

The Thermaleer

Roy Robertson M Trophy 25th Jan 2009 by Barry Barton

A RENAISSANCE

Arriving at P & DARCS expecting only the “secret seven” remaining OT fliers of Vic; amazement to have seventeen line up for Texaco in superb clear sky weather with booming lift.

The ultra-competitive Cohuna Crew with Max Heap ready to fire up again, Dan Missen back from the wilderness and straight into the fly off, Ted Hall back after an abortive sea-change in Queensland and doing great OT missionary work among the young in Corryong, Alan Male, Greg Mitchell, Trevor Boundy, Don Grant, Ian Robertson enjoying one of the best flying days in memory. All we needed was Sinkers to join in the fun to really think the “Glory Days” had returned.

One of the aspects of the day was the wide variety of models and engines used in Victoria, though Bombers and Playboys were there, they certainly did not dominate the results. Duration in QL for example being almost exclusively a PB event.

Kevin Fryer persisted with his OK 60 but finally had to succumb to the vagaries of spark ignition, whilst a couple of odd-ball diesels (though dirty) proved reliable starters and runners.

Rob Taylor proved that the time spent working on models and motors over Winter was time well spent, as he swept to the fore once again to take the Rob Roy Trophy for the second time. A most convincing result.

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P&DARCS Roy Robertson Memorial Trophy 21-Jan-2009 from 3 min high.(pic jtb)