

South Bristol Gala Cancelled(June 19th)

With great regret we have had to cancel Vintage combat at the SB Gala. 'Corporate' money has meant that the Vintage Team Racing will now take place on July 3rd. However this date was not suitable for Vintage combat and so we decided to cancel.

Scampton Confirmed

The next Scampton event is confirmed for July 31st. If you wish to attend please contact Tim Hobbins AT LEAST a week before with your details. tim@combatflyers.co.uk or 07940730202

Scampton April

The first competition of the season took place at RAF Scampton on 17th April. For the 12 flyers who turned up the weather was perfect with warm temperatures and very little wind.

The rules put in place by the CFA(Combat Flyers Assn.) committee a couple of years ago allow for a rounds system rather than a straight knock out to be used when the entry is less than 16 and thus each flyer flew four times.

The top four flyers then proceeded to semi-finals and final in the normal way.

2 points are awarded for a win and one for a draw which gave the following results.

Richard Herbert 8 points Richard Evans and Mike Loughlin both 7 points and Steve Malone 6 points.

Richard Herbert and Mike Loughlin were both successful in their semi-final bouts against Richard Evans and Steve Malone respectively.

With both flyers wanting to conserve models Richard Evans took third place from Steve Malone on the toss of a coin.

The final was a very hard fought affair with Richard emerging the winner by taking a single minute cut off the end of Mike's streamer.

The Scampton club then presented trophies to the winners. Many thanks to them for a great day of combat.

Old Warden May

The wonderful venue of Old Warden saw no less than 22 flyers entered for Vintage Combat on May 8th.

The weather was at least dry with some sunshine but a strong wind prevailed all day.

The combat area was shielded by a bank of trees which made accurate combat possible and many good bouts took place.

I must mention here that it was a pleasure to see Vernon Hunt flying combat again after being solely involved in organisation for many years. I'm sure that when he gets his gear

fully sorted he will be up with the best taking podium positions as he did so often in the old days.

With flying having to finish by 5pm it was necessary that flyers were ready to fly at their allotted time. With everyone doing their bit the final took place with 15 minutes to spare. A great achievement. Well done to everyone involved.

Towards late afternoon the 4 semi-finalists were known. Three of these were from the SECA(South East Combat Assn.)namely Richard Herbert, Mike Loughlin and Simon Miller the 'odd one out'(no comments please) being Mick Lewis of the South Bristol club.

The first semi final saw a repeat of the Scampton final with Richard Herbert flying Mike Loughlin. Sadly for Mike the result was the same with Richard having a relatively straight forward victory.

In the second semi Mick Lewis had a distinct edge with both motor and model over Simon Miller resulting in a clear 4 cuts to 1 victory.

Mike Loughlin then edged Simon into 4th place in a much closer fought joust.

And so to the final. Both models had similar airspeed on the level but Richard Herbert had a distinct advantage in manoeuvres, his motor showing considerably more torque than the Rothwell of Mick Lewis. Richard took a small cut and then a larger one without reply. When Mick did get into an attacking position he removed all of the streamer in one go and that was it. So Richard Herbert had 'back to back'wins. It remains to be seen if anyone can dislodge Richard from top spot.

Glass trophies and bottles of wine were presented to the winners and we all departed having had a wonderful day.



Above left:- Vernon Hunt takes on newcomer Carl Severne(hope I've spelt it right)

Above right:- Roger Fisher launches for son Chris. Mark Harrison on streamer duty.

Festival of Flight

Barkston June 5th

"It is always windy on the blasted heath" how often have we heard this said?

Well it was certainly true on this particular day in June. Mercifully it was dry and mainly cloudy although the Sun tried to get through at times.

With a good entry of 18 and the field having to be cleared by 6pm there was a need to keep things moving along at a steady pace. To this end Mick Lewis elected not to fly as his ace pitman Richard Evans was not attending due to a holiday in France.

A couple of things are worthy of mention from the first round.

Simon Cassidy was over from his home in Italy to put his new Rothwells to the test. He managed a good win over the experienced Bob Payne who was using one of his trusted

PAW's.

Stuart Vickers of NVCT(Northern Vintage Combat Team)has always been noted for very quick PAW's and this is still the case however in his bout with Mogs Morris he flicked and flicked with no response from the motor at all. This gave Mogs a 'walkover' and with it his place in round two.

