot (actually trying to get



out, not in!). It put on a fine display of strafing, rolling, swooping and sheer grunt before a smooth landing and a sigh of relief from Dave. He also flew a "race" with Dean's Tiger at lunchtime - see the hole in the wing? That's where he flew THROUGH a tree - we



all saw the bits of tree head for the ground!

Elie Mehanna had a foot in 2 camps. He brought his Bell 222 helicopter and a Mustang which managed to shake off its fin during flight.

Speaking of lunchtime - thanks go to Clare assisted by Dave Menzies for producing a pile of snags and onions to fill the bread rolls and visitors and members stomachs.

And so to the scoring. Dave and Peter P spent hours adding scores and applying bonuses to produce.....

Under 7 Military

1st Dave Menzies - Blenheim

2nd Simon Nicholls - Spitfire

3rd Simon Nicholls - B17

4th Dave Bolstad - P40

Under 7 Civilian

1st Dean Schubeck - Edge 540

2nd Stuart Cohen - Ultimate

3rd Peter Pappas - Skywagon

4th Mike Minty - Flivver

Over 7 Military

1st Mike Minty - Sopwith Pup

2nd Doug Radford DH Beaver

3rd Dave Pound - Me 109

4th Jim Masterton - Sea Fury

Over 7 Civilian

1st Stuart Cohen - Yak 54

2nd Col Buckley - Super Cub

No other entries

And the Pilots Choice went to **Stan Begg and his P40**

