

Well did you have fun?

Our (CFA) constitution says that we must always remember that flying Vintage/Oliver combat is meant to be 'fun' and I for one certainly look back on the 2014 season as one in which 'fun' was not in short supply.

Perhaps when the rain was running down the back of my neck at Darley Moor in May I might have thought 'this is no fun at all' but generally speaking 2014 will be remembered for lots of lovely sunshine.

We continue to go from strength to strength with 40 entries at the Nats and many other events seeing turnouts in the mid to high twenties.

I am being allowed space in a future Aero Modeller to sum up our season hence I will not be doing that in this newsletter. As well as the season sum up article I have been asked to write one on 'How to get started in Combat' and I will be contacting some of our newer members in due course for their views on this topic. Should be interesting to say the least!

Contest Calendar 2015

I will email dates as and when I get them so you can try not to miss anything when you take your holidays.

The 2015 Nats looks all set for Barkston but apart from that and the FF Nats no other dates look likely.

The Eifflaender Family Trophy

There are undoubtedly 'newer' members of our group who will never have heard of the Eifflaender Family Trophy although they will probably realise that Eifflaender is synonymous with PAW. Originally this large shield was donated by PAW and was awarded to the winner of the Vintage Combat League. As numbers fell it was decided that the league was no longer appropriate and the trophy was put away to await a resurgence of interest. However when this actually happened in 2007 a new trophy was purchased to honour Frank Smart who was one of the instigators of Vintage in 1989. The Eifflaender family then kindly agreed to their shield being awarded for 'Merit in Vintage Combat'

Each year the CFA committee consider who has given something meritorious to our sport without perhaps reaping its rewards on the field of battle. This year it is jointly awarded to Karl Severne and his daughter Samantha and I look forward to seeing them receive it at the forthcoming BMFA dinner.

Rule Changes For Vintage Combat

2015 Season

4.4.7.1

The following be added to the list of approved models

Model	Designer	Source	Date
Turncoat XL	Moggs Morris (UK)	A.M. 926	Feb 1967 p74

Bumblebug XL	Vernon Hunt (UK)	Frank Smart	1969
Vendetta	Jean Claude Marconcini	Modellistica	April 1974
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4.4.7.3 Lines

Sentence 3 is changed from

Line connectors at the handle end should be sleeved

to

Line connectors at the handle end may have a maximum diameter of 13mm and must be sleeved as must the thread on any adjusting screw.

Question Received about sleeving the adjuster thread

Some adjuster threads are so short it is impossible to sleeve. What happens then?
Let common sense take over. Show the CD the problem who will then decide if any action is necessary.

A message from John Davidson

For those of you that have good sources of lead out wire then please let me know. If not I have an option to consider. A sample was sent to Mick a few weeks ago for a second opinion and he agrees what has been discovered is good quality. For those of you interested here is my offer. Send a SAE to me at the address below, a short length will be provided free.

The company I bought it from is based I believe in Grimsby.

email morethanjustropes@gmail.com
tel 01472 355286
Ask for Becki Lawrence

Mention my name in your communication and tell her it is for model aeroplane flying.
It comes in 50 metre reels, 1mm diameter either galvanised or stainless steel
Cost about £16

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Contest Reports

Vintage Combat at Old Warden on 28-09-2014

What a September for weather! Warm, sometimes sunny and generally with light winds. This perfect flying weather was evident for this, the final Old Warden event of the season. The bad news was that we were told that we had to clear the airfield by 5pm which would mean stopping flying at 4.30pm.

With a strong entry of 27 it was to prove impossible to conclude the competition and 6 bouts remain to be flown as I write this report. These will be flown off at Darley Moor before we begin the final showdown of the season.

First shock of the day came in bout 3 when Bob Payne defeated league contender Martin Kizsel. Well perhaps it wasn't such a shock as on his day Bob is capable of beating anyone. Two cuts to one with Bob clocking up no ground time is a pretty convincing result.

Nick Stowe came through easily against new boy Richard Perks who was feeling quite dizzy which resulted in many contacts with the hard stuff. Welcome Richard, I hope you enjoyed the day?

