

BMAC - Report on Glider Themed Event 14th May 2023

Glorious, glorious weather for our event: sunny, hot, little wind and a few thermals - which was important.

A good turnout of 40 people flew, watched or ate Bob's burgers for our first event of the season. This time we gave glider pilots the opportunity to take centre stage by competing in three challenges.

The first was an F3F race, which you may remember we did in our challenge day last year. This required the pilot to fly 10 lengths of the strip with an audio signal informing him when he had to turn around. Fastest time wins and this time it was Adrian Childs with a time of 50.52 secs. Although straight line speed is important most time is lost in the turns....so I am told.

Next up was a challenge to fly and land closest to 6 minutes. All pilots were given a 15 second motor use to get as high as they could, then with motor off glide around and time their landing as close to six minutes as they could. It was a clear demonstration of how different models perform. Some with their 15 second motor burn went into orbit whilst others sadly couldn't get high enough to glide for 6 minutes. Adrian Childs landed in 5.59 but on coming into land accidentally started his motor so was disqualified. Simon Taylor won with a time of 6.12.

The final challenge was an elimination gliding race. Here pilots circled behind the start line and then on the go signal had to race with motors off to the end of the strip and back. The last two to cross the line were eliminated. The race was repeated to produce a winner. I think the idea was sound but the execution failed. It became difficult to identify which plane was which. We should have used the coloured streamers to aid identification of the planes. The first heat worked but after several re-runs the second heat was abandoned. No result.

I hope all those that took part or observed found it fun. There was a big difference in the performance in the planes: from supersonic to flying brick! There was, as usual, an excellent BBQ provided by Bob and Peter, with no deaths reported....so far. Portion control was a bit fierce: only one sausage each! Thanks go also to the helpers, recorders, and flag wavers.

Next event is the Challenge Day on the 18th of June.

Michael

Results

Pilot	F3F Time	F3F points	Posn	6 mins Time	6 mins points	Posn	Total points	Final Posn
Adrain Childs	50.52	130	1	5.59	0	12	130	7=
Nick Childs	62.69	90	5	3.53	60	8	150	6
Jim Vart	66.71	60	8	3.04	50	9	110	9
Fin Hennessy	85.71	40	10	2.19	40	10	80	11
Alan Haskell	75.68	50	9	4.16	80	6	130	7=
Trevor Hennessy	90.06	30	11	2.35	30	11	60	12
Michael Hutchins	115.04	10	13	0.59 – control issue	0	12	10	13
Simon Taylor	66.48	70	7	6.12	130	1	200	2=
Mike Roberts	64.41	80	6	5.03	110	3	190	5
Chakib Ayoud	54.64	110	3	4.38	90	5	200	2=
Mike Holt	57.33	100	4	4.59	100	4	200	2=
Mark Woodhams	107.78	20	12	3.55	70	7	90	10
Alex Davis	52.34	120	2	6.25	120	2	240	1