

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2010

Final round, Flying Druids site on Sunday 12 September by Chris Hague

The final round of the 2010 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of the Flying Druids at their excellent Salisbury Plain site.

Ten pilots turned up to fly, nine of whom made the Tomboy 36 fly-off. As before, there was a mixture of MP Jet engines with 2cc of fuel and the Mills .75 with the 3cc fuel tank. A new rule for 2011 will see all engines using a 2cc tank. This makes life simple and reduces the excessive heights that can be achieved with these little models. This new rule has been welcomed within the Wessex League. Several engines needed some additional tweaking during the qualifying and both Chris Hague and Paul Netton removed their engines and carburettors for a thorough clean. Paul was the more successful as he eventually went on to win. In order to achieve a score models had to land within the prescribed area, a mown patch of grass, which was only narrowly missed by one pilot, Peter Rose, thus spoiling his score for the day.

In the fly-off, flown in the ever improving weather, Derek Collin, Barrie Collis and Chris Hague (using a borrowed carburettor) were soon down. James Parry, John Taylor and Tom Airey were the next group to land. This left a closely fought contest between this year's two leading protagonists, Paul Netton (a seasoned campaigner) and Rick Farrer (flying in his first season in the Tomboy series). A win for either contestant was going to result in an overall win in the 2010 series. After some careful searching for that elusive lift Paul emerged the worthy winner, both on the day and for the 2010 series. Although both pilots ended the season with equal points, the tie-break of highest placings gave the win to Paul, who subsequently received his trophy, a fine paperweight 3D engraving of a Tomboy, for the 2010 season.

1st Paul Netton, 2nd Richard Farrer, 3rd Tom Airey, 4th John Taylor 5th James Parry, 6th Chris Hague, 7th Barrie Collis, 8th Derek Collin, Landed out; Peter Rose; DNS; Bill Longley.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Paul Netton	10	2	10	6	10	36
2	Rick Farrer	9	10	8	8	9	36
3	Tom Airey	8	2	-	10	8	28
4	Chris Hague	2	2	9	9	5	25
5	John Taylor	7	9	-	-	7	23
6	James Parry	6	8	1	1	6	21
7	Barrie Collis	-	2	1	7	4	14
8	Derek Collin	-	1	-	2	3	6
9	Peter Rose	-	-	-	-	2	2
10	Bill Longley	-	-	-	1	1	2

The Tomboy Senior fly-off was a straight contest between Tom Airey and Chris Hague, Bill Longley having retired after qualifying. Although Tom clearly had the longest flight a small miscalculation saw him landing out. Tom later discovered that he had been flying, extremely well I might add, without the use of his elevator! Not bad for a single channel flight.

This gave the overall win for the season to Chris. It was a shame that so few entered this Tomboy class as they are easier to fly than the small Tomboy and will actually thermal quite well if you are lucky enough to pick up some lift. Also the Mills 1.3 engine is such an easy engine to operate and plenty are available from various sources, mainly Ebay!

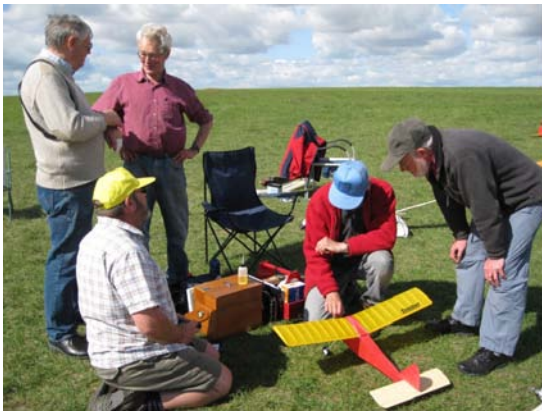
1st Chris Hague. Landed out; Tom Airey; DNS; Bill Longley.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Chris Hague	8	9	10	9	10	38
2	Tom Airey	10	10	-	10	2	32
3	Peter Rose	9	8	9	1	-	27
4	Bill Longley	-	-	-	1	2	3
5	Clive Carpenter	-	1	-	-	-	1

Remember, it is the best four scores, shown in **bold** type, to count. Our thanks go to our starter for the day, Bill Longley. Canvassing further opinion amongst the Wessex Tomboy entrants had shown unanimous support for a relaxation of some areas of the rules for next season and the new 2011 Wessex Tomboy rules were distributed on the day. Further information is available on our very own website: www.wessexaml.co.uk

Our thanks to the host club, the Flying Druids, to Paul Netton and Peter Rose for all their help throughout the day and for allowing us to share the use of the field with their club members. In addition we were able to fly a range of models, including free flight, in the wide open spaces.



Tomboy 36 and 5 experts!



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Tomboy 36 Fly-off

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James Parry/Chris Hague