



Manx Model Flyers

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After rather a long break since the last newsletter it is time to give an update on what has been happening and what is going to happen!

First of all general news—Wednesday evening's slope soaring has finished for the season as the nights have drawn in and the weather is going downhill although not too cold yet for those enjoying retirement who want to get up on the hills during autumn days.

There has been considerable flying up on Jurby over the summer and eventually culminated in last weekend's 'Fly-in' weekend which has been postponed since August.

There were 3 scale comps [non-flying] and one scale flying competition, plus a 'fun comp'

The 3 non-flying scale competitions were made up of Scratch built, ARTF's and Classic's. There was only one entrant in the 'Classic' which deserved its status, and that was John Martin's high wing Barnstormer designed by David Boddington.

However, the ARTF class had a full entry of seven models covering a wide spectrum of types from 1930's to modern jet look-a-likes. All members present were invited to vote and the leading contenders were Allan's Sparrowhawk, Brian's Flybaby, Allan's Skyraider, and with Nigel's Citabria close behind.

It all came down to the 'second' choice vote as Brian and Allan [Sparrowhawk] were equal on first choice but Brian's Flybaby got more second choice votes.

In the Scale Scratch-built there were 4 entries, all 'Large-Scale' apart from Nigel's diminutive Citabria [in comparison!]. John Martin's Spacewalker got 4 first choice votes while Allan's Hannibal [the green one] got 2. Nigel's Citabria was close behind with 2 votes.

Miles had 'pulled his finger out' [as opposed to flying!] and got Paul Bromley and son Joe to come along and judge the scale flying. Entrants had to complete 4 flying skills—the first—taking-off! The second- a low fly-past, the third- a manoeuvre of choice, and finally- landing [or arrival!]

It must have been difficult for Paul and Joe because of the different types of aircraft as apparent by the 'draw' between John Martin's Spacewalker and Nigel's EDF Vampire. On one hand John's large Spacewalker was making stately approaches [albeit with the odd wobble from the gusts!] while Nigel's 'jet was blasting round the sky in wide sweeping turns although he did demonstrate it's slow speed qualities while completing it manoeuvre and landing.

Again, the complexity in judging was demonstrated by the draw for third between Brian's Flybaby and Kenny's Sabre. Mike Ward's Trojan came close behind in the judging.

Final Results—

Scale Flying	First— Draw	John Martin	Spacewalker
		Nigel Thompson	Vampire
Classic Scale	First	John Martin	Barnstormer
ARTF Scale	First	Brian King	Flybaby
Scratch Scale	First	John Martin	Spacewalker

The Fun Competition was very informally held at the end of proceedings when a large yellow square was placed on the runway and pilots had to endeavour to touch down as close as possible. The nearest was to be the winner! Few attempted it but Brian did it in tremendous fashion. He was so determined to be the winner that he wiped his undercarriage off virtually on the square! As there were no further Kamakazi pilots, Brian took the trophy—he almost got the best crash award.

The winners will be presented with awards at the Xmas Dinner, could all present holders of awards please get them to Brian as soon as possible so he can get the engraved.

Forthcoming Events—Dates for your diary

Wednesday 17th October SWAP MEET start 7.0pm [the early bird gets the worm!]

This a chance to sell all your unwanted gear [that you purchased in a moment of madness]

All of Bob Oates planes and gear will be on auction as is customary in such circumstances while all others folk's gear to be sold at stated price or more usually bartered verbally!

The INDOOR FLYING starts on Sunday 4th November at the Tommy Clucas Centre, from 7-9pm

Held fortnightly from then on as follows—

Sun 18th Nov Sun 2nd Dec Sun 16th Dec Sun 13th Jan Sun 27th Jan
Sun 10th Feb Sun 24th Feb Sun 10th March Sun 24th March

Participants are asked for a contribution of £5 per person per session.

Don't forget the Xmas Party at the Creg on Friday 14th Dec 7pm for a 7.30 start. All should have had a copy of the Xmas menu, you must pre-order by the date of the AGM

Brian King
