

6th. ROY ROBERTSON MEMORIAL TROPHY 1991

The sixth running of the Roy Robertson Memorial has been run and won.

Unlike previous years, the weather for the weekend, although not perfect, was the best since the inception of the event, and this resulted in some exceptionally good flying and close results.

The days started off a little overcast with fairly strong 20-25 Kph winds, but, as the competitions progressed, the sun began to shine and the winds abated to average around 15Kph.

20 Contestants lined up for a start in Texaco with a diverse array of model/engine combinations, and all began the event with the exception of Peter Hosking whose model had a slight altercation with the wind and the ground during a test flight. This resulted in Peter's premature retirement from the event.

I gave a very short briefing outlining the most basic of points to remember and, as per usual, dished out the groups to the Captains, and opened the first round at 10.45am. This year I opted to have a round time of 1 hour and with 5 groups operating this did not leave the Captains much time to muck around.

The Captains (to my expectations) very quickly got stuck into their task and I had no problems with regards to delays of any sort. Both the captains and the contestants got on with the competition and left me free to compile the scores in the computer and just generally watch the overall proceedings.

The rounds continued throughout the day with only some minor incidents. Brett Achterdenbosch allowed his model to be blown too far down wind and ended up searching for close to 2 hours to recover it, and Kim Wareham couldn't get his engine to run properly. Following a second round score of 3 Kim unceremoniously replaced his transmitter in the pound (along with some rather descriptive phrases) for the remainder of the day. This small exercise in self abuse earned Kim the coveted "Spit the Dummy Award" for the weekend.

Without further incident the 5 rounds were completed and the computer showed that 6 fliers had qualified for the Fly-Off. I gave a second briefing to the contestants and set them to their task at 4.15pm. All models got away well and the waiting had begun. The conditions were perfect for Texaco with only light winds with the occasional gust and plenty of clouds for the much sought after lift.

Everyone seemed to get into good air and the 6 models all moved around² silently defying gravity and looking brilliant. Peter Donovan and Mark Collins soon fell out and returned to Terra-Firma within 15 minutes. After 20 minutes I looked up to see the others all OOS and doing very little except gaining height. I saw this as a good time to remind all those left that my wife was expecting me home for tea that night, but, as I expected, no-one seemed terribly concerned about me and merely suggested that I could eat sometime tomorrow.

The flying continued for a further 24 minutes when Ted Hall (inaugural winner of the Trophy) landed in the circle to the applause of all around. He was preceded by John Whittaker (3rd) a relative new comer to Old Timer in Victoria and Graeme Sinclair (2nd) a 2 time winner of the event.

The following day Duration was the assigned task and 19 competitors lined up for a start. The only incident in Duration was when Warwick Bromby had to practically rebuild his model on the field after qualifying for the fly-off. It tried to practice KamiKaze landings in the circle.

All contestants were asked to fly their rounds as soon as possible so as to effect an early finish to the day. The Captains again proved themselves and all rounds were completed by 3.00pm.

The results showed that 12 members had made the fly-off and the conditions prevailing seemed to assure a repeat of the fly-off in Texaco. There was 1 frequency clash so I decided to run two groups of 6.

The first wave took off at 3.15 and everyone there was set for a further two hours flying. This proved not to be the case. The wind came up again to about 25Kph and all the lift seemed to turn to sink. All scoring models were down within 10 minutes and both Andrew Kennedy and Kim Wareham ended with zero scores for landing outside the prescribed boundary.

The second wave flew off straight into lift, but the wind was still prevalent. Everyone seemed to be having trouble penetrating this and invariably got blown down wind. This resulted in Simon Boundy having an out landing and most others diving into the wind in an effort to get back to the field. Graeme Sinclair was the only one who seemed to keep up-wind and this gained him his ultimate win in Duration. Ashleigh McDonald (2nd) made a welcome return to the event with a well controlled fly-off score and Peter Donovan was well placed 3rd.

With a new scoring system operating at this event for the overall winner of the trophy, the scores were tallied and the computer spat forth the name of Graeme Sinclair.

