

## **NORTHAMPTON MODEL AERO CLUB**

### **COMPETITION RESULTS**

#### **Event 9 – indoor Helicopter**

It must be the latest trend in model competitions, family members at the head of the leader board. Last week it was the Bricknell clan, this week the Holmes clan.

Two runs were allowed starting from the table top with a touch and go on three squares laid out around the perimeter of the hall followed by a return landing on the table.

To enable as many competitors to take part as possible both Roger Macey and Nick Brawn very sportingly shared their helicopters with other competitors.

The championship leader was out of luck this time, his helicopter attacking the wall and becoming a high speed sledge, able to visit all the floor level areas, but unable to get back on the table!

With his first attempt including a visit to the storage cupboard and a resultant lengthy recovery, Roger Macey made an excellent second attempt to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Meanwhile Dave Parker had two steady runs with the Brawn machine to finish 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dale Malpas flew a good first leg, with a machine that was a little more difficult to fly than most, but fell back on the second run to finish 5th.

Nick Brawn inspired by his first run pulled out the stops for his second run and finished a fine 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Martin Holmes made a steady first run and lay in second place to son Alex whose first run placed him well in the lead. Not to be upstaged Martins second run left everyone else in the shade. Alex tried hard, too hard in fact to catch dad and ending up taking 8 seconds longer than his first run.

Of the other participants, Tony Southgate's helicopter being a larger and less agile machine proceeded to do a good impression of a kangaroo, as well as

attacking the wall on a number of occasions, and managed to make contact with, but not land on the table top before the battery cried enough. John Gibbins discovered a substantial section of rotor blade missing following a practice session in his garage (I hope the car wasn't in residence at the time John) and speedy repairs were required, unfortunately all to no avail, as an attack on the wall, radiator, furniture, spectators etc., resulted in similar problems to those experienced by Graham.

Thank you all for taking part!

### Results

1<sup>st</sup> Martin Holmes 31.52 secs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Run – Points 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Holmes 36.41 secs on 1<sup>st</sup> Run – Points 6

3<sup>rd</sup> Nick Brawn 39.47 secs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Run – Points 6

4<sup>th</sup> Roger Macey 49.93 secs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Run Points 5

5<sup>th</sup> Dale Malpas 50.12 secs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Run - Points 2

6<sup>th</sup> Dave Parker 1 min 0.47 secs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Run – Points 2

7<sup>th</sup> Tony Southgate 2 min 24.21 secs – only one run and managed to touch table top. - Points 1

Joint 8<sup>th</sup> Graham Mills and John Gibbins both retired with damage. – Points 1 each

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