

20th Roy Robertson Memorial Trophy 2005 Competition Report:

Saturday 15th

Twelve Competitors, including SAM1788 member, Geoff Potter, from Sydney, competed in our first event 1/2A Texaco. The weather was fine with light winds and our Cox .049's mostly behaved. Max's were enjoyed by all. Peter Bennett flying his yellow Red Ripper was First. Fred Stebbing flying his Stardust Special 2nd and Peter Hosking flying an RC 1 placed 3rd.

Seven competitors entered for '38 Antique. The weather stayed fine and wind moderate. Three of the competitors retired with engine problems by the end of round one. Peter Bennett and Trevor Boundy proved very entertaining as their OK Super .60 running perfectly made easy work of obtaining three max's. Peter Bennett placed 1st flying his RC 1, Trevor Boundy 2nd flying his Westerner and Steve Gullock flying his Gordon Burford diesel powered Poly finished 3rd.

We shared the field with P&DARCS members and this arrangement proved once again successful. We were, however, troubled by low flying full size aircraft which seemed to be sight seeing and not aware or concerned at interrupting our contest.

Sunday 16th

After over night rain we were once again treated to a fine warm day with light winds. Twelve competitors entered for Texaco and most were able to enjoy good flying. At the end of round 4 it was decided to drop round 5 as the wind was freshening. Good lift was available most of the time. Mark Collins again flew well and was 1st flying his Cumulus. 2nd place went to Fred Stebbing with his Thunder Tiger .36 powered Stardust Special and Chris Lawson flying a Lanzo Racer finished 3rd.

Duration attracted eleven competitors and was also reduced to 4 rounds 3 to count contest as the wind continued to increase. Unfortunately this forced some aircraft to be withdrawn to save damage. Robert Taylor qualified for the fly off but a gust after landing in the 3rd round broke the wing of his YS powered Stardust Special. Also of note was Trevor Boundy's 90% Lanzo Bomber powered by an Anderson Spitfire .65 "Sparky" which he has prepared and tested. Trevor chose to withdraw when the wind continued to increase. Mark Collins flying a Cumulus once again showed his skill and knowledge of the 'Burley' field and finished 1st. Kevin Fryer with his Cumulus was 2nd and Chris Lawson with his Italian designed Vespa finished 3rd.

Congratulations to Mark Collins for winning the Roy Robertson Memorial Trophy 2005. Unfortunately for Mark his SAM600 friends have already started to plan a "How to beat Mark in 2006" with the most popular idea being! "Steal his wings"? We will wait and see!

Special thanks to P&DARCS for use of their field and opening their Canteen on the Sunday.
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