

Electric Fun Fly Aug 2013

Well, if that wasn't a perfect day for flying I don't know what is! Sunny, warm, hardly a breath of wind and 9 eager fliers ready to tackle whatever tasks CD Dave Pound threw at them.

The first event was Climb and Glide after a 20 second motor run and go for a spot landing. For some of the "sky rockets" this meant climbing until you could barely see them like Simon Comish's Katana. For some with Easy Stars like Mike Minty and Robert Kaley it meant a leisurely climb to a modest height and for those with a \$30 Trash & Treasure V tail special like our Prez it means a test flight, a cartwheel and a new inverted tail and the choice of a different model for the comp! (Not true - tail glued back on and this wasn't my comp aircraft anyway - Clive)



The first three to go for it were Peter Weiss, Robert Kaley (seen here launching) and Vince



Payne followed by Walter McDonnell, Simon Comish and Dave Foster, and finally George Kaley, Mike Minty and Clive Weatherhead and his Hobbyking big stik. Walter made the best Spot Landing but George showed the advantage of a Radian in this round by making a flight of over 6 minutes!

The next event was Touch and Go which is tricky for a glider with no wheels but made for Simon and his Katana. Clive managed 3 with his Big Stick (HobbyKing kit) followed by a swoop past one of the white steel poles that left everyone gasping (especially Clive).

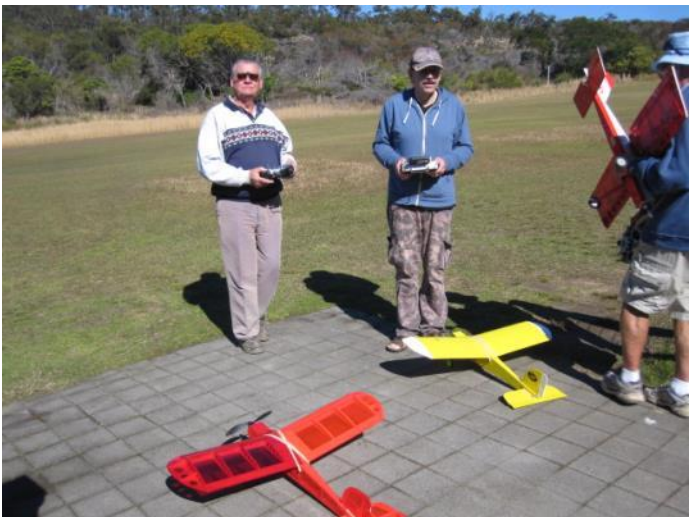


The next event was the Loop, Roll, Inverted for 5 secs and Spot Landing that was positively hilarious for an Easy Star Here is George assisted (?) by grandson Freddy getting ready for his attempt and then off goes the Radian.



Clive had 2 wheels and a highly manouvable model that he used to advantage. Peter and Vince showed that a simple Idol gives nothing away to bigger and more sophisticated models when it comes to whipping round the sky - Peter even doing a Swiss roll with his - tee, hee!

Here is David getting ready for the Combat event where Dave Pound tows a streamer



that everyone attempts to cut at the same time! There were 2 cuts, one of which could not be denied - look at Pete's new red spinner and the other was by Clive. During the mayhem Mike managed to break his Easy



Star which takes some doing with such a robust model

It was about then that there was a large SPLATT from the sky and Dave's tug model shed its wings and headed earthwards. Meanwhile, Walter's wings did a gentle revolving descent that



ended long after Dave had arrived. There were some other bits of foam but it was a spectacular mid-air to watch! That was the end of the Combat session and once the 6" divot was replaced it was time for Musical planes.



This is a knock-out event that was won by Robert due to some very ground hugging flying!



Finally there was the Limbo with as many passes as you can in 1 minute and despite the predictions no-one hit a pole! There was some very good flying, here Vince shows what an Idol can do, Robert shows it's



easy with his Easy Star,

Simon did 5 with his Katana to win that event.

Then it was time for Dave and Clive to hide in a corner and get out the calculator!

With the numbers added up Freddy handed out the trophies to

Equal 4th - Walter & Vince

3rd Place - Robert

2nd Place - Clive

And in 1st Place by 1 point - Simon



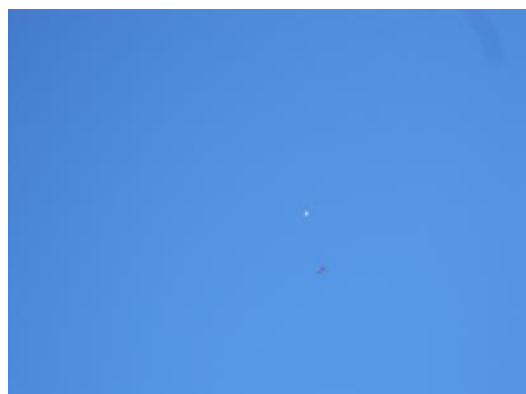
And here's all the happy competitors at the end of a Fun Fly, special thanks to Dave for organising it and the Weather God for smiling down.

PS and during the day, Clive gave a terrifying display of his latest creation - a Gyridol?

Simon demmed his splendid electric, foamie B17



And Robert, assisted by Freddy, showed what you can do with a \$35 T&T special and a parachute.



Look closely and you can see a white dot (the chute) above a black dot (the plane) that landed smack in the middle of the field!

