

## Woodspring E-Fly 2006

I suppose it seems a little trite to say that “a good time was had by all” but I think that sums it all up.

We ran the first E-fly back in 1999 for the main reason that Electric flight was advancing rapidly and there were no “experts “ in the Club so we felt that if we held an E-event it was a great opportunity to keep abreast with the technology. Chris Golds, a long time friend of Woodspring Wings, had also suggested that we do an E-event, so we blame him.

The E-fly originally ran in September, but the vagaries of the British climate proved too much for us and after a disastrous year in 2000, when the event had to be cancelled because the field was flooded. The day had been preceded by weeks of heavy rain and our field is located on peat wetland. So for 2001 we moved the event to August. The Sunday before the Bank Holiday Weekend and there it has remained.

I did begin to wonder if the move to August was going to work this year as the weather leading up to the day was wet and windy. Fortunately with July being so dry the ground easily soaked up the rain without becoming boggy.

The day dawned dry but with a stiff westerly breeze and a cool edge to the air. We had set up the tents and display lines on Saturday and were pleased to see them all still in place. Slowly fliers and traders began to appear and despite my overnight fears that no one would attend by 9.30 am and the pilots briefing we had a good complement.

So at 10.00 am we set off with the 7<sup>th</sup> Woodspring E-fly and what a great day we had.

I have to commend the pilots who put up superb models and flew them with great skill in spite of the breeze. You were magnificent.

Highlights of the day for me were Chris Golds Behemoth Autogiro, Pete Nicholsons giant Hanger 9 P47 with sound, Paul and Gordon Cook flying their tiny park flyers in the strong breeze. This together with superb flights from our friends Bob Partington, Cyril Carr, Gordon Whitehead, Dennis Bannister, the Martindales, David Theunnisen, John Emms and many more.

This year as a extra bit of fun we introduced a raffle ably run by David Scott and Martin Stirling for 3 ARTF kits. These were won by Mr M Soloman, Mr B Graves and Mr R Ellis. Well done to those three and thank you everyone who supported us.

Finally I must thank all my fellow club members who toil all day on Tx control, the flight line, the gate, car parking and site preparation . Without these stalwart souls there would be no E-fly.

Well look out for 2007, the date will be Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. See you there.

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