

# WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES ELECTRIC THERMAL LEAGUE 2011

## Scores after the final round at Cashmoor on Saturday 8 October 2011 by Chris Hague

The fifth and final round of the 2011 Wessex 600RES Electric Thermal League was held by kind invitation of the Wimborne MAC at their Cashmoor site.

The weather forecast was for strong gusting wind and maybe some rain, and this probably deterred some of the regular competitors. The wind strength and direction turned out to be the recipe for a challenging day's flying. There was an entry of 8 pilots and for various reasons we got off to a slow start, not the least of which being Malcolm McKendrick driving to the wrong club for the competition.

In round one no less than three pilots, Tom Airey, James Parry and Geoff Collins, landed out. The resultant damage led to James's retirement. In round two Malcolm and Geoff (again) landed out. Tom suffered a mid-air collision soon after take-off. At this point Tom decided it was not going to be his day and with discretion being the better part of valour, decided to retire with no less than two damaged models - in his own words 'Airey was not at the races' this weekend. From then on all pilots, having mastered the tricky weather conditions, succeeded in landing safely back on the patch. At the end of the day, after some very close contests, two fly-offs were needed. In the first Malcolm beat Peter for fourth place and in the second Chris beat Ian by only the narrowest of margins for second place. Having survived several close calls throughout the morning Rick Farrer, with four wins, was the worthy winner on the day.

Throughout the season a total of 17 pilots took part in the competition with individual rounds being won by Jeff Fellows, who finished eighth overall. Tom Airey won two rounds and finished in third place, just one point ahead of fourth place Peter Kessell. Although Rick Farrer won both the first and last rounds and scored a total of 34 points he finished in second place to Mr Consistency, Chris Hague, who was the eventual winner with four second place finishes having amassed a total of 36 points.

Our thanks go to the Wimborne MAF for the use of their excellent flying field and, of course, to our regular scorers, Nancy Kessell and George Barnard, who have the unenviable task of keeping all the scores and producing the final results. Pilots taking part in this series are also invited to join in with the monthly postal event, see the website for full details.

After a successful 2011 season we look forward to more of the same in 2012. Watch this space at [www.wessexaml.co.uk](http://www.wessexaml.co.uk) for all the latest information.

The Cashmoor results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Rick Farrer 4 wins; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Hague 3 wins; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ian Pratt 3 wins;  
 4<sup>th</sup> Malcolm McKendrick 2 wins; 5<sup>th</sup> Peter Kessell 2 wins; 6<sup>th</sup> Geoff Collins 1 win;  
 DNF: James Parry, Tom Airey.

<b>Low-cost 600RES</b>		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Chris Hague		7	9	9	9	9	36
2	Rick Farrer		10	6	8	-	10	34
3	Tom Airey		-	10	10	8	2	30
4	Peter Kessell		9	7	6	7	6	29
5	Ian Pratt		8	3	-	6	8	25
6	Denis Grocott		5	8	4	5	-	22
7	Malcolm McKendrick		3	-	7	4	7	21
8	Jeff Fellows		-	-	-	10	-	10
9	Dick Hanley		4	5	-	-	-	9
=9	Steve Howe		-	4	5	-	-	9
11	Mark Annandale		2	2	2	3	-	9
12	Geoff Collins		2	-	-	-	5	7
13	John Taylor		6	-	-	-	-	6
14	Simon Oylott		-	2	3	-	-	5
15	James Parry		2	-	-	-	2	4
=16	Roly Nix		-	-	2	-	-	2
=16	Robin Caswell		-	-	2	-	-	2

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Rick Farrer's own design 600RES model



Ian Pratt's own design 600RES model

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Chris Hague