

Love'm or leave'm – Lipos

Our last meet was the dastardly “Chuck Glider” competition, which was not all that well attended, and with only five contestants (which became four, when Brian scratched) However, all was not lost, and the four did their best to out do the others, having had ten goes each saddled on them by the time keeper (me)

Before the contest began, it was obvious that very traditional models were the favourite flavour, and Bill even had an endurance poly wing, which stood him in good stead! Peter made a dart, which was good for distance but not for duration (he was aiming for the kitchen door, which gave a special prize last time,) but alas, in spite of vicious throws, the flight was quite short!

Ron had several good flights with his orthodox model, but couldn't quite catch-up with Bill and Chris who managed more than three seconds on a flight.

The overall winner was Bill with a total of 25 secs, followed by Chris with 24 secs Bill gave his chocolate prize away to those around him, which was very sporting of him! (sneaked a bit myself)

Anyway, in spite of the low numbers, it was an enjoyable evening, and perhaps more will take part next time?

The weather has tended to put a damper on flying, although there are always the hardy ones who fly in spite of any discomfort. Perhaps we will see evidence of this when models are on show at the next meeting. (perhaps they could be persuaded to show us the best models for windy days?) In fact ANY model which has a history of successful flight would be welcome (electric or IC).

After all we are nearing the SUMMER, when we will be Buying anything that goes! No doubt there will be more engines in use during the warmer weather. Trying to start a reluctant engine, in cold weather can be quite painful, although having said that, Bill brought along a very nice retro pattern ship one Saturday recently, complete with a 1980 Super Tigre, and trike undercart!

We were all shattered to (hear the snarl of a “goer” when Bill fired it up and it few somewhat aggressively, although not for long! “why do it?” said Alan (who has been converted to electric), He even flew my littleMX2, which goes like stink, and has made me think again about having an electric model (or two) for the winter.

I am very grateful for the kind assistance of Kevin Boughtwood, who test flew the MX 2 for me (it is a bit quick, and me eyes ain't what they used to be), and so here we have another (almost) convert to electricary! My thanks to Steve Taylor who told me to charge the Lipo's as soon as getting home from the field (and have a spare) “charging at the field is a waste of time, they won't lose their charge for a week” How true that is. 'Times (and batteries), they are achanging. At our next meeting Lipo's will be discussed, don't miss it!

Cheers Dears, Mike