Eamonn Forsdike had a good win over Alec Herring, even though cuts were two each, due to Alec clocking up ground time 'like it was going out of fashion'

Tony Cookson then put the skids under Mick Lewis who at one cut down removed all of his opponent's streamer. Mick's attempts to keep the score at one all came to nothing when his engine ran out of fuel. After refuelling he came back up in a 'no win' situation and just to rub it in Tony took his second cut.

The inquest found that Mick had hit the deck near the end of his practice flight which had obviously opened the needle and this very rich setting had used a whole tank of fuel in about two minutes!

Following hard on the heels of this bout was the one between Richard Evans and Chris Moore. Both models were quick and tight turning. Richard was flying a Liquidator XL against Chris who had chosen a Piranha XL. After some early exchanges Richard took a cut which was closely followed by a slight line entanglement after which the Liquidator made its way into the top of a nearby tree. Luckily it didn't stay there and pitman Tony Frost was able to retrieve it from the muddy undergrowth. Frantic pit work failed to get Richard back into the air and he made his way to the losers round for the first time in many a long year.

Moggs Morris who had a bye in the first round was then drawn to fly Richard Evans who had an immediate chance to redeem himself. This he did by two cuts to nil despite breaking a second set of lines in as many bouts.

Martin Kizsel renewed his league title challenge by winning against Richard Perks who was still having great difficulty with his dizziness.

Richard Stitson, who had put on a brave display against Mike Loughlin in round one, had a good victory over Graham Chilvers by two cuts to one. Good to see Mike able to attend a comp again after several months away working.

Bruce Dobson then held Mick Lewis to a draw after a mid-air at one cut all resulted in equal ground time. The re-fly saw Mick hit some form winning by a margin of four cuts to one and progressing into round two.

It was then necessary to fly five eliminator bouts to get the numbers down to sixteen.

First bout saw Moggs Morris and Eamonn Forsdike doing battle royal. Eventually Moggs emerged the winner which made up for his disappointment at losing to Richard Evans in an earlier joust.

The SECA pair of Mike Loughlin and Richard Herbert also got through. Richard with a good three cuts to one win over Chris Moore. Mike however was really pushed against the much improved Tony Cookson and won by a single ground point. John Spink won against Richard Stitson without a cut being taken. Both flyers having rather large negative scores!

The shock of the round came in the final bout when Richard Evans took on Sion Burns. Both models were fast and tight. In fact Sion's model seemed tighter than Richard's but somewhat less controllable. After the (inevitable?) mid air Richard found himself two cuts to one down and a gaping hole in his leading edge which was filling up with air and making the model slack on the lines. Even so he managed to even up the score on cuts but exited the competition due to accumulated ground time.

Nick Stowe, who is improving all the time, put up a brave fight against Richard Herbert but just could not manage to get a cut. He also lost some ground time whereas Richard did get a cut and remained in the air for the full four minutes. Sion Burns run then came to an end as he lost by a single cut against Martin Kizsel.

Also winning by scoring less ground time than his opponent was Francis Roberts. Neither he nor

Bob Payne managed to trouble the streamer in this one.

Roger Fisher managed to remove the whole of John Spink's streamer quite early in their bout. John responded with a cut and Roger was on the run to try to keep it at one each, however with such a long time remaining in the bout it was always going to be difficult. He retired after John took his second cut for victory and a place in the quarter finals. Simon Miller then beat Tim Hobbins flying one of his brand new Squigs by just a single ground point before Alec Herring was disqualified for flying without a wrist strap against Moggs Morris. Tony Frost managed to dislodge Mike Loughlin from his tail on a couple of occasions but the two cuts he took still left him two behind Mike's score. A fine clean bout this one with good scores too. A rather unusual bout then followed between Nick Bridges and Mick Lewis. The whole bout saw overhead flying by Nick with Mick close behind. A small cut gave Mick the lead early on and a second (the whole lot) followed within the last few seconds. Lucky timing that as the string had stopped the motor which needed quite some unwinding.

With time fast approaching 4.30pm it was decided just to fly the first two quarter finals, this would then give everyone time to pack their stuff and get to the car park by the 5pm deadline.

Francis Roberts then showed just how much he had improved over the last year by giving Richard Herbert something to think about. In a good bout Richard was victorious by two cuts to one. Martin Kizsel then kept his league hopes alive by defeating Simon Miller by a single cut to nil.

To be continued.....

The competition was concluded after the end of the flying at Darley Moor on 19 October.

