

Date Change The Scampton event will now provisionally be on Aug 2nd and NOT Aug 9th.

As soon as I know more I will let you know.

Festival Of Flight Cancellation

This was due to the forecast for heavy rain all day. I hope no one had a wasted journey. We telephoned everyone whose numbers we had. Sorry for any inconvenience. Why not make up for it at the two day

South Bristol Gala(20th/21st June)

There is camping on site, club room with bar, TV lounge, toilets, showers and lots of like minded people to chat with. Food available 12.30pm to 1.30pm both days. A roast dinner on the Sunday.

Motors For Vintage Combat

Most of you will be aware that Steve Rothwell has stopped manufacture of his plain bearing R320 which was accepted at last years AGM. This is due to problems with the size of the crank case relative to the main bearing. On hearing this news your committee acted quickly to outlaw the two motors which were already in the country. Had we not done this the owners of these motors would have had an unfair advantage over those whose orders had not been met.

Recent developments have seen the arrival of a TBR version of this motor. (to the same people who received the pb motors)

Steve had done considerable testing of this version and surprisingly found it to be no quicker than the pb version. This has now been verified by own own guys here in the UK. The motor however handles beautifully being easy to start and very consistent in the air.

Tony Eiflaender has also been consulted about the possible use of his 19TBR motor. These motors would have to remain at 19 size and not be allowed to be bored out as some of the pb 19's are at the moment. A loophole in the law allowed this to happen although it was never intended.

Had the Festival of Flight Vintage event not been cancelled these Rothwell motors would have been available for all to see and evaluate. This will now happen at the remaining pre Nats contests (Berkeley on 20th June, Barkston on 12th July and Scampton on 2nd August - note date change here) and at the Nats of course.

Your committee are formalising a proposal to go forward to the AGM to allow both of these motors as from the 2010 season subject to a rule to slow the whole class down. The latest

motors from Dave Harrison are doing 90mph(25 seconds for 10 laps) and the committee consider this too rapid for a vintage class. This may take the form of a rev limit which seems to have worked well in Oliver or a speed limit although this is much harder to police. If you have your own ideas on the way ahead for Vintage Combat please put them in writing for inclusion in the next newsletter. Also put your proposals for rule changes on the form which will appear in the next newsletter.

As ever the active flyers will make the decisions on all proposed rule changes.

Scampton 19th April 2009

So, Scampton was the venue for the first comp in 2009. 15 entries, pretty good. Richard Evans wasn't there as he was at a wedding or something. No commitment these youngsters.....

I arrived at the gate at 9.15 and had to check my watch, nearly everyone was there already. Bit of a cold grey day really but sun was promised later. Off to the field.

I went down with the second posse and as I got there most folk were already practising, nothing new on the model front but I was looking forward to seeing Mike Loughlin's Rothwell flown in anger. So I got on with the draw and off we went at 11.00am.

Round 1

First bout was Jeff Sizer against Steve Tromans, Steve opting for a Yeti and Jeff with a Squig. Jeff won as Steve wrecked his model when his lines parted during a tangle (I tend not to see a lot of the action when I'm centre marshalling so excuse me if the details are a bit hazy.) Alec Herring flew Simon Miller. Banana vs Supermonger, Alec's motor was very quick if a little temperamental and Simon won this one. Martin Kiszal against Bob Payne next, pretty good bout with Bob coming out on top. Chop flew Roger in bout 4, Chop's TBR powered Liquidator was playing him up and he came out 2nd best. Following that, Richard Herbert flew Harry Walker. Harry was using a really quick and very manoeuvrable Warmonger mark 2 and flew very well. Richard chased him and chased until he came out on top. Good bout to watch. Then I flew Chris Fisher. I took all the streamer like a pillock in the first minute and spent the rest of the bout defending. Chris took all mine and then lost a bit of ground time so I won that one. The last bout of round one saw Mick Lewis flying a very fast a very leery Banana against newcomer John Taylor with a fisher 19 powered Ironmonger. A really good bout, John gave Mick quite a hard time before Mick's experience won the day.

Losers Round.

Mike Loughlin had a bye in the first so was first to fly, he drew Steve Tromans. Unfortunately a mid air caused a flyaway to Steve's model which demolished it. Mike won. Martin Kiszal then beat Harry who elected to fly his slower 19 powered Shogun. Yet again another good bout with lots of airtime. Chris Fisher overcame Chop in the 3rd bout and Alec's Banana was going exceptionally quickly against John Taylor, who although losing to Alec, put up a strong fight.

