

This was a one-day comp with 2 serious events and 2 novelty events.

The day started a little windy but it was agreed we would push on with Texaco. There were 8 entries in this event, all of whom were keen competitors. Of the 4 in the fly-off only one, Lyn Clifford, got in with 3 flights, the others took their full four flights to qualify .

Dave Sampson managed to fold the wings on his newly acquired KRUPPS at some great height, but his wings managed to do a max but unfortunately landed out. We were very pleased to see our new member from Warragul, Don Grant, competing and he put up a very commendable 5th place in Texaco.

This is where the high point holders, with only 4 points separating them, started to fight it out for Champ of Champs 2008. Robert Taylor won with Max Heap coming in a very good second place and Lyn Clifford came in third. This put Robert just 2 points behind Lyn.

Next was the ½ hour climb & glide, and I must admit the ½hour competition is much more exciting than the all-day comp. This was a very exciting event as there was very little between 2nd 3rd & 4th places. While these 3 were keeping an eye on each other's time they didn't notice Max Heap putting up a monster flight of 19minutes 6 seconds to almost double the nearest competitor's time to take first place, with Steve Gullock coming in second in his favourite event. Third place went to Robert Taylor putting him just 1 point behind Lyn Clifford.

We then had the normal magnificent BBQ lunch put on by the HADDON cooks.

After lunch, we took a good look at the wind, which by this time was showing 10 metres per second (mps), far in excess of the cut off speed of 7mps. We decided at 3pm that it was not going to stop so we called off the other 2 comps, much to our disappointment as we would have liked to have seen the battle between Rob and Lyn in duration as this is their best event. unfortunately it wasn't to be.

I would like to thank Graeme Culbin for the photographs as I forgot my camera. Graeme is a newcomer to our flying and he put up a good showing in climb & glide, but landed out. It was really quite windy!

Again we thank the Ballarat club for their hospitality and hope to see them all in 2009.

PS: It was good to see Max Heap give his friends from COHUNA a lesson in flying, keep it up Max and keep those other buggers up there honest.