

Nationals Entries

The closing date is fast approaching. Please make my life easier by getting your entry form to the office by 16th August. Do not forget TWO stamped addressed envelopes as every year I receive several entries where I have to provide the envelope and stamp to send them the required information sheets.

Rothwell Engines

Steve Rothwell has found that producing model engines is not financially viable. He intends to fulfil existing orders but not accept any new orders. Spares and servicing should be OK for the foreseeable future.

Barkston 10th July

I was not able to attend this event due to being on holiday and have not been able to persuade anyone who did attend to write a report(shame on you!)

This is what I think happened from looking at the result sheet.

There were 13 entries so 4 rounds were run after which Roger Fisher had 4 wins and Mike Loughlin, Richard Herbert, Simon Miller and Vernon Hunt each had 3 wins. Vernon was short on models and pulled out leaving 4 semi-finalists. Mike and Richard won their semi-finals leaving Roger and Simon to fight it out for third. Simon beat Roger.

In the final Richard removed all of Mike's streamer leaving Mike needing 2 cuts to win which he got.

Hope this is close to the truth?

Scampton 31st July

The CFA has always received wonderful support from the Scampton club so it was a great shame that we were unable to reciprocate on this occasion.

With perfect weather only 6 flyers gathered outside the main gate at 09.30 hrs.

Now usually it takes 9 people to run a combat bout(2 pilots, 4 pitmen, 2 scorers, 1 centre marshall)so doing this with just 6 was clearly going to be a challenge.

Pitmen were reduced to 2 and one of the scorers acted as centre marshall from outside the circle.

It was decided to fly 3 rounds drawn at random.

The first bout between Stuart Vickers and Mike Loughlin was excellent with each pilot following the other in turn. Neither was able to get close enough to remove any streamer and so a draw was clearly a fair result.

Bout 2 saw Richard Evans defeat Pete Happle. Pete crashed early in the bout but despite a break in the centre of the trailing edge the model was soon back in the air. Richard took the only cut of the bout before Pete crashed again leaving Richard the clear winner.

In bout 3 Tim Hobbins saw his model fall out of the sky when attempting a tight up wind loop against Mick Lewis. Tim was soon back in the air and Mick took a cut just before Tim removed all of Mick's streamer in a close pass.

And so we moved leisurely on to round 2.

We all expected a good close bout between Richard Evans and Mike Loughlin and for a while this was the case with Richard's tighter turning model taking the first cut. However Richard was very much slower than Mike and this resulted in Mike scoring the points he needed for victory. Needless to say Richard was less than happy with his lack of air speed. Tim Hobbins then inflicted a second defeat on Pete Happle in quite a mundane bout.

Mick Lewis and Stuart Vickers looked evenly matched. Stuart had chosen a Banana Anduril to fly against Mick's Supermonger. After Mick had taken a cut Stuart removed all of Mick's streamer in one attack. Some close following searching for a winning cut then followed resulting in a coming together of the models. Stuart's lines were broken so, after much unwinding, Mick got back into the air to claim victory.

After a good lunch break we began round 3 with Mike Loughlin against Mick Lewis.

Both models were quick and lots of wiggles followed which resulted in a few contacts with the hard stuff. Mick clearly thought his model was tighter than it really was!

Mike took a cut following a close pass and when Mick responded he overshot and removed the whole streamer. It was then up to Mike to take a second cut which he did towards the end of the bout. Despite hitting the ground several times no ground points were lost by either pilot thanks to good pit work and the starting qualities of the Rothwells. Stuart Vickers then sent Pete Happle away with nil points in a bout which clearly demonstrated the advantages of experience. With more practice I'm sure Pete will soon be giving his opponents much more to worry about.

The final bout saw Richard Evans taking on Tim Hobbins. It was clear from the start that Richard was up against it as Tim had a mega speed advantage. The hill got even steeper when Tim jumped in for a cut right at the off. Richard then removed all of Tim's streamer and lost ground time. Back in the air and realising that he could not win Richard flew level and Tim accepted a final cut.

The trophies were not awarded. They will be re-worded for the event in April 2012. However the club had provided a bottle of Scotch and two bottles of wine. Winner Mike Loughlin(5 points) decided to take wine as did joint second Tim Hobbins(4 points) which left the Scotch for Mick Lewis(4 points)

That probably explains Mick's grin in the photo below?





What has our Chairman been on? I want some of that!



The CFA AGM will take place at noon on Sunday at the Nats in the combat control tent-please attend.

If you wish to propose any rule changes for Vintage or Oliver or both complete the form below and return it to me at 40 Upton, DURSLEY, Glos., GL11 5HR by 16th August at the latest. Or email them to me at mick@combatflyers.co.uk

The Chairman and Secretary positions are up for election this year.

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I wish to propose.....for Chairman
Seconded.....

I wish to propose.....for Secretary
Seconded.....

I wish to propose the following rule changes

1. Class.....

2. Class.....

Signed.....

Please do not propose anyone who has not agreed to stand for election.

Continue on separate sheet if necessary.