Eliminator.

There were 3 eliminators bouts to reduce the numbers to eight. First was Mick Lewis against Chris Fisher. Chris's instant attack tactics took Mick by surprise and he got a cut

seconds after I shouted Combat. Chris went on to win after Mick had his handle wrenched from his grasp causing him to lose ground time. Next up was Bob Payne and myself. I managed to win 2-1. And Alec beat Jeff in the final eliminator.

Quarter Final

First bout in the quarters was myself against Richard Herbert. Things started out well enough. I even managed an early snip but then Richard's prop snagged my lines and I had a flyaway. It didn't go far but the impact had broken my front leadout and I was out. (for info, my lines were brand new 18 thou F2D lines, the Taipan prop cut them clean) However even with the model at the top of the circle and on full chat when it got cut off, it only went about 40 yards down wind before it hit the ground. Mike Loughlin against Martin Kiszal was a good bout, which Mike won. Next up was Alec versus Roger. Alec's engine started to play up in this one and Roger won. An entertaining bout for the spectators. Son Chris was on next and beat Simon Miller who suffered a leaky tank and had to retire.

Semi Finals

I didn't see the first semi which was Chris versus Richard Herbert, Chris won this one. Richard took all of Chris' streamer early on giving Chris plenty of time to get the two cuts needed for victory. Next was the bout of the day, Roger versus Mike Loughlin, a fast and furious display of thrilling combat which resulted in Roger going through by a 1 cut margin.

Third/Fourth Flyoff.

Mike elected to use the model he had on his lines for this one and struggled against Richard's tremendous airspeed. Richard won and took third place.

Final

So, Father and Son for the third time, they'd both won one each before this meeting so it was all to play for. Chris started out aggressively, (must get it from his mum) but Roger kept his head, I think the score was 3-2 to Roger. A good bout to end a good day.

So the final result was Roger Fisher First, son Chris Second, Richard Herbert third and Mike Loughlin fourth. Scampton put up 3 prizes, a bottle of scotch for the winner and a couple of bottles of plonk for the best bout of the day. So Rog went away with a win, a shield, a bottle of decent scotch and a bottle of plonk.

A pretty good start to the season I thought, the sun did come out. Harry's girlfriend Gemma scored faultlessly all day and we had a few spectators, one of who may well join our numbers in the coming season.

Tim.



God,he's outside the cones!



Vintage Combat at Old Warden 10th May 2009

As I sit down to write this report it is the day after the event and outside the wind is howling.

The day before the event also saw very blustery conditions. So which of the Old Warden organisers has a direct link to the weather Gods? I ask this because yesterday at Old Warden there was never more than a pleasant breeze and for much of the time the windsock hung limp.

Our weather people had predicted such weather and obviously Vintage combat flyers took them at their word. An excellent entry of 16 began the serious flying around 11-15am after the last minute sorting out had been done.

The best bout of the first round was undoubtedly between Steve Malone and Simon Miller. After much chasing about the sky the much improved Simon was narrowly defeated by three cuts to two with neither clocking up any ground time. A fine example of vintage at its best.

Simon Timperley also put up a very plucky display to lose by a single point against Mick Lewis. Mick tried all the moves in the book (and a few that aren't) to avoid Simon taking the

second cut he needed for victory. Simon's 2.5cc TBR Liquidator performed splendidly. The shock of the first round saw ace flyer Richard Herbert removing all of newcomer John Taylor's streamer in the first attack. Usually when he does this Richard is able to avoid his opponent for the remainder of the bout. This time it was not to be as John took the two cuts he needed for a famous victory.

Despite taking two cuts without reply Tim Hobbins lost to Jeff Sizer after his model was again destroyed (he was one up against Richard Herbert at Scampton when the same thing happened)

Tim's luck was no better in the losers round as he went down by the narrowest of margins to Simon Miller. Your luck will change soon I reckon Tim!

As expected Richard Herbert rejoined the throng with a straightforward victory over Brian Waters whose PAW would not play ball.

Young Chris Fisher who has been doing so well recently scored the only cut in his bout against Steve Malone in the eliminator round. Sadly though Chris spent far too much time on the ground and handed the bout to Steve on a plate as they say.

Richard Evans then had the frikiest of wins against Jeff Sizer. Most of Richards elevator was removed in a close encounter which left him hanging on to the model which was of course doing very wide, fast loops. When Jeff tried to follow the resulting tangles were predictable. Richard went through thanks to his two early cuts.

