

The Wellesbourne Instructors Contest - 2012

Cd's Report

Oh, Sun wherefore art thou?

Right up until the day it seemed we had only three entries for what has now become an annual event at the friendly Warwickshire airfield of Wellesbourne, courtesy of On-Track Aviation. A late entry from Barry Pearson meant entries numbered four and the decision was taken to reschedule the event solely into Thursday rather than over two days, or as it turned out to Thursday afternoon. Previous days spent checking the met. office's landlubbers' forecast initially showed a full day of yellow Sun images. However, typically as we got closer to the event, the suns changed to grey clouds and moved to later in the day, and so it proved on Thursday morning with 3km and 600' sky obscured. Many weather updates to competitors later resulted in the Chairman's Pitts being the first to arrive (after one aborted attempt) followed by the Slingsby from Redhill (a particularly valiant effort given the conditions) and finally the Extra to give us a full complement of competitors and aircraft. With a seminar start around 1.30 we ran a slightly altered programme of one flight per competitor to give practice time away from the box and then two flights in the box with the second counting for results. Julian Murfitt's ad-hoc judging team duly positioned themselves by the Cold War icon of the Vulcan and by 5pm Veronica from On-Track was able to present the medals. The two Pitts pilots were split by half a percent with Chris Puddy coming out on top and Barry Pearson justifying the long drive from Eaglescott with the runner up spot. Richard Champion claimed third with a sterling effort in his Slingsby and Clive Collision, the Extra driver, took the fourth spot.

Thanks to all at On-Track who made us most welcome and kindly donated the medals and to Frankie and Oliver in the tower. On-Track's seven ship PA28 close formation around the locale after the event was particularly impressive.



David Shutter
Contest Director

Contest Results: Combined Knowns 1+2 Finals

Instructors Seminar, Wellesbourne, 23rd-24th May 2012

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration	Known #1	Totals	Ranked by scores O/all %
1	Chris Puddy	Pitts S2A	G-ODDS	779.50	779.50	72.850
2	Barry Pearson	Pitts S2A	G-ODDS	774.00	774.00	72.336
3	Richard Champion	Slingsby T-67M	G-BNSR	718.00	718.00	67.103
4	Clive Collisson	Extra 300L	G-MIII	640.00	640.00	59.813

Contest Director: David Shutter, Contest Chief Judge: Julian Murfitt, Judges: Julian Murfitt. Judges Assistants: Mrs Pearson.

