

CFA Newsletter 39 August 2015

Hi Guys, here is the newsletter for the first half of the 2015 season. It all began at Darley Moor in April and yesterday we were at sunny (but windy) Scampton.

Photographs

Help I have no photographs!

Having got used to the wonderful photographs supplied to me by Alex Reid who seems to have disappeared off our scene I'm now seriously depressed!

Anyone prepared to volunteer as official CFA photographer?

At the end of the newsletter I include some shots from the Darley International and some from last years Nats just to get you motivated for the end of the month jamboree.

CFA Committee and Rule Changes

I need nominations for the following CFA posts.

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Competition Secretary. You can email names to me which must be seconded. Please only put people forward if they agree to it.

Also any proposals for rule changes which must also be seconded. Remember proposed models to be added to the official list must have supporting documentation (plan or dimensioned drawing) and proof they were in common use before 31st December 1974.

I must receive these by midnight on Sunday August 16th so I can prepare paperwork for the AGM (Sunday at the Nats)

Darley Moor 19-04-2015

'The east wind do blow and we shall have.....no snow but a bitingly cold wind'

Anyway that's enough about the weather. No less than 26 flyers were champing at the bit awaiting the 10am start of the days flying. With a request from the Darley club to finish 'as near to five as possible' we elected to run two circles until the quarter final stage. As it turned out the right decision as otherwise we would not have finished on time. I, as ever, was centre marshal for circle 2 so have no first hand information about what went on in circle 1. My references to that circle are made purely with reference to the score board/sheets. Still feeling 'under the weather' Richard Evans decided not to fly and took charge of the draw and much of the scoring ably assisted by Caroline Roberts and others too numerous to mention. Thanks to everyone involved now to the more important stuff.

First bout in circle 1 saw Willie Wallace score an excellent victory over Simon Miller. Willie took the only cut during a full 4 minutes of airtime for both flyers. Simon Groom managed to get the better of Eamonn Forsdike by 2 cuts to 1 but only after a re-fly while Chris Fisher and dad Roger both got through to round 2 with wins over Colin Miller and Dave Chalk respectively. It was great to see Dave Chalk back with us after many years away rebuilding and riding scooters (no not the ones you work with your foot!)

Richard Herbert signalled his intentions for the day by taking no less than 4 cuts from Francis Roberts but I must say that he also lost 1 ground point so not quite a perfect score.

Over in circle 2 Frank Marshall had a coming together with Alec Herrings whose model lost its inboard wing with the inevitable result before John Allcock, whose gear seemed well sorted, was unable to get to grips with the well practised Tony Cookson. Mick Lewis took 2 early cuts against Tim Hobbins and ended Tim's hopes of a comeback by clattering his tank. Last up was Nick

Bridges against Stuart Vickers in what turned out to be a 'really smashing bout'. With no cuts and debris everywhere it was Nick who went through on ground time.

A few bouts later Stuart missed his chance of progressing to round 2 when he was simply defeated by the better flying of Tim Hobbins who won by 2 cuts to 1. Also making amends for earlier misdemeanour's were Alec Herring, Simon Miller, Eamonn Forsdike and Bob Payne who all got through in the 'losers' round.

So after a lot of flying we had managed to eliminate just 6 flyers. With 20 remaining an elimination round of 4 bouts was drawn to bring the numbers down to 16.

This time Richard Herbert went one better and defeated Eamonn Forsdike by no less than 5 cuts to nil. Give a kindly thought to Eamonn whose gear was really going very well. He was just unlucky to meet a flyer on the top of his game. 'Moggs' Morris flew well to put the skids under Francis Roberts before Simon Miller and Bob Payne did the same to Nick Stowe and Tony Cookson respectively.

Moggs continued his winning ways against John Spink in the last 16 round. Roger Fisher sent Willie Wallace on his long drive home but son Chris could not get the better of Tim Hobbins who seemed well up together for so early in the season. I'm assuming that Richard Herbert did not manage to better his 5 cuts of the previous round against Nick Bridges but I was not given the score sheet for this one. I guess it was probably a 'comfortable' win. Alec Herring put out Simon Groom with 1 cut each ground time was the deciding factor here. Steve Malone had an easy win over Frank Marshall but Simon Miller had a much closer bout against Richard Perks who is a rapidly improving pilot.

Bob Payne took 2 very early cuts against Mick Lewis who in his eagerness to respond clattered Bob's tank (see the Lewis/Hobbins first round bout). So with no chance to respond due to his own carelessness Mick was for the 'early bath'.

So on to the quarter finals. It was good to see 'Moggs' making it this far but sad to say his opponent Steve Malone was just a bit too good winning by 2 cuts to 1 plus a little ground time.

Richard Herbert was having as many problems as the rest of us do against the 'unpredictable' Bob Payne and the bout went to a re-fly. At the second attempt Richard tried different tactics which worked. He went through to take his place in the last 4.