Over the two days I went around to all the contestants to gain votes for the best model affield for the two days. This is a pilots choice Con Cor's D'Elegance and the trophy is a donated pewter mug, this year donated by the P.D.A.R.C.S. Club. This trophy was won by G. Sinclair. Both Graeme's models tallied most votes on both days.

Congratulations and presentations and the field was opened up for general flying.

Of the 6 Roy Robertson Memorial Trophy events held so far, I have had the pleasure of C.D.ing 5 and I must say that this years has been the best. The team Captains kept everything going well and the contestants aided one another whenever they could. The comederie was a delight to see and everyone went about their business quickly and efficiently. There was not one problem for the whole weekend. I wish all C.D.s had my luck.

The Thank-Yous start here. To the staff at the P.D.A.R.C.S Kitchen (Marg Brown, Derry Brown, Ian Anderson and others) I thank you for your efforts yet again. To the P.D.A.R.C.S. Club , thanks for the use of the best field in Australia, To Trevor Boundy, thanks for the work with VOTA and for compiling the computer program that allows me to relax my brain (some say that its permanent) and finally to you guys the contestants, thanks for your continuing support of this event.

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ROY ROBERTSON OVER ALL PLACINGS                               15:07 31-Jan-91
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CONTESTANT      DUR DUR  DUR  TEX  TEX  TEX  Sumof  OverAll
NAME            Score Rank FlyOffScore Rank FlyOff Rank      Rank
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Sinclair G      2157  1  877  4725  2  2245   3       1
Hall T          1647  6  367  4939  1  2459   7       5
Donovan P       2097  3  817  2992  6  512    9       7
Collins M       1751  4  471  3256  5  776    9       7
Robinson I      1670  5  390  2460  7       12      10
Boundy T        1596  8  316  4107  4  1627  12      10
Whittaker J     1240 14       4572  3  2092  17      15
Ford L          1634  7  354  2396 11       18      16
Boundy S        1281 12    1  2448  8       20      18
Kennedy A       1282 11    2  2432  9       20      18
Bromby W        1511  9  231  683  18      27      25
Weston J        970  18       2401 10      28      26
Cameron D       1155 17       2285 12      29      27
Wareham K       1283 10    3  150  20      30      28
Achterdenbosch 1243 13       620  19      32      30
McDonald A      2100  2  820    0  31      33      31
Laughton B      1181 16       948  17      33      31
Achterdenbosch 698  19       1684 15      34      32
Lloyd F         0  20       1016 16      36      34
Hosking P       1194 15    0  22      37      35
Bray a          0  25       1894 14      39      37
Cope D          0  29       1901 13      42      40
Cameron R       0  23    0  21      44      42

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 ROY ROB TEXACO by SCORES at 15:08 21-Jan-91

