

Biplane Day – 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012

Having been postponed from earlier in the year it was a bit of a worry when the Friday evening was all rain and thunder but Saturday dawned fine if a bit blustery. By 9.00 when your scribe arrived there was already a crowd including the regular Saturday fliers.

Bipes turned up rapidly and we soon had 13 planes lined up including 5 Ultimates and 3 Tiger Moths. Doug had the largest Ult as well as his venerable Tiggy, and Neil Waterhouse the smallest.



Neil's flew but did not enjoy the strong wind.

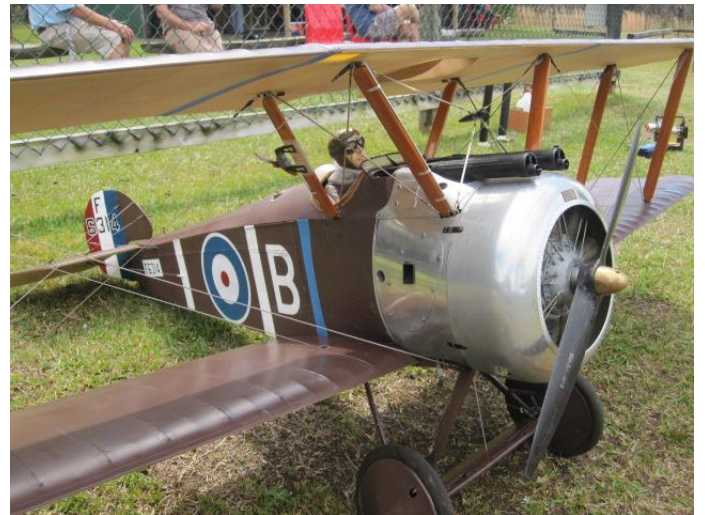
A relatively new T Moth is that of Col Bruce that is actually the unmodified ARF version from which Mike M made his! Both suffered from the lumpy air but survived intact. Bruce has a 91 in his, Mike a 120 in his, both inverted 4 strokes.



A face from yesteryear brought 2 Ultimates – Stuart Cohen and the one on the right is the one that he used to win the "Best Bipe" Trophy in '98 – still going strong and Stuart has not lost the ability to "wring 'em out".



Another nice Ult was the electric version of Kelvin King while Clive brought his Panic that he threw around the sky in true "prototypical" style. David Foster had 2 of his collection, the lovely Camel and the Stearman. Both braved the rough wind, a particular risk with a plane of the quality and heritage of the Camel!



Almost WWI is George Kaley's Puppeteer after its latest re-build. It looked good especially the Sopwith lettering on the fin but was a handful to fly and finished up in a downed tree but with little damage!



Doug managed a few ground to air shots and here's a couple plus Clive in more stationery mood.



Judging was by the pilots, each got a vote for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place and when they were all counted they gave -

**1<sup>st</sup> Mike Minty**

**Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Radford & David Foster**

**4<sup>th</sup> Stuart Cohen**

And finally last year's winner of the **Best Bipe Trophy** got to nominate his choice for this year and it was **Doug Radford and his Tiger Moth**.



Here are the happy winners and everyone had a good time from a great turnout of models and pilots despite the rough weather - see you next year?