Experienced Dave Wiseman then ended Simon Millers involvement in the proceedings by two cuts to one and Roger Fisher used "quick walking" tactics to protect his streamer from John Taylor after taking two early cuts. John did really well to avoid ground points in this one.

The first quarter final between Richard Evans and Dave Wiseman had all the makings of a great bout. Both models were fast and agile (more than can be said for the pilots) and things started well with both men taking a cut. From that point on however things went down hill rapidly as Richard's model was returned to kit form. So Dave became the first to book his place in the semi-finals.

Next up was Scampton winner Roger Fisher taking on the impressive Liquidator of Simon Timperley. Roger did the majority of the attacking and emerged a clear winner by two cuts to one.

Mick Lewis got past Bob Payne at the third attempt after the first two bouts ended all square at two cuts each.

We were all looking forward to the bout of the round when Steve Malone and Richard Herbert were drawn to fly each other. Richard got in first but yet again removed the whole streamer in one go.

Steve's model was the tightest I've seen in a very long time and he responded by taking a foot from the end of Richard's streamer. With lots of time left to get the winning cut there was a coming together which saw Steve's model attempting to leave the airfield. It was totally destroyed!

Must be the rabbits foot Richard keeps in his toolbox?

No luck was needed however when Richard faced Dave Wiseman in the first semi. He took two nice cuts while Dave only managed one and had lots of ground time.

The second semi started badly for Mick Lewis with his ever reliable motor being over compressed and with a loose needle valve (you would think he could sort things out at his age)

Roger made the most of the situation and took two cuts. Although Mick did get a cut back he was unable to make it two and in the dieing seconds his model was hammered into oblivion, the bell crank, elevator horn and tank being the only undamaged parts.

The fly-off for third place was a complete non-event. Each time "combat" was shouted Dave would go into a bunt (take note for future reference) and his motor would cut.

The final between the two SECA stars was a little better particularly for Richard who took

two cuts. All poor Roger could clock up was ground time-still that's combat!

- 1st Richard Herbert
- 2nd Roger Fisher
- 3rd Mick Lewis

After everything was packed away and the litter collected the flyers gathered near the control tower for the prize giving. The trophies and wine were duly given out and we all stood round chatting about how Old Warden had yet again been a great day out.



Richard Herbert receives his winners trophy from CFA Chairman Richard Evans.

Reported by Mick Lewis.

The Barton Bash 16/17 May 2009

Oliver Tiger Combat

With a poor weather forecast for the whole weekend it was satisfying to see seven hardy souls gathered to fly their Oliver powered models early (well 9am is early for some!) on Saturday morning.

It was decided to use the two life system to suitably prolong proceedings.

Newcomers Johns Lipowsky and Burkett were given the traditional warm welcome by the more established (and in some cases downright old) competitors.

Dave Wiseman got off to a great start when he defeated Steve Tromans who could only manage ground time against Dave's two cuts.

John Lipowsky then had a walk over when Harry Walker's motor would not start. It was later discovered that the compression had backed itself off by a couple of turns!

John Birkett flying his first competitive bout flew sensibly and lost to Willie Wallace but not by a vast margin.

Harry Walker then got one over on Mick Lewis who had decided to only partly fill the tank which was made for a PAW 19. The motor cut on three minutes and Harry nipped in to level the score on the glide and win on ground time.

Steve Tromans was on good form taking two cuts against John Birkett who has yet to take his first competitive cut. Let's hope you do it at the Bristol event next month John.

Dave Wiseman then continued to impress by taking three cuts without reply against John Lipowsky.

Mick Lewis was on the end of Willie Wallace's streamer for most of their bout and hit it

several times without anything coming off. Willie's downfall however was the loss of ground points.

Harry Walker's luck was still out when he flew Steve Tromans as the South Bristol man won an uneventful bout by just a single cut.

Willie Wallace then lost the closest of bouts against Dave Wiseman by four points to three. Mick Lewis was caught with a cold motor at the start of his bout with Dave Wiseman and in trying to "bring the motor on" he carelessly removed the whole streamer in one go leaving Dave lots of time to get the two cuts he needed for victory.

By this time only Dave Wiseman(2) and Steve Tromans(1) had lives left. So if Steve was to win he needed to defeat Dave twice. As it turned out he fell at the first fence. No cuts for either man but Steve clocked up one more ground point. Willie then defeated Harry to take third place when Harry spent over two minutes on the ground.

