



SAA Fly-in Report 22nd/23rd April 2023

This was to be the first Fly-in run by the SAA for a number of years due to covid. Although early in the year it was hoped, like all flying events, that the weather would play ball. The days running up to the event were sunny, but with some wind at around 10mph. It was hoped that this weather would hold on for our event, however this was not to be. On Saturday the wind increased with even higher gust speeds to the point where it was almost not flyable which was very disappointing.

So there we were, with Site and BBQ set up all ready to go, but not expecting members turn up due to the conditions, which were bright and sunny, but with strong wind, when suddenly some 'Brave Flyers' turned up and unloaded their models ready for flying. !!! What a relief !!!



First to fly was Scott Kerr with his powered glider type planes. In his hands they handled the strong winds well and even allowed almost vertical take off and landings and there were times when the model was flying stationary in the air only penetrating again when more power was applied.

This was followed by Iain Nicol with his 6 meter span Gas Turbine (Jet) powered glider. This handled the wind well and he had a great flight which was given a resounding clap by all watching as he landed. Unfortunately we have a lack of

pictures of aircraft which flew so apologies for that. A number of pilots followed with John Lang flying his Helicopter and Colin Currie flying the smallest model(a Limbo Dancer.) All pilots handled the wind conditions well and it was great to see models flying despite the challenging conditions throughout the day. Flying finished around 3 pm and by that time the windsock was almost bent double .



The SAA are indebted to the brave Pilots who came along and flew despite the conditions

-- Thank You.--

The BBQ was kept busy by both pilots and those members who just came along to watch and this kept the girls busy all day

Steve McDonald the SAA chairman handed out a small token of appreciation to some of the pilots who flew as this is the first SAA event to be held for a number of years



Steve (SAA Chair) presenting Scott Kerr, Iain Nicol, John Lang and Colin Curry with a bottle of wine and an SAA umbrella on the Saturday





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Sunday dawned with light winds but overcast with light rain and cold. However the rain stopped late morning and flyers started to turn up again. As the rain stopped the wind started to increase but fortunately not to the speed of Saturday. Colin Currie flew his quarter scale Tiger moth and had a good flight and Richard Blanski flew his electric Bolero, both before the wind increased too much. However others flew in the increased wind including Liam Madden with his F3A Mythos, and Eric Peacock with a small 3D printed Spitfire. Don Cathcart added an attraction by flying control line models.

The result is that what could have been a wipe out due to the weather became a success considering the adverse weather conditions.

The BBQ again went all day and kept the girls busy. Like Saturday, Steve McDonald presented a small token of appreciation to some of those who attended.



Steve presented Liam Madden, Eric Peacock, Don Cathcart and Ian Morrison (from GAC for all his help) with a bottle of wine and SAA Umbrella

We must also give great praise and thanks to the Girls who ran the BBQ for keeping everyone fuelled with great rolls on Burgers, Bacon and Black Pudding and with hot coffee and tea to help keep everyone happy and make it all a success.



Thank you Eileen, Agnes and Janette for the food and cheeky banter and Evelyn for controlling the cash Well done ladies



The SAA would also like to thank Brian Barclay (GAC Chairman) for allowing the SAA the use of their site and all the GAC members who helped. The SAA must also thank all the flyers who flew and those who just attended. A good selection of members from the SAA and BMFA attended and without them these kind of events could not be run, We hope despite the challenging conditions that you all enjoyed yourselves

Thank you all from The SAA





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Please see some other photos from the event below:-



The BBQ area



The Car Park with Caravans



Scott Kerr flying his powered glider

Iain Nicol with Gas Turbine powered glider



A few Planes in Pits