

VARMS Trophy 7 February 2010

The forecast 15 knot South Easterly didn't happen so we had great weather for VARMS Trophy. The task this time was a distance task with pilots required to fly back and forth between two markers as many times as possible before attempting a landing in ... THE CONE OF DEATH! Each traverse scores one point, and depending on your landing you could earn up to an extra three points to add to your lap score. Model trim and model familiarity seemed to be key ingredients to a good score. (Well apart from scoring a good thermal anyway.) To this end, Ian Slack carefully knobbed the club glider so that you had to fly holding the elevator stick down. This managed to keep some of the scores down for those that didn't bother to bring their own wings. That was until people wised up and started to borrow Paul's T-Bird (turn – Turn – TURN *&%\$#@%! The highest score in a single flight on the day was Alan Mayhew who scored a 25 in the second round. The next best was Geoff Trone with 20. After adding the three rounds together the scores were as follows:

Bruce Clapperton (53), Alan Mayhew (41), Geoff Trone (36), David Wallace (34), Danny Malcman (29), Barry DeKuyper (27), Gerry Carter (27), Ian Slack (27), Colin Collyer (27), Paul Dumesday (26), Ben Wallace (21)

A very big thank you to Robert Kassel for manning one of the ends for most of the day, and to everyone else who called out "TURN" at the other end.

Next VARMS Trophy is 14th of March. Hope to see you then.

Bruce Clapperton