Alec Herring was yet again in the 'wars' against Simon Miller who managed victory at the second attempt. Roger Fisher showed a cool head against Tim Hobbins taking 2 cuts without losing ground time whereas Tim managed a negative score even with 4 points for his cut.

By this time it was fast approaching 5pm so we pressed on with the semi-finals.

Steve Malone against Roger Fisher saw both pilots giving their all in an attempt to reach the first final of the season. This time Steve had the deciding edge over Roger and took 3 cuts to Roger's single reply. Although Steve lost ground time he was far enough ahead to seal victory.

Much the same thing happened between Simon Miller and Richard Herbert. A close bout but as an onlooker it did appear that Richard's model always had a slight edge over Simon's. We soon discovered why as Simon was flying one of Richard's old models kindly donated when Simon ran out of his own gear.

As the model he 'borrowed' was broken in the bout Simon had to concede third place to Roger whose comment was 'I've got lots of models'.

Those with long memories will remember that this was to be a repeat of the final of the first comp of the 2014 season at Scampton. Steve had been victorious then but could he repeat the feat?

Steve had been using a 'special' JSO 19 developed by Brian Turner and it had been faultless all day however even at the start of the bout it seemed less than happy (sod's law)

Needless to say it played up when most needed leaving Steve with an uphill struggle against Richard Herbert who had no such problems.

After 4 minutes Richard had 2 cuts to his credit while all the luckless Steve had was ground time. So we were robbed of what could and should have been a great final.

Trophies and wine was presented and everyone was thanked for making it a great day even though a cold one! We all rushed off to turn our car heaters up to maximum to thaw out.

Well that's it for now but much more to come as the season continues apace.

Old Warden 17th May 2015

Usually I write up comp reports within days so that happenings are fresh in my memory. However it is now almost two months after the event due to circumstances involving a sick dog, holidays and pettiness by the postal service.

I'll do my best but don't expect too much.

The weather was sunny and for those in the lee of the trees very warm. Once out into the breeze it was a different story requiring an extra layer of clothing.

The first bout between Pete Tribe and Graham Chilvers lasted all of five seconds before a mid-air brought Graham to the ground losing him the battle and sending him into the losers round.

It was good to see Brian Waters again after a brief 'rest' but perhaps Richard Herbert wished he had not returned in such good form as he won their encounter by two cuts to one and less ground time.

Moggs Morris then put the skids under Francis Roberts whose pit man managed to stand on the streamer losing valuable ground time. I must admit to having done this myself but without causing a loss for my pilot on that occasion.

A terrific battle next between John Spink and Frank Marshall. Frank managed two cuts including the knot but John went one better with three including the knot. Great flying by John.

John Allcock defeated John Leggott in a scrappy bout before Roger Fisher just managed to edge out Richard Stitson in a much better encounter. One cut all and ground time being the deciding factor.

The next bout was also good and saw Simon Miller defeat Nick Stowe by two cuts to one with the small amounts of ground time being equal.

Chris Fisher just needed to remain in the air against the inexperienced Richard Perks whose crash rate and ground time were excessive. Tony Frost then took out Dave chalk in a mid-air before Mick Lewis and Tony Cookson flew a repeat of their 2014 encounter which Tony won. This time however things went very differently with Tony having all kinds of problems. Although they were only in the air together for less than a minute Mick managed a cut to seal his 'revenge'

Having had a bye in round one Eamonn Forsdike had to fly one of the losers. The lucky pilot to come out of the hat was Nick Stowe who had flown well against Simon Miller in round one. Nick flew well again and progressed to round two leaving Eamonn to rejoin the losers for his second flight of the day.

In the losers round Richard Herbert had a straightforward win over Richard Perks and John Leggott put out the luckless Eamonn Forsdike who has some of the fastest engines around. Other winners here were Richard Stitson over Francis Roberts after a re-fly and Tony Cookson, who had sorted out his round one problems, over Graham Chilvers.

The second round began with a victory for Frank Marshall over Pete Tribe by a single ground point before John Leggott lost heavily to Richard Herbert. Moggs Morris overcame John Allcock by two cuts to one following which Roger Fisher and Tony Cookson had a great battle. One cut each but sadly for him Tony had ground time which Roger did not. Stay out of the green, keep in the blue next time Tony.

The 'ding dong' between Simon Miller and Richard Stitson was notable for the numerous near misses. Eventually the inevitable happened and Richard ended the bout without the outboard wing. The ground time involved saw him exit the competition.

