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## Free Flight in the South East

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3rd Area Meeting, Ashdown Forest, 6th March 2011

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### Weather

Fine but cold, East North Easterly 10-20mph

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## RAFA Points

Pos	Name	Event	Club	%age	Points
1	Ken Taylor	Mini Vintage	East Grinstead	95.27	9
1	John Oulds	Comb/Glider	Crawley	80.88	8
1	Peter Cameron	Mini Vintage	Crawley	74.16	7
4	Gary Oulds	Comb/Glider	Crawley	60.66	6
5	Alex Cameron	Comb/Glider	Crawley	56.44	5
6	Rob Taylor	Comb/Glider	East Grinstead	36.88	4
7	Ken Taylor	Comb/Glider	East Grinstead	36.00	3
8	Dennis Bird	Comb/Glider	M.F.F.G	34.66	2
9	Rob Taylor	Mini Vintage	East Grinstead	33.33	1

## RAFA Positions

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Total
East Grinstead	26	12	17						55
Crawley	10	7	26						43
Maidstone	4	2	2						8

### Ashdown

We had some sunshine and the Forest landscape was much more visible compared to the last one. Still a cool East North Easterly breeze 10-20mph eased off later on. From Smugglers Car park set up just down the slopes into the Forest. Not that many entries but that also means there's always plenty of ground crew support on hand in fact, just as many standing watching as flew.

Both Ken and Bob managed to catch the tree's in mini vintage early on which delayed them a bit, both models were later retrieved successfully. They switched to glider, Ken flying a tactical game with a slightly shorter than planned second, I think, unfortunately just run out of time like Alex Cameron towards the end of the day to squeeze in their last flights. Maidstones Dennis Bird's glider did a pretty good job of entertaining us by covering unusually vast areas of skyline for a relatively short time, like many flights today, couldn't escape "Doom Valley turbulence". My own flights were no better, two sub minute down like a Spanner flights, Softy Softy tow ups looked a bit grim on the Rafa score board just about salvaged by a lucky max in the end.

Peter Cameron's Hep Cat started very well with a max but dropped time on each of the later flights, valuable Rafa points were secured, third place on the day.

I thought I had saved dad time and effort by retrieving his first two flights, but strangely he seemed to have gone out retrieving twice for his last flight anyway.... having returned from Camp hill after finding he'd gone off with the wrong Bio-Track in hand, Dennis Birds one, I'm kind of glad I wasn't actually on the hill at the time when he opened it. On return his model was found slightly damaged laying under a tree. Had it been replaced! or just fallen out, some rib damage looks repairable did well second. Ken had done enough in MV to stay top overall on the day Crawley closed the gap a little in the Rafa.

### All we hear is radio ga ga

One or two flyers found some problems with Mobile Phone signals not always getting through first time for some reason but usually it is possible to get through to another flyer contact so it's always good to have another flyers contact number, also handy as a back up. Still a bit odd .....Ghosts of the Old Radio Station maybe? and I thought the Cold War was over!

Nationally despite being quite flyable there were no Fly Offs from the Forest this time, hope for better luck next time.

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