



Manx Model Flyers

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We had a fabulous Fly-in Saturday with one of the best turn-outs ever, but first of all a quick catch up on the flying over the preceeding couple of weeks.

Firstly, of course, was the LMA Cosford show which as previously mentioned was well attended with 10 of our members present at various times. The large Vulcan has to be the most impressive model, although others came close. If enthusiasts can build such large models, why don't they build full-size?

We have managed some slope-soaring despite some weather contrasts. Ten up in the air at once still remains the best this year, with Penny-pot [I know it's spelt wrong!] The landing area here is so good it makes for less damage! The Creg is still well supported afterwards and the coffee order is getting bigger!

Back to the fly-in on the main airfield now, where the weather was excellent although the wind was bordering on 15 knots at times. The competition side was not starting until lunchtime so the early risers had a good morning free flying. Steve Woodward was still doing engine trials with the Hannibal and its 3 cylinder Saito so his early flights were quite short but got longer when he richened the carburettor flow.

My Spacewalker started and flew well until just before the scale flying and resulted in being a non starter. Dave Harris had his large turbo prop aerobatic model flying for the first time since April and needed a bit of re-trimming before performing at its best. Nigel had his Vulcan in the air flying very sedately after my 2 false start launches. It really has to be pointed up at nearly 45 degrees in order to get away safely!

Ivan had both his carbon Cub and new Pawnee in the air. In fact the Pawnee was flying when I arrived at 9.30am! I was the 4th car there so there really were some early risers! Kenny did some taxiing trials with his electric ducted fan Cobra. With his engineer in attendance [Peter]. He decided to go for it. After a very impressive take-off Kenny kept the speed down and did some very impressive passes and finished up with a lovely landing.

Alan, Mike and Marty were in constant rotation flying their 'stable' of planes. Marty's 'Ryan' looked especially impressive. Peter was flying both his Twinstar and Flybaby and he

reckoned the Flybaby was best, but he was having problems with his Twinstar which was unusual as they are usually so reliable.

With the static scale timed for twelve o'clock the aircraft were lined up for judging [see Facebook and website for photos] There were 3 aircraft in the 'scratch-built class, Brian's Spacewalker' [ex John Martin's], John Webb's Barnstormer and Nigel's Depron Vulcan. The Vulcan was the only new build this year and very different techniques were needed from the usual.

In the kit-built there were two entries, Steve's Hannibal and John Webb's Arrow, while in the classic there also only two entries, John's Barnstormer and the Hannibal. The ARTF was a revelation with at least seven entries! Apart from Ivan's two there was the Ryan, the Mustang, Flybaby, the Stuka, Corsair plus others.

The results were:

Scratch-built: First John Webb's Barnstormer John has won the class for the last three years and will be retiring from competition after this year.

Kit-built: First John's Arrow with the Hannibal second.

ARTF: First Ivan's Cub a draw for second between the Stuka, Mustang, Fly-baby and Pawnee

Classic: First John's Barnstormer and Hannibal second.

The judging was done by all club members present on a voting slip. Visit the website to view the models and members!

Next was the Scale flying which was being judged by Bill Cowell who hobbled along after his year long recovery from his accident-- he had tripped over his greenhouse doorstep! It was great to see him up on the field again and hopefully flying later on this year.

There were four entries in the scale flying with three drawing for points. In the fly-off Nigel pulled off an immaculate flight to take first spot from Chis.

The opportunity was taken for Bill as Chief Examiner to take Nigel and Geoff for their A test [fixed wing], Geoff had already given a aerobatic display with his helicopter shortly before.

The 'Spot' landing comp did not have many takers although I saw Ivan land fairly close. The balloon bursting also lacked competitors although one or two nearly did it accidentally! The presentation of awards will take place at the club's annual dinner.

Brian.



The Red Baron in another guise!