Chris Fisher and Nick Stowe were shaping up to give us a close encounter. It was indeed a close encounter with the ground which decided the bout as Nick's needle valve snapped off. Better luck next time Nick. Tony Frost lost on ground time to John Spink before his team mate Mick Lewis had a great bout with Brian Waters. Mick took victory by two cuts to one with ground time being equal. And so to the quarter finals. The first bout was a real 'stonker' between Richard Herbert and John Spink. Less eagle eyed scorers might have thought it one cut each but in fact it was three cuts to one in Richard's favour, his first two cuts being around one inch in length. Roger Fisher was a cut down

to Frank Marshall before Frank managed to seriously damage his model. He put up a valiant attempt with his half model but loads of ground time saw Roger victorious.

Yet another seriously good bout followed which saw Simon Miller eliminate Moggs Morris by three cuts to one before Mick Lewis booked his semi final spot with a two to one victory over Chris Fisher who had sadly for him removed all of Mick's streamer early in the bout.

A re-fly was needed to separate Simon Miller and Richard Herbert. Both bouts were of a high standard with Richard winning the second by three cuts to two. In the second semi a very clean bout saw both Mick Lewis and Roger Fisher without any ground time. As the cuts were three to two in Rogers favour he proceeded to the final leaving Mick to fly off against Simon Miller for third spot. The decider for third spot was close at one cut each when attempting a second cut Mick overshot and damaged the tail of Simon's Anduril. The resulting ground time swinging the bout in Mick's favour.

The long awaited final would surely be a 'show-piece' or would it? As often happens it was a complete anti climax. Without a cut on the board there was a very serious coming together. Roger's model was a total write off but Richard's although damaged was soon back in the air and flying out time to take victory.

Back in the car park trophies and wine were presented and lots of chat followed. Everyone agreed it had been a great day and we all looked forward to much more 'combat fun' in the future.

Darley Moor International

A full report should appear in Aero Modeller but I know not when!

South Bristol Gala

Chris Ottewell (Aero Modeller's Tail End Charlie) was assigned to write this up for Aero Modeller (including the vintage speed and team race) so I assume it will be in a future edition.

Old Warden Oliver Combat 26th July

This event was cancelled due to the weather (heavy rain all day)

The good news is that it has been re-arranged for September 13th at Scratchwood (only site available).Richard Herbert will be running this one so contact him for further information.

Scampton Aug 2nd 2015

With a really good weather forecast I expected a good entry and was not disappointed when twenty flyers turned up ready to hone their skills in preparation for the Nationals. Conditions were perfect for early bouts but the infernal Scampton wind increased throughout the day.

The first bout was a close affair with John Allcock edging out Bob Payne by a single point. Johns JO19 powered model was certainly quicker than Bob's Rothwell powered Squig.

Next up was John's team mate Chris Moore flying against John Leggott. Chris had got himself into a very nice position taking two cuts without reply when disaster struck. Getting over excited Chris' pit man ran into the circle when there was a line tangle with one model still in the air. Instant dq and of course very dangerous.

The next bout had no sooner begun when it was over. Eamonn Forsdike demolishing Douglas Heathcote's Anduril. A good description of it would be 'matchwood'

Francis Roberts continues to improve and put up a good fight against Stuart Vickers. Two nice cuts to Francis but sadly for him Stuart managed three and with equal ground time he progressed into round two.

The bout between John Spink and Tony Cookson saw them both clocking up the ground time but Tony got the victory by a single point thanks to his cut which John could not replicate.

Dave Chalk was next up flying an ex Alec Herring Super Twister against Steve Malone. Now I know the Supertwister has a design fault just like the original Chaos. Unless Alec corrected it the necessary asymmetry to maintain line tension is missing. This certainly seemed to be the case as the 'beast' kept losing line tension up wind. Anyway I digress. Steve through too easily into round two. Certainly the best bout of the first round was between Bruce Dobson and Richard Herbert. Four minutes of great combat which at two cuts each was looking like a re-fly when with time rapidly running out Richard took the knot and the victory.

Mike Waller making a rare appearance at a Vintage comp was soon a cut up against newcomer Richard Perks who was struggling to keep out of the green stuff. On one of the many pit stops his pitman got him disqualified for the very same reason as Chris Moore had been earlier in the round. Tim Hobbins had a straight forward win over Frank Marshall who was having engine problems and consequently lost several ground points. Just to 'rub it in' Tim took a cut and victory by a fairly wide margin.

Completing the round was Mick Lewis against Richard Stitson. Mick removed all of Richard's streamer early in the bout and initially decided to defend by continuous following and this was working well but for some strange reason after Richard had been down he decided to 'run away'. This gave Richard his chance and he took a nice cut as the bout neared its conclusion. However he was not able to take the second cut he needed for victory.

The losers round saw wins for Bob Payne over Francis Roberts whose form of round one had deserted him and Dave Chalk over Douglas Heathcote. This time Dave kept his model in the air leaving Douglas to rack up over two minutes of ground time.