Everyone agreed that "real vintage" was really great fun even though on occasions the wind was the deciding factor for the model's flight path rather than the pilot!

- 1st Dave wiseman
- 2nd Steve Tromans
- 3rd Willie Wallace

Vintage Combat Barton Bash 2009

Considering the dire weather the entry of ten exceeded expectations. It could have been eleven but having seen caked up Olivers retrieved from the soft boggy ground the day before Mick Lewis decided against risking his precious Harrisons.

The very first bout saw a walk over for Martin Kizsel against Dave Wiseman when Dave's motor refused even a "burp"

Tim Hobbins had also decided against risking his Harrison but had a "back up" motor. This was however pedestrian against Stuart Vickers who was positively ballistic by comparison. Stuart won at a canter!

Simon Timperley using his trusty 2.5TBR suffered a similar fate to Tim as he just could not catch Mick Tiernan who took three cuts without reply. The small Liquidator just doesn't turn as well as the bigger Yeti Mick was using.

The next bout was undoubtedly the highlight of the round. Andrew Shields was much slower than young Harry Walker but flew excellently to win by four cuts to two.

In the final bout of the round a single point ground point decided the bout between Steve Tromans and Willie Wallace in Willie's favour.

Steve Tromans then broke his third set of lines this season against Harry Walker in the losers round. The ground point tally being just too high for anything other than defeat.

The only other bout in the losers round was a close affair between Simon Timperley and Tim Hobbins. Simon was now using a Fisher 19 in a very good model and looked a likeley winner until he contacted the hard stuff once too often. The motor was washed in fuel but the resulting ground points proved costly.

Neither Martin Kizsel nor Mick Tiernan could muster a cut in their duel. Ground time decided it in Mick's favour.

Willie Wallace's trusty Ironmonger was at work shortly afterwards taking two nice

cuts without reply against Harry Walker. So Willie was through to face Mick Tiernan in the semi-final.

Andrew Shields could not find his form of the previous round and crashed out against Tim Hobbins without a single piece of streamer to his credit. Tim on the other hand did manage to hit crepe (table cloth actually) but only the once.

The bout between Dave Wiseman and Stuart Vickers promised much as these guys have been around a while. Sadly Dave got in first but removed it at the string. Stuart using his speed advantage took his time and got the two cuts necessary for his win. In the first semi Mick Tiernan was all at sea. Well that is to say that things went from bad to worse. His motor was off song causing the model to blow in upwind and damage the wing.

Loads of ground time for Mick saw Willie through even though he didn't manage a cut.

The semi between Stuart Vickers and Tim Hobbins was also a sorry affair in reality with both scores being negative at the end of four minutes. Tim's score was bigger but that isn't so good with a negative sign in front of it!

Mick then conceded third place to Tim not wanting to risk his new model (yes it really was new!)

The final however was well worth waiting for. Stuart Vickers used his greater experience and speed to defeat the very plucky Willie Wallace by four cuts to one. A fitting end to the first Vintage event at Barton and all this well before the rains finally brought proceedings to a premature end. There had been some excellent combat over the two days with very few mid-air and no fly aways. I'm looking forward to next year already.

1st Stuart Vickers

2nd Willie Wallace

3rd Tim Hobbins.

Reported by Mick Lewis.

I'm promised pics of the Barton event and hope to include some in the next newsletter.

FOR SALE

I have about 20 leading edges left from the last batch (£10 for 3)

I will get another 100 cut in late September/October.

I have plenty of Mylar which is £10 for 25ft. (compare that to Profilm)

I have some red ripstop nylon, a little blue and a little orange. Quite a lot of the very lightweight white. All at £5 for 2 sq yds.

Email me at mick@combatflyers.co.uk or ring 01453542367 if you need anything.

Richard Evans still has some Taipan 8x6 props.

£2 each or 10 for £17.50

When these are gone Paul Winter at PS Aeroproducts has them at £3 each.

Mick Tiernan has a virtually brand new Fora/Star 2.5 diesel(F2E engine)
He is open to offers or would swap for a Fora or Zorro F2D engine. See him at the Nats if interested(or before)

LINES

If you want 1000 ft for £35 to be collected at the Nats please let me know and I will arrange it. It is 15 thou seven strand stainless.

Well that's about all for now but don't forget to let us know your views for the next publication.

Mick Lewis(Editor?)