

Scale and Race Day April 2017

Well it wasn't the best of days, the wind had been "funny" all week and although not strong, was from the wrong direction. Still, the sun shone and people were arriving by 8.30 to assemble their treasures.

By 9.30 our ubiquitous CD Dave Pound was ready to address the pilots and remind them of what was expected in terms of judging and



flying. Looking down the two rows of models there were of a lot of old favourites though not as many as usual (I expect they are being saved for the big event in November) but nice to see 8 biplanes and 2 helicopters.

It was sometimes difficult to decided which way to take off as the it was mainly from the South but had the annoying habit of swinging either way by 90 degrees which is no fun if you have a biplane that "weathercocks" as most of them do. Kelvin king, Stuart Cohen and Dave Bolstad each had substantial modern, powerful, aerobatic models that had no problems.

Flying progressed well in the morning and though Mike Minty, Doug and David Foster all managed to flip a biplane inverted on landing there were no crashes!

It was good to see some new old faces and planes. Martin Cowan came with his son Jake and brought a Byron Pitts



Special. I'm pretty sure that the last one seen was our ex-Prez Noel Wilson and his in the late 70s. It's a large all foam model and despite a small whoopsy on the Friday before the comp Martin flew it well.



Of course, even bigger was Ron Clarks mighty Lancaster. He brought it for "show & tell" and did some rapid taxi trials but no way was he going to fly it!



Simon Comish's B17! It flies well for a small foamie! So that was 2 four engine and there were 3 two engine ones as well! Dave Menzies and his Blenheim, Chris Walker and his (now with electric motors but still waiting to maiden) and Ron and his B25 (also wisely not flown on this day). While talking of heavy metal we must note Dave Pound and his Me 109 which not



only carved up the sky in style but also made a perfect landing!

In case you are wondering what the strange eye shield is (go on, admit it, you thought it looked weird) it has a camera mounted on the top so if he is looking at the plane he is filming it too! Good for post flight review and analysis he says.

At lunch time we had a break from scale flying to run another round of **"One Make" racing**. There were 4 entries, Dave Bolstad, Dave Pound, George Atkinson and Kelvin "Slippery" King. They flew 2 rounds which produced



1st Kelvin 2nd George 3rd Dave Pound

There was a lot of talk about how Kelvin keeps creaming the competition; is it the polish (yes

folks, he POLISHES the plane before each race); is it a special fuel brew (no, the same fuel is provided for all by the CD) well the secret is out! Your ace reporter watched closely and can now reveal the secret he flies better! You watch him, he flies tight and smooth, no great sweeping turns, no huge changes in altitude, just neat and close in and no waste. We think it must be that aerobatic stuff he does that produces it - well done KK.

Also keeping the troops amused was the sausage sizzle that did a great job. Brian Porman, Grant , Alan Sammons and Kate B kept the food rolling and ran out the lot!

Back to the scale flying and here is Doug Radfords Tiggie and his Fokker D VII (not flown that day)



Kelvin, Stuart Cohen and Dave Bolstad had some fine modern BIG scale aerobatic models



This is Dave Bs Extra trying to hide the Spacewalker under its wing.

It was interesting to see two helis for a change (see first photo) one of which was flown by George in the comp.

that can put on quite a show! And as Stuart pointed out, the little Ultimate in the corner of this pic is scratch built and now 20 years old!





This is Dave Mensies Blenheim, twin electric motors and retracts and this is his very charming Dart Kitten - electric of course.



Here is Dave Foster's line up with Kelvins in the background.



People started drifting away in the afternoon and by the time Mike M and Dave P had added up lots of numbers to arrive at the placings there were a few prize winners that had left before their moment of glory!

So here is the list of results:

Over 7kg Military

- 1st Mike Minty Sopwith Pup
- 2nd Dave Pound Me109
- 3rd Dave Foster SE5A

Over 7kg Civilian

- 1st Kelvin King Yak } Equal
- 2nd Stuart Cohen Yak } First
- 3rd
- 4th

Under 7kg Military

- Simon Comish B17
- Doug Radford Tiger Moth

Under 7kg Civilian

- Simon Comish Cessna 172
- George A Bell Heli
- Martin Cowan Piper Cub
- Dave Bolstad Spacewalker

Here's the picture of the winners who were still there to collect their trophies - well done to all.



And a special thankyou to Rod Blackwell who actually volunteered to help Dave Pound with recording all the entrants - there's a lot of paperwork in a scale day!