

As usual the main purpose of a newsletter at this time of year is twofold. Firstly to keep everyone up to date with any developments over the winter and secondly to include contest calendars for the coming season. For those with Internet access these are always available at www.combatflyers.co.uk

TESTING OF PAW19 TBR

As you may remember the rule change proposed at last years Nationals to allow the use of "unmodified" PAW 19 TBR's was defeated by 12 votes to 3.

However in order to clarify the situation with these motors your Committee decided to buy one and test its performance over the winter.

Roger Fisher reported that "straight out of the box" the motor's performance was 34 seconds for 10 laps (about Oliver Tiger speed)

After spending lots of time "blueprinting" the motor further testing showed it to be quicker than his best plain bearing CT3. He also felt that there was "more to come"

The cost of the motor PLUS the "blueprinting" needed to get it to perform was at least the same as having a plain bearing CT3 modified as we do at present. Also on the down side was the fact that allowing this motor would speed up Vintage and the committee don't believe that is what the majority of flyers want!

TESTING OF FORA/STAR 2.5cc

Still searching for a reasonably priced motor which could be used for Vintage combat without expensive mods Richard Evans and myself took up the kind offer from Gordon Price to have the loan of his new Fora/Star F2E engine.

On arrival from Scotland it was bolted onto one of my Squigs and taken to our next club flying day.

I flew it first and quickly realised that the performance of the model was transformed. The model was now both faster and FAR tighter than any Vintage model I have ever flown.

Then it was Richards turn. After the flight his comment was that the motor was just too quick for Vintage.

Just to make quite certain that the model really was so much better than anything else we owned we flew it again two days later and came to the same conclusions.

Our findings were much the same as Richard Herbert's who had conducted similar tests two or three years ago.

RULE CHANGES FOR CLUB COMBAT

Much discussion has taken place over the winter on how to get more flyers into what should be a very popular class of combat.

Minor changes to the way the events are organised on the day have taken place but the MAJOR CHANGE is that the class is no longer restricted to the ASP15.

Flyers can now use any one of the following motors provided that they can comply with the speed limit rule.

ASP15, MVVS15D, any 2.5cc PAW, any Oliver Tiger (includes clones)
To further promote the class there will be several comps throughout the year as well as the Nationals. (See comp cal for details)
See the web site or contact me (mick@combatflyers.co.uk or 01453542367) for a copy of the new rules.

DAVE HARRISON MOTORS FOR VINTAGE COMBAT

It seems that the chroming problems, which have held up, the next batch of Dave's motors may well be over thanks to both Russia and the USA!

THE NATIONALS

This year some of our regular helpers are not available. COULD YOU OFFER?
In exchange for a few hours help we are able to offer you passes for FREE gate entry on one/two or all three days or even CAMPING PASSES!
Please get in touch if interested.

F2D Calendar

2nd April BARKSTON, 7th May NEWCASTLE, 18th June BARKSTON,
2nd July GLASGOW, 17th Sept BARKSTON plus of course The NATIONALS.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We offer our congratulations to young Sam Hobbins who will be our junior representative at the World Champs in Spain this July. Good luck Sam we wish you and the rest of our team well.

FOR SALE

PAW CT3 £85 (tuned by Trevor Heaseman) if you are interested ring Dave Chalk on 01525371963.

STAR F2E DIESEL (As new) plus Russian built F2E model. If interested ring Steve Bingham on 01162865594.

MYLAR. Self adhesive 30 micron, 16 inches wide. Only 25p a foot plus postage.

ALSO

RIPSTOP NYLON White only. Lightweight and £10 for 4.5 sq yds plus postage.
If interested ring Mick on 01453542367 or email mick@combatflyers.co.uk

