

VARMS Trophy 14 March 2010

What a fantastic day! Light winds with big thermals in the offing. So we set about rigging the competition so that the longest flight on the day would be a winner. In addition, for the unlucky, you could also compete to see who could complete the best pair of 2 minute flights. The number of attempts were unlimited, so we soon had a lot of planes in the air doing their stuff: many thanks to Leon for setting up his winch. Anyway, I posted a good 13 minute flight early to get things started (would someone please remind me to go back to the physio?) but was soon out flown by a pair of flyers with bigger thermals and better neck muscles - actually I think they ended up lying on the ground. After a while we realised that they would be up there all day unless we set a time limit to 30 minutes. In the end we had four flights of 28+ minutes and one over 21. After half an hour in the air, the competition came down to the last few seconds with Leon Carlos coming in closest to the time.

Longest Flight Scores as follows:

Leon Carlos (29m55s), Steve Testor(29m54s), Danny Malcman (29m46s), Andrew Allen (28m57s), Alan Mayhew (21m55s), Bruce Clapperton (13m23s), Barry DeKuyper (8m34s).

Best two 3 minute flight scores (scores are total time difference from 3 minutes)

Bruce Clapperton (1 second), Lew Rodman (3s), Barry DeKuyper/Peter Cossins (7s), Leon Carlos (23s), Danny Malcman (47s), Andrew Allen (78s)

Next VARMS Trophy is 11th of April. Hope to see you then.

Bruce Clapperton