As Mike Loughlin had opted out of making the journey to Darley this gave John Spink a buy into the semi final. The remaining quarter final was a scrappy victory for Mick Lewis over Moggs Morris by a single cut to nil.

And so to the semi finals (eventually)

Although both models were quick Richard Herbert's Piranha XL seemed to have a slight edge over Martin Kizsel's very smart looking Supermonger. That slight edge turned into a victory and a place in the final for Richard where he was soon joined by Mick Lewis who defeated John Spink in a very similar bout. Martin Kizsel took third spot before the very last bout of the Vintage Combat season got under way.(It was later discovered that John Spink actually took third spot although the trophy and wine was presented to Martin)

By this time it was clear to the initiated that a victory for Richard would see him win the league leaving Mick's team mate Richard Evans in runner up spot whereas if Mick won the two Richards would be joint winners!

Richard was flying one of his very good Piranhas against Mick who had been keeping his yellow Supermonger back for just such an occasion. Early on it was clear that this was an even contest and could go either way but Richard received a boost when the Supermonger fell to Earth in the very strong wind. Soon battle was rejoined and Mick took a cut shortly followed by Richard removing all of Mick's streamer. With quite some time remaining and half a streamer to go for odds were now in Mick's favour. With time running out and just when it seemed Richard would hold on for victory Mick snatched it from his grasp removing the remaining streamer at the string.

The prize giving followed.



Tony Cookson shows he has no lack of 'kit' at Old Warden.



John Allcock and Chris Moore sort out a Piranha XL.



Mick Lewis and Bruce Dobson (now I know why I always end up with a stiff neck!)

Darley Moor 19-10-2014

A very windy day! However there were still 24 flyers eager to do battle in the final competition of the season. Learning soon after arrival that the finishing time was to be 5pm rather than 6pm as previously advised two circles were set up. We also hoped to finish the Old Warden competition from the previous round.

With two circles running I was only able to view half the bouts flown in the earlier rounds so this report will be rather selective.

The first round in circle one was a Darley AC and SECA benefit with all their respective flyers getting through to round two. Moggs Morris had a good win over F2D British team member Harry Walker who was using an original Parra T4. Good to see Harry visiting his old stamping ground of Vintage Combat.

In circle two Steve Malone had a simple win over Pete Tribe whose tank vent filled with mud after a low inverted landing (more of the same later). John Allcock then drew with Richard Berry and a

re-fly would be needed to find the victor. Great to see John back where he belongs flying some combat. Richard Evans against Tim Hobbins promised a good bout but it did not materialise as on hitting the deck Tim's tank gave out and filled the outboard wing with fuel. Mick Lewis won against Richard Wright whose model got more than a little broken on contact with the soft stuff (well it is a moor after all)

The losers round saw Pete Tribe have a good win over Graham Chilvers whose luck seems to have deserted him recently. The ever improving Tony Cookson took out the more experienced Tim Hobbins and Harry Walker got his first win of the day against Chris Moore neither managing to register a cut.

John Allcock could not start his hastily assembled PAW for his bout with Bob Payne later discovering that the crank case had split. This saw Bob into the eliminator round to bring the numbers down to sixteen. There he was up against Dave Wiseman. In a very clean bout Dave won by two cuts to one with neither flyer having ground time. Stuart Vickers ended the hopes of Moggs Morris in the other eliminator.

So back into one circle for the round of the last sixteen hence a little more detail of actual scores. Martin Kizsel continued his good form of the season when he defeated Sion Burns by two cuts to one. Great to see Sion at several of our competitions this year. I'm sure he must miss the sunshine of his home island of Minorca I know I would. Next up was Tony Cookson against Simon Miller. A great win for Tony by no less than three cuts to one with just a single ground point lost too. The consistency of Richard Herbert was too much for Richard Wright who had no answer to Richard's fast and tight turning model. Two cuts to nil being the final outcome. Other winners were Stuart Vickers over Harry Walker. An interesting bout this as both employed F2D tactics with lots of running around and inverted flying. Stuart's model had a slight edge over Harry's which was probably the deciding factor in the outcome.

The Bristol pair of Evans and Lewis both had somewhat messy victories over John Leggott and Richard Berry respectively before Dave Wiseman ended the hopes of Pete Tribe. Consistent flying in the tricky conditions helped Steve Malone through to the quarter finals with victory over the often underestimated John Spink.

