

WESSEX AEROMODELLERS LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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The Aeromodelling Link for Dorset into Wiltshire, Hampshire, Somerset and Devon

From James Parry and Chris Hague

It only seems like a few weeks ago that we were ploughing our way through snow and wondering what the weather would inflict on us for the 2010 event season - a drought and the driest year for however long - the problem is you would never have guessed it.

The second Low-Cost 600 RES was cancelled due to wind and rain and several of the Tomboy meets have suffered from high winds and drizzle! It's still amazing that when normal club models are grounded the Tomboys (weighing between 11 – 14 ozs) can still fly and put on a competition, the cut-off point we have found being winds up to 17mph. Beyond that they still handle the conditions but fly backwards! A couple of times we have flown this year, perfectly safely, when club sports fliers wouldn't.

Our two main events remain the Low-Cost 600 RES and Tomboy. The control line speed event has generated some reasonable interest and, hopefully, will reach a peak at the control line day to be held by Wimborne MAC at Cashmoor on 17 October 2010. There are a few power duration models around but not enough to put on a meaningful competition but there is hope for next year with promises of a couple more models at least.

With just one each of the Low-Cost 600RES (Wimborne MAC, Cashmoor on Saturday 25 September) and Tomboy (Flying Druids, Bulford on Sunday 12 September) rounds to go, the year is coming to an end! Please if you intend coming check a day or two before in case there are any changes.

The shame of not being able to fly this year at what was called Pen Hill has been tempered by the Wincanton Club allowing us to hold a couple of meetings at their excellent site. If you've never been there and get the chance go along and have a look, the facilities are great with big plans for the future. The Flying Druids site at Bulford is a new site for us in September, with the added possibility of flying free flight as well. Now, for at least some of us, that will be a great opportunity.

I mustn't forget to mention the excellent hospitality we received from the Salisbury MFC, their site also having great facilities. Of course, where would we be without our home club Wimborne MAC and site at Cashmoor?

At the end of the day none of the events are too serious and the main aims are to provide light hearted competitions for those who enjoy flying against other aeromodellers "on your doorstep", to be relatively inexpensive, to be safe and by visiting different Clubs to meet up with old friends, meet new ones and enjoy what always turns out to be a social event as much as anything else.



Line up for Tomboy comp at Wincanton 4.7.2010



Wincanton 25.7.2010 L-R, Longley, Hague, Parry, Collins, Kessell and Chris Hague preparing



Concentration going on here.
The Tx stand is an excellent piece of kit by Wincanton Club it saves flyers from wandering off still holding their Tx to retrieve a model.

Gus Hague about to launch Wessex Weasel mini speed model with PAW 1.5cc power.





Barrie Collis's Tomboyand Derek Collin, Bill Longley both at Salisbury 18.7.10



Richard Farrer preparing for the off



Paul Netton and James Collis waiting the launch command



Chris Hague launching John Taylor's own design "Black Tail" 600RES model

In addition to our last couple of League events there is the Chesil Club annual open fun fly event Saturday 14 August. The following weekend 21 and 22 August is the Wincanton Falcons open fly in. BMFA insurance and "A" certificate or buddy box required. Check with the clubs for more details.

<http://www.chesilmfc.com/>

<http://www.wincantonfalcons.com/>

More information about the Wessex Aeromodellers League and results to date at:
www.wessexaml.co.uk