Bruce Dobson made progress against Richard Perks when Richard suffered tank failure and Chris Moore made up for the disappointment of his earlier dq by beating John Spink by two cuts to nil. Frank Marshall was still suffering all sorts of nasties against Richard Stitson. Frank spent almost three quarters of the bout on the ground. Hope you can get things sorted out before the Nats Frank. With fifteen flyers left in it was necessary for someone to have a bye in round two.

The lucky person to sit it out this time was Eamonn Forsdike who could relax until the quarter final stage apart from a bit of pitting obviously.

First bout saw John Allcock take on Mike Waller. Both were using JO 19's and their models were very evenly matched. An early line tangle seemed to go on forever before they finally flew out of it. Two cuts each but Mike's two ground points secured victory for John who didn't contact the hard stuff at all.

Stuart Vickers brought Chris Moore's escapades to an end before Bruce Dobson took on Steve Malone. Their first attempt resulted in a re-fly as they each removed the others streamer at the string.

Steve was a cut up in the re-fly when a nasty mid air ended things prematurely. The Richards Herbert and Stitson made a real mess of their bout as with Richard Herbert one cut up a mid air cut Richard Stitson's inboard wing to ribbons. All of this after early signs of a good bout had been encouraging.

Sadly Dave Chalk's line tension was nowhere to be seen in his bout with Bob Payne. Time after time the pit crew launched the Supertwister only for it to fall back to Earth in a most uncontrollable manner. Another poor bout followed between Tim Hobbins and Tony Cookson as Tim's score of minus eight was enough to win! Finale of the round was Mick Lewis against John Leggott. With no ground time and a two cuts to nil advantage Mick progressed to the quarter finals.

The first quarter final saw John Allcock, who had been flying well all day, take on Richard Herbert. Much was expected of these two excellent pilots but as so often happens the bout did not live up to expectations. A cut each with Richard having no ground points but John losing two.

The next bout was a demonstration of clean flying between Stuart Vickers and Steve Malone. A speed advantage game Steve the edge with his Supermonger following Stuart's 'banana' Anduril most of the time. The result was two to one in Steve's favour but he could not disguise his 'holding

back' of the model in level flight at the end of the bout. Expect anyone going quick to be time checked at the Nats. You know who you are!

Bob Payne then took out Tim Hobbins in the nicest possible way before Mick Lewis squared up to Eamonn Forsdike for the last place in the semi finals. With Mick Leading by a cut which would prove decisive a direct hit turned Mick's Supermonger to mush. If Eamonn could get back up quickly he would surely win. However the line tangle was so severe it took the rest of the bout to clear and Eamonn was out.

Before his bout with Richard Herbert the JO19 of Steve Malone was playing up which is just not required and particularly at such a vital time. Last minute fiddling had obviously not sorted it as it coughed and spluttered from the off. Steve did his best but it was just no contest and Richard had little trouble in taking three cuts to win easily.

The bout between Bob Payne and Mick Lewis was much closer when at one cut each there was a coming together which removed a large part of Mick's outboard wing. However it was the bent feed pipe from the tank which caused the real problem. Eventually this was sorted and both models were back in the air. Mick tried hard for a second cut but Bob used all his cunning to take the bout on ground time.

With both pilots having sustained damage and not wishing for more Mick and Steve tossed a coin for third place which Mick won.

So to the final between Bob Payne and his team mate Richard Herbert. Bob's trusty Squig (the same one all day?) was not at its best in the final with the Rothwell seeming a 'little tired' Richard however had no such problems (does he ever?) and won yet another of this seasons competitions. Can anyone beat him? Come and have a go if you think you can.

I'm happy to say that most of the crowd were at the prize giving. Thanks were offered to Alan Watson of the Scampton club which had kindly donated the 'bottles' and to John of the RAF our hosts for the day.

The trophies and bottles were then presented to the winners. Mick in third place was surprisingly left with the bottle of Scotch, the other two guys taking the tipples they thought their wives would fancy.

With no liking for Scotch it was passed over to Steve Malone who received it graciously.
A great day and I'm told we will be welcomed back in 2016 so we can all look forward to that.

Mick Lewis









Propellers

1. The Mike North/Nick Stowe Taipan copies I'm told are awaiting moulding as they have been for the best part of the last year. More than that I do not know.
2. Re-modelled RAM's I'm now told may be run off before the Nats. However I was told the same some months ago so we just have to wait and see what happens.

Lines

I will have a dozen 1000ft reels of line for sale at the Nats for £40 a reel.

Laser Cut Kits

I can get these done to order if anyone is interested?

Anduril £12, Squig £10, Ironmonger £14, Ironmonger 69 £14, Supermonger £14, Piranha XL £14

Please order by 13th September for delivery at Darley Moor on October 18th.

Leading edges for these kits @£4 each (hollow or solid)

And Finally

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cheers,

Mick