

Wimborne MAC - Open Scale Day 2023

Wimborne MAC held its annual open Scale Day on 20th May 2023 with a fantastic turnout of 70 scale models. The brisk wind on the day was from the NE, not a good direction for the Cashmoor site, so there were a few go arounds when turbulence caused some difficult landing approaches but all (well almost all, see below) models went home undamaged. With Tea, Coffee and soft drinks on tap all day and delicious Burgers and Hot Dogs carefully cooked by John Bannister on the recently built club BBQ served at lunchtime, virtually everyone declared that it had been a great day. There were many spectating visitors also, mostly from the local Christchurch and Wareham clubs. Unfortunately, the usual flying posse from the Salisbury club did not make the event due to a breakdown in the traditional communication chain. However, now that the communication links have been re-established several WMAC members are hoping to attend the Salisbury Clubs scale day planned for a little later in the Summer.

Jon Tappin put on a fantastic flying display with his ¼ scale T33 Shooting Star and walked away with the best scale model award. John Hawkes won best scale take off with his P51, Chris Morris won best scale flight with his Slick and Jiri Nedvid won best scale landing with his 1/5th scale L39. The only real casualty of the day was Peter Willis's ¼ scale Piper Super Cub which lost a wheel and stub axle just as the Cub turned final to land but he managed a perfect one wheel landing, even managing to turn the model slowly through 90 degrees after touch down to keep the undercarriage leg with the missing wheel/axle off the ground until the last possible moment.

This is a link to a video of the day: wimbornemac.org/video/scale-day-2023-highlights

The next WMAC event is a visit from the Jersey Club followed by the club Memorial Fun Day on Saturday 5th August.