

Welcome

My personal thanks to all who have helped the season be a resounding success. It is never possible to name everyone who deserves praise but I must thank in particular Caroline Roberts who has taken on much of the paperwork at contests. This has helped me be more relaxed and hopefully less of a grouch.

On the negative side we had to postpone the Oliver at Old Warden in July due to the weather and also day three of the Nats was abandoned. However we did finish all classes at Darley in September and October. Watch out for a full Nats Combat report in Aero Modeller.

I'm still hearing of new flyers for next year so running two circles may well become the norm. A far cry from the nine or ten we sometimes saw at comps years ago.

Swan Song?

This season I have managed to win both the Vintage and the Oliver at the Nats (thanks largely to my super pitman Richard Evans)and also finish second in the League so am I thinking of going out on a high and not competing next season?

Answers on a postcard please.

AGM This was held as usual on the Sunday at the Nationals.

With no nominations for the committee the officers remain in post.

These are.....Chairman Richard Evans Secretary Mick Lewis Treasurer Richard Herbert Competition Secretary Roger Fisher Plans keeper/web master Simon Miller

Rule Changes for Vintage Combat as from the 2016 Season

1. The Boogaloo will be added to the list of eligible models for Vintage Combat

Name	Designer	Source	Year
Boogaloo	Dave Williams	Stuart Vickers	1974

For information only      Votes for 27    against 3

2. The Finale will be added to the list of eligible models for Vintage Combat

Name	Designer	Source	Year
Finale	Martin Kizsel	Martin Kizsel	1974

For information only      Votes for 20    against 10

3. The Alan Knight Oliver 19 clone to be known as the AK19 will be added to the list of legal engines for Vintage Combat.

For information only      Votes for 19    against 6

Mick Lewis (CFA Sec. 01/09/2015)

## Darley Report September 2015

After a misty start the Sun finally broke through to give us a wonderful day for this penultimate contest of the season.

The remaining Oliver bouts from the Nats were being flown in one circle and the days scheduled Vintage event started simultaneously in a second circle.

Richard Stitson had a good win over Eamonn Forsdike as did Tony Frost over Richard Berry who deserves better with all the practise flying he puts in. As we all know 'practise makes perfect' eventually. Bob Payne showed good form in defeating Tony Cookson by two cuts to one in a clean bout with no ground time. Frank Marshall and Mick Lewis looked set to re-fly as both had 'taken the lot' however with thirty seconds remaining Frank's motor cut leaving Mick the very surprised winner.

Undoubtedly the bout of the round was John Leggott's win over Richard Evans. John's Squig was quicker and tighter turning than Richard's Piranha XL enabling him to gain a two cuts to one victory. I didn't see the bout between John Allcock and Simon Miller but if I tell you Simon won with a score of minus nine to John's minus twelve you can guess the rest!

Nick Bridges who had a bye in round one first lost to Eamonn Forsdike by one cut to nil and ended his involvement for the day when he then lost to Frank Marshall by two cuts to one.

Moggs Morris flying a very fast Rothwell powered Yeti showed no mercy to Francis Roberts. The difference in scores being a massive eighteen points. John Allcock defeated Richard Berry by a cut to nil before Nick Stowe dismissed Douglas Heathcote on ground time after each had taken a cut. There were then three eliminator bouts to get the numbers down to sixteen.

Tony Cookson who has really well sorted gear and has come a long way in two short seasons was first up against the very experienced Steve Malone. This time however Steve was not able to dismiss the contender and went down by two cuts to one. The bout between John Allcock and Stuart Vickers was a little controversial. It seems John was disqualified as there was no string left on his model at the end of the bout. The score sheets however show a win for Stuart by three cuts to two anyway.

After his victory over Richard Evans much was expected of John Leggott as he took on Nick Stowe. This time however it was a very different story as John was not able to keep out of the hard stuff. Nick went through on ground time.

So after lots of bouts the numbers had been reduced from the original twenty five to just sixteen.

Tony Frost put out the very fast Moggs Morris by two cuts to one before his team mate Mick Lewis went one better in defeating Tony Cookson by three cuts to one. Stuart Vickers has a comfortable win over Frank Marshall who just spent too long on the ground as did luckless Chris Moore who had to retire against Bob Payne. Simon Groom had the narrowest of victories over Nick Stowe by a single ground point before John Spink and Eamonn Forsdike had a serious mid-air before the bout was very old. Both had very negative scores but John went through by virtue of a cut. Richard Stitson was to say the least very frustrated at the end of his bout with Richard Herbert as he just could not shake the league leader at all and went down by three cuts to nil. The final bout between Martin Kizel and Simon Miller was a pleasure to watch. Martin took a two cut lead but Simon fought back and took a cut. Near the end of the bout Martin was down and lost a ground point. This mattered not as time ran out on Simon's valiant effort to get a second cut.

Eight pilots left now to fight it out for the four semi-final places. Simon Groom's engine was very sick against Mick Lewis who took an early cut which was soon followed by a slight collision which saw Mick's model leave the circle and a cut to Simon. Spare lines were quickly run out but on connecting them up the rear lead out was found to have broken at the bell crank despite it having been bushed. Over three minutes remained on the clock so Simon was victorious.

Also without any luck this time was Richard Herbert in his bout with Stuart Vickers. Just seconds

into the bout saw a heavy coming together which destroyed Richard's model. The inboard wing was matchwood and the bell crank was a separate item!

Tony Frost then defeated Martin Kizsel on ground time before Bob Payne took on John Spink. Sadly for him John removed all of Bob's streamer in one go giving himself an uphill task to avoid defeat. Bob took his time, remained cool and took three nice cuts with some impressive flying. 'Just luck' he told me but he was being modest.

