

SWAMPS ROY ROB RE RUN

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Rarely have we had such a perfect window of good flyable OT weather as the morning at SWAMPS for the Roy Rob re run.

CEO of SAM 600 events; Brian Laughton, chose to run Texaco and 1/2A in the superb pre-lunch session. Strengthening breezes became constant marginal flying weather after lunch (cooked to perfection by Kalid) in which to attempt Duration and Burford, the latter being finally dropped as the conditions became untenable.

The "Motor Maestro" from Geelong; Chris Lawson had good reason to be happy with his morning's Texaco work, as he gained such height as to be a mere speck amongst the cumulus. Not since Mark Collins have we seen such eye-straining height, after a one hour stint Chris brought it down to applause for the second such flight in his entire OT flying career.

Brian Laughton stepped up in 1/2A with his Red Ripper to post a convincing win in this most popular (despite COX) event.

Steve Gullock continued his winning ways in the worsening conditions to show how to fly in the wind; they didn't stop him in USA and his Mt. Hollowback experience showed as he posted a runaway win in Duration.

Brian Laughton finally got his name on the Roy Rob Perpetual Trophy after only a mere 30 years in the trying.

Next event worth considering is the Premier event in Oz; Easter at Canowindra where the "cracks will certainly enter the fray"

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