

Varms Trophy 6th of December 2009

This VARMS trophy we all tried our best to see how we measured up against the League of Silent Flight (LSF) requirements for Level 1. The level 1 thermal tasks include flights of 5.00 minutes, and landings within 3.0 meters of the target spot. So the target time for the day was set at 5 minutes 15 seconds (a few pilots opted for shorter times) and the measuring tape was stretched out on the grass for landings. Variable wind direction and thermal activity saw most people struggling to get consistent flights but there were a fair few flights over 5 minutes, and a scattering of landings within the three meters. Scores were calculated in two ways: sum of time difference from the target time, and sum of distances to the landing spot. Summing up the scores were:

Time Scores in seconds lowest score wins:

Alan Mayhew (29 seconds), Phillip Rechter (149), James Gleeson(151), Phil Nolan(188), Geoff Trone(191), Henk Van De Kerkhof (194), David Pratley(231), Gerry Carter(237), Robert Kassel(266), Peter Cossins (292), Bruce Clapperton (324), Rod Hurren(408), Lew Rodman(417), Steve Tester(575)

Landing Scores in Meters, lowest score wins.

Bruce Clapperton (10), David Pratley (17), Phil Nolan (18), Gerry Carter(24), Alan Mayhew(31), Rod Hurren(36), Phillip Rechter(36), Peter Cossins(37), Lew Rodman(38), Steve Tester(38), Geoff Tron(39), James Gleeson(42), Henk Van De Kerkhof(48), Robert Kassel(60)

If you are interested in challenging yourself and achieving the level 1 standard for LSF. Print out the "level" paperwork from <http://www.lsfaustralia.org.au/levels.html> and bring it along to a training morning, VARMS trophy, or slope soaring event and show us your stuff. Membership is free for the LSF so there is no excuse!!!!