Having seemingly sorted out his problems Stuart disposed of Brian Waters in the losers round. Another NVCT member Alec Herring who had lost to Roger Fisher in the first round then defeated a luckless Bob Payne.

The luckiest guy in round 2 was without doubt Mike Loughlin in his bout with Stuart Vickers.

Stuart was flying really well and went into a 3 cuts to 1 lead. With both models grounded and all streamers gone Stuart just needed to get into the air to win. However his 'curse' struck again when his motor sadly refused to show signs of life. Mike was through by a single point. Other winners in this round were Roger Fisher over Dave Wiseman and Richard Herbert over Simon Cassidy. Simon just could not shake Richard off his tail resulting in Richard taking no less than 4 cuts for an easy victory.

Steve Malone also looked good against Alec Herring. Both Supermongers were tight but Steve now has a very good PAW TBR which gave him the advantage in this one.

Best quarter final bout(s) were between Mark Harrison and Mike Loughlin. The first resulted in a 2 cuts all draw,full blooded combat this with the flyers having to be repeatedly brought back into the centre circle. The re-fly was even better and when the dust settled Mike was the winner by 3 cuts to 2.

Joining Mike in the semi-finals were Roger Fisher,Richard Herbert and Steve Malone after relatively easy victories over their opponents.

Roger, who has fallen well behind with his building, had to resort to putting his new Rothwell into a Warmonger built for Oliver combat. A two pence piece was hastily attached to its tail to aid its turning ability(he hoped)

He was up against Richard Herbert who had built 7 new models for this season so everyone didn't give him much of a chance. As it turned out Richard made a rare mistake at the start of the bout and removed all of Roger's streamer in one go. Even though the Warmonger was outclassed by Richard's model Roger,with his never give up attitude,managed the 2 cuts he needed to get himself into the final.

The second semi looked as if it would be very close but this turned out not to be the case as Steve appeared to have both model and motor advantage over Mike. This victory gave Steve a confident air as he took his place in the upcoming final.

Richard Herbert took third place over his team mate Mike Loughlin and we all looked forward to what we expected to be a great final.

The final was good if a little one sided. Perhaps you should have put more than 2p on the tail of your model Roger?

Steve's victory was 'comfortable' which just goes to prove that models built for Oliver combat are not quite good enough for Vintage.

Hope you can get that building board out before you have to defend your Nats title Roger. Trophies and wine were presented to the podium finishers and Mick Lewis received a surprise birthday card(67 if you must know) from the flyers thanking him for his work within the CFA.

Oliver Tiger Mk4 19 TBR

You may well have heard that this motor is being developed by Tom Ridley. Currently it is under test by Richard Evans, Steve Malone and others. When initial problems are overcome the motor will be put forward at the CFA AGM for inclusion in the list of eligible engines for Vintage Combat.



Above:-Mk4 Oliver 19TBR



Above:- Rothwell 320

Enlarged Models

You may remember that our Chairman Richard Evans put forward and then withdrew a proposal to allow enlarging of well known models like Warmonger, Warlord etc. His new idea, which is receiving support, is that certain models will be presented at the AGM. These will have been increased in area up to that of the Supermonger. The limit on span and root chord will remain for these models.

A 'test' model of his iconic Warlord design has been built by Vernon Hunt and was tried out by some flyers at the end of the Festival of Flight.

General reaction was that it was certainly no better than the models used regularly at the moment.

Vernon said "It's as tight as a Supermonger but more stable"

Watch this space as they say.



Above:- Vernon's nice new 'big' Warlord

For Sale

Harrison PAW 19 £150 Had very little use.
Contact Harry Walker on 07854929794

Sorry but.....

entry fees will be £10 for future comps. It was £5 when I returned to flying in 1996 so an increase is probably due.

We intend to keep free entry at the Old Warden comps.

At Barkston in July and Waterbeach in October we have a site fee to pay.

Nats Entries Vouchers from last year

Just a reminder that some of you will have vouchers to be used against entry fees for this years Nats

Phone Numbers Data Base

I'm still short of phone numbers for some members. I need these in case we have to cancel a comp at the last minute. You could travel and find no one there!