Bob's next victim was Simon Groom in the first semi-final. There was a mid-air half way through the bout from which neither could recover. As it was two cuts to one in Bob's favour at that point he went through to the final.

It was very close between Stuart Vickers and Tony Frost in the second semi-final. Stuart took a large cut but left the knot. Tony responded taking a cut and leaving a foot or so of crepe to aim at for a second cut. In such a situation the last thing any flyer wants is for his motor to cut but this happened to Tony several times losing him ground time and the bout. On inspection the tank was found to be leaking.

So Tony and Simon had to fly for third place which of course includes a trophy and a bottle of wine so it is important.

In retrospect Tony should have changed his model as once a tank is leaking it only gets worse as was proven in the bout. With no such problems Simon was able to take two nice cuts with Tony only managing one in reply. Also Tony had a lot of ground time and a wing full of fuel to add to the fourth place misery.

So with the Sun now well down behind the Darley trees it was time for the final.

At one cut all there was a coming together which removed half of Stuart's outboard wing and even worse broke his lines. Bob was down only long enough to lose a single ground point before returning to the air. The time taken to fit new lines is often the 'kiss of death' in a bout and thus it proved here. Bob was the number one man on the day. Many congratulations that man.

Prize giving took place before the six o'clock deadline, thanks were given to everyone who had helped to make the day a great success and we all made out way home happy (at least everyone seemed that way)

My personal thanks to the scorers. The sheets were all there and properly filled in which made writing this report very easy.

## Darley Moor Report     October 2015

How time flies! It is already the end of the season and I just need to write this report and then put a newsletter together.

The weather was at least dry but very overcast with a cold NE wind blowing. I kept warm by rushing (for me that is) around being the centre marshal but I felt for the poor scorers sitting motionless for long periods of time.

The Nats Vintage was finished before the days event was started although the F2E continued at the top end of the field which slowed proceedings somewhat. Not helpful with an entry of 25 although it was pleasing to see numbers being maintained right up to the end of the season.

This report will not be up to my usual standard as the returned score sheets are incomplete.

The first round saw good wins For Frank Marshall over Martin Kizsel and Richard Berry over John Allcock. Former National Champion Dave Wiseman suffered serious damage in his loss to Chris Moore who is gradually getting his act together. Harry Walker who had come along mainly as a F2E pitman made short work of Dave Chalk before the other F2E flyer Graham Ives had a much narrower victory over Tony Cookson.

Martin Kizsel made up for his poor first round performance by defeating Willie Wallace by two cuts to one in the first losers round bout. Others making 'amends' in this round included Simon Miller, Tony Cookson and John Allcock but Dave Wiseman's luck was still out as he lost to Colin Miller. To bring numbers to sixteen three eliminator bouts were run. Roger Fisher got through against Eamonn Forsdike as did John Allcock against Tim Hobbins. Despite winning the cuts battle two to

one Tim lost six ground points and that was that as they say. Chris Fisher joined his dad in the next round by virtue of a two cuts to nil victory over John Spink.

Chris continued his fine form when he took on Stuart Vickers. In a hard fought bout Stuart could only manage a single cut whereas Chris took three.

If you thought Richard Herbert practises a lot you should see Richard Berry. Anyway it is paying off as Richard B had a sound victory over Chris Moore who spent far too long grounded. The same can be said for Martin Kizel who lost out in much the same way against Richard Herbert. John Leggott added the scalp of Simon Miller to that of Richard Evans which he had taken in September. Harry Walker's T4 was going very well in his victory over Frank Marshall but his buddy Graham Ives was sadly eliminated against Roger Fisher.

So on into the quarter finals. It was that man Richard Berry again showing that practise pays off by defeating young Chris Fisher by two cuts to one before John Leggott tried his hand against the master Richard Herbert. Sometimes John flies superbly but sad to say not this time as he lost easily to Richard by two cuts to nil. Probably the best bout of the day followed when Tony Cookson took on John Allcock. It was action from start to finish with John winning by three cuts to two. A real pleasure to watch. The last quarter final between F2D ace Harry Walker and Roger Fisher was going

really well when Harry hit the ground due to a line tangle. While still trying to extricate his lines from Rogers the pitman blew it by entering the circle (nuff said)

John Allcock booked his final spot when he defeated Roger Fisher by a single point. The score was two cuts to one in John's favour but losing three ground points made it the narrowest of wins.

Richard Herbert reached the final without taking a single cut against Richard Berry who took the only cut of the bout. The loss of eight ground points was his downfall.

Flying off for third place saw a repeat performance this time against Roger Fisher who managed to avoid ground points when Richard could not losing no less than six this time.

So well before the six O'clock deadline we were ready for the final. The first attempt resulted in a tie with each flyer having a score of plus one. In the re-fly Richard Herbert won with a score of plus four. I can't report John's score because the score sheet was not returned to me so I'll just say it was less than four.

The usual prize giving followed with the day's trophies and wine being presented. The League trophies and wine were also presented to the first three flyers Richard Herbert, Mick Lewis and Roger Fisher. The mutual admiration society then departed but not before promising to do it all again next year. See you then.

## The 2016 Season

### Contest Calendar

I will give you the dates as I confirm them so that you can book your holidays without missing too much action!

### Streamer Making

I will need some help with this as I find it both time consuming and tiring (gives me back ache) I'm happy to provide the cut streamers and the string for any volunteers to string, roll up and secure with elastic band.

My thanks to Tony Frost who helped this year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the editorial team!



Some Action from the season just gone!