# Contestant	Chan Texaco		Texaco	Menu=[Alt+T]					Tot	Best4	F/Off	G/Tot	
	# Model		Motor	1	2	3	4	5					
1 Hall T	36.310	Ehling 37 CGModel	Enya 46 F/S	G1620	620	620	620	620	0	2480	2480	2459	4939
2 Sinclair G	36.370	M.G.2	OS 60 F/S	Ign	620	620	620	620	0	2480	2480	2245	4725
3 Whittaker J	22.000	Dallaire	Saito 45 F/S	G620	620	600	620	620	620	3080	2480	2092	4572
4 Boundy T	50.000	125% Miss America	OS 60 4S		620	620	620	620	0	2480	2480	1627	4107
5 Collins M	14.000	Famingo	os 61 4S		600	620	620	620	620	3080	2480	776	3256
6 Donovan P	36.410	Westerner	OS 40 F/S	Glo	620	620	620	620	0	2480	2480	512	2992
7 Robinson I	28.000	Lanzo Record Breako	OS 61 F/S	Ign	620	600	620	620	600	3060	2460		2460
8 Boundy S	28.000	Miss America	OS 61 4S		620	608	483	620	600	2931	2448		2448
9 Kennedy A	36.070	Miss America	OS K6 Ant	Ign	620	620	620	391	572	2823	2432		2432
10 Weston J	20.000	Red Zephyr	OS 40 F/S	Glo	564	597	296	620	620	2697	2401		2401
11 Ford L	36.250	Flamingo	OS 61 F/S	Ign	536	620	620	620	467	2863	2396		2396
12 Cameron D	32.000	Lanzo Record Breako	OS 61 F/S	Glo	445	377	620	620	600	2662	2285		2285
13 Cope D	36.510	Ehling	SAITO 65		620	338	620	323	0	1901	1901		1901
14 Bray a	36.330	Red Zephyr	Saito 50 f/s		0	402	427	620	445	1894	1894		1894
15 AchterdenboschF	36.070	Midget Primary	Enya 46 F/S	G1524	620	540	0	0	0	1684	1684		1684
16 Lloyd F	12.000	Lanzo Bomber	Orwick 64 Ant		185	607	224	0	0	1016	1016		1016
17 Laughton B	53.000	Red Zephyr	OS 40 F/S	Glo	409	209	330	0	0	948	948		948
18 Bromby W	10.000	Dallaire	OS 26 F/S	Glo	620	63	0	0	0	683	683		683
19 AchterdenboschB	36.090	Lanzo Bomber	Enya 46 F/S	G1620	0	0	0	0	0	620	620		620
20 Wareham K	36.370	Dallaire	Saito 40 F/S	G147	3	0	0	0	0	150	150		150

 ROY ROB DURATION by SCORES at 15:03 21-Jan-91

# Contestant	Chan Duration		Duration	Menu=[Alt+D]					Tot	Best4	F/Off	G/Tot
	# Model		Motor	1	2	3	4	5				
1 Sinclair G	26.000	Playboy	McCoy 60 Ant	320	320	320	320	0	1280	1280	877	2157
2 McDonald A	34.000	Super Quaker	Saito 65 F/s	300	320	320	320	320	1580	1280	820	2100
3 Donovan P	36.410	Westerner	Saito 65 F/s	320	320	320	320	0	1280	1280	817	2097
4 Collins M	14.000	Super Quaker	McCoy 60 Ant	320	320	320	320	0	1280	1280	471	1751
5 Robinson I	36.350	Playboy	Saito 65 F/S	320	320	270	320	320	1550	1280	390	1670
6 Hall T	36.310	Kerswap	Rossi 40 2S G1	320	320	320	0	320	1280	1280	367	1647
7 Ford L	36.250	Playboy	Saito 65 F/s	320	300	320	320	320	1580	1280	354	1634
8 Boundy T	50.000	Albatross	SAITO 65	320	320	320	320	0	1280	1280	316	1596
9 Bromby W	1.000			320	320	320	320	0	1280	1280	231	1511
10 Wareham K	36.370	Playboy	Saito 65	320	320	320	320	0	1280	1280	3	1283
11 Kennedy A	36.410	Playboy	McCoy 60 Ant	320	320	320	320	0	1280	1280	2	1282
12 Boundy S	28.000	Miss America	OS 61 4S	320	320	278	320	320	1558	1280	1	1281
13 AchterdenboschB	36.090	Playboy	OS 61 F/s	182	320	320	285	318	1425	1243		1243
14 Whittaker J	22.000	Super Quaker	Saito 65	300	320	300	320	300	1540	1240		1240
15 Hosking P	36.250	Playboy	OS 61 F/s	320	238	254	320	300	1432	1194		1194
16 Laughton B	36.390	Playboy	Saito 50 F/s	0	320	320	241	300	1181	1181		1181
17 Cameron D	32.000	Playboy	Saito 65 F/s	300	320	320	212	215	1367	1155		1155
18 Weston J	20.000	Playboy	Saito 50 F/s	300	204	217	249	186	1156	970		970
19 AchterdenboschF	36.110	Red Zephyr	Enya 46 F/s	155	134	192	164	187	832	698		698