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Free Flight in the South East

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6th Area Meeting, Ashdown Forest, 10th August 2014

Bertha Blows In

As some of you will be aware and the rest will have guessed, the 6th Area Meeting was abandoned due to the atrocious weather brought by the tail of hurricane Bertha. Congratulations those that did turn out. Optimistic or what?

An On The Spot Report From Gary Oulds

Ashdown and the Hurricane

The day started wellrain from the off! and quite windy SSE 40+ gusts and a pretty low cloud base. It wasn't cold but not pleasant, apparently we'd been lucky to catch the remnants of Hurricane Bertha today, just visiting mmm.

We found ourselves (well dad and I anyway) parked up for a while in Roman Road. A thunder storm followed by heavy rain and a few lightning flashes in between, entertained us all mid morning briefly lighting up the grey sky as it rolled in with low clouds across the forest. Dad was in conversation with Terry Knight (weather watch HQ) who'd wisely stayed home and suggested it wasn't going to improve. My mobile phone then decided it didn't like thunder storms or receiving phone calls from anyone. It lasted just long enough though, to talk back to Mike Cook who'd phoned to say he was at The Box car park along with Peter Norman, Alex and Peter Cameron, Rob Taylor and Jack Darby.

We drove round after the storm subsided a bit and sat it out in cars for a while longer and eventually concluded between us all that even if it cleared up in the afternoon the wind was not likely to reduce much if at all, to make it worth risking models or flyers.

We reluctantly abandoned the day really early around midday and were back home in time to watch the London Cycle Race, occasionally looking out of the window.

Despite it turning sunnier during the afternoon the winds had continued to increase as forecast right up to 6pm and beyond the close of comp, so although a very disappointing no flying day, I think we made the right choice.

A couple of meetings ago I couldn't remember ever returning zero entries, now two out of six! Never mind, we can only hope the last two are a better end to the season.

I'd like to thank all the flyers that made the effort to turn out today in support or phoned/emailed in their support even though it was all a bit hopeless, much appreciated. Just one of those days.

Contents

- 1 BMFA Classic Glider*
- 1 BMFA F1B*
- 1 BMFA Electric*
- 1 BMFA Tailless*
- 1 BMFA Mini Vintage*
- 1 BMFA F1G*
- 1 RAFA Classic Glider*
- 1 RAFA F1B*
- 2 RAFA Electric*
- 2 RAFA Tailless*
- 2 RAFA Mini Vintage*
- 2 RAFA F1G*
- 2 RAFA Points*
- 2 RAFA Positions*
- 2 Weather*

No change in the RAFA Shield obviously, Crawley still just ahead with two to go.

Considering Hurricane Bertha rolled across the Atlantic from the Caribbean it didn't bring much good weather with it.

I'm sure all the flyers would like to wish East Grinstead's Neil Allen and all the GB team the very Best of Luck at the Free Flight Aeromodelling Euro Championships in Romania.

Best regards Gary

RAFA Positions

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Total
East Grinstead	1	43.5	0	59.5	43.5	0			147.5
Crawley	0	50.5	0	78.5	77.5	0			206.5

Weather

I have nothing to add!

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