First of the quarters saw aces Malone and Herbert drawn together. With memories of their great final at Scampton in April still quite fresh we were expecting 'fireworks'. In truth the bout started slowly but Richard seemed to have the edge with his Piranha XL. Out of the blue there was a serious coming together which not only broke the Piranha 'mid-ships' but also smashed the bearers which completely removed the engine. A cut in the crash meant that Steve didn't even need to get back up in the air. Enough said!

Dave Wiseman got the only cut of the bout against Martin Kizsel but masses of ground time saw the end of his challenge for honours.

Mick Lewis and Tony Cookson had a great bout with Mick taking it by three cuts to two. Mick didn't underestimate his opponent this time having lost to him in the first round at Old Warden. Yet another broken model saw the end of Richard Evans challenge against Stuart Vickers but would it also see the end of his league title aspirations?

The first semi final saw Steve Malone victorious over Martin Kizsel by two cuts to one with each flyer having just a single down time penalty point. Mick Lewis then attempted to get the better of Stuart Vickers who had put out his team mate Richard Evans. Things started well enough with Mick getting in quickly to take a cut. A low inverted contact with the mud didn't seem to be a problem as no damage was done. However the Rothwell just refused to start. Time after time it fired only to die again. Eventually the overworked pit crew realised that the tank vent was blocked. Attempts to clear it proved futile and so Stuart was in the final. Arriving on the scene Dave Wiseman used his enviable lung capacity to clear the blockage with one puff!

Now with no restrictions Mick's Rothwell sprang into life for his third place decider against Martin Kizsel. Having lost to Martin at Darley in May Mick was keen to make amends which he did by two cuts to one and far less ground time.

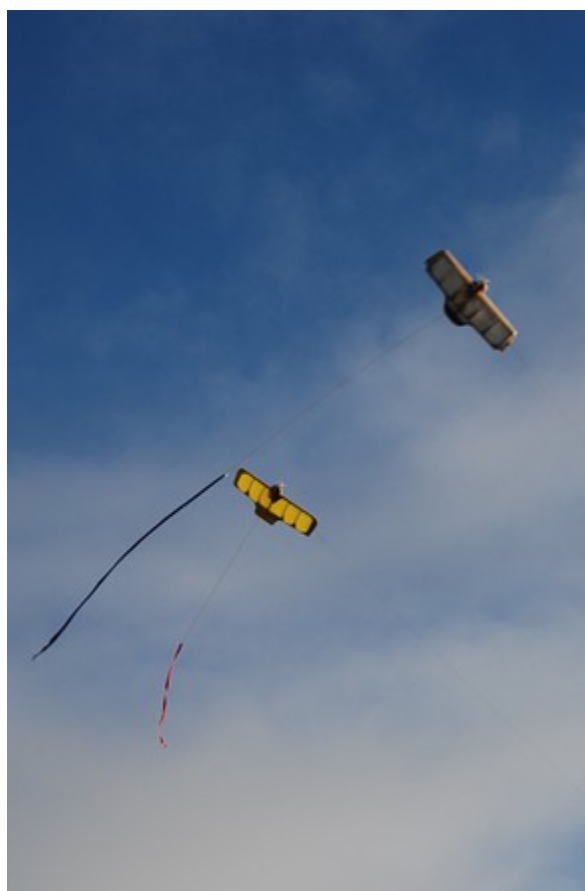
So after much hard work by everyone involved the Darley decider was about to take place.

Ground time was to decide the winner as both pilots managed a cut. Steve however stayed in the air while Stuart spent almost half the bout in dock. Steve was a worthy winner of the final competition of the season adding to his aforementioned win at the very first competition of the season at Scampton.

The final few bouts from the Old Warden competition then followed. See the Old Warden report.



Dave Wiseman on pitting duty at Darley Moor.



And finally

I'm off to build a couple of Piranha XL models (my first but they seem quite good) write the round up of the season for Aero Modeller and then think about the 'How to get into Combat' article. Calendar dates and venues to be sorted and many more little jobs that follow from being CFA Secretary. Needless to say I'll be in touch soon so get building in plenty of time for 2015. Don't leave it until March!

Cheers Guys.

Mick