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The GAA held their 1st monthly this past weekend, with some new faces and all new schedules at North East Radio Flyers (NERF). Early morning saw gloomy weather, dark clouds, and windy conditions. But this is pattern, and pattern pilots do not fear the weather, all contestants looked excited and ready to take on the New Year and all it has in store.



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We welcomed 2 new pilots Hercules and Pieter, and in the morning's pilot briefing they did the traditional welcoming ceremony, 10 Push-ups. With their arms like jelly, and the nerves shaking them in their boots, they were now ready to impress the judges.

Stick time, it was decided that a stick demo is done before each class fly their respective schedules. Grant & Clint showed the guys what it is all about, and a lot of tips and tricks and invaluable information were picked up during these demos.

First up was Hercules, flying in sportsman class, unfortunately his plane let him down, spitting the spinner and prop on the 1st manoeuvre, but this did not stop Hercules, and in no time he went up in his spare plane, completing 2 rounds, with his first and impressive scores of 49,5% for both rounds. Well done, and a great show of sportsmanship.

### Intermediate

Newcomer Pieter with his beautiful Nuance was ready to tackle the task at hand, taking the 1st round with 58.99%. But Lee Bonny fought back, putting in and impressive 2 rounds, taking 1st place in his class. And a well-deserved win. Congratulations. Keep an eye on these two fierce competitors, as great things are still to come. Final Results: 1st Lee Bonny 55.42%, 2nd Pieter 53.70%.

### Advanced

With only one entry in the class, and by no means a drop in the ocean, Dereck Butow was determined to put on a good show, with 2 impressive rounds, he sets the bar high for the advance class and showing that he is ready to take on the New Year with an average score of 57.41%.



### Masters

Stick demo done...  
Plane ready...  
Battery checks complete...  
Radio check done...  
On the flight line...  
The first P schedule of the year.

The nerves were as thick as ice cold molasses and all the pilots anxiously watched as the 1st P-schedule was flown by Matthys Botha. With some close calls, and almost giving the CD (Oom Danie) a heart attack with the hourglass manoeuvre, he completed of the flight, with a respectable scoring of 59.67%. The round also saw a newcomer from

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the workshop of John Brink, with wings that seems to be inspired from a spitfire, and a colour scheme Bruce Lee would drool over, we present the “e Superman”. Very nicely done “Oups”.

The final scores for the class were as follows. 1st Matthys Botha 58.59%, 2nd Max Buizer 53.59%, 3rd John Brink 47.13%.

### F3A

A new schedule, but good old steady and reliable hands. Experience and excellence is what these guys are made of, and they presented their schedules with grace and precision. The pilots decided to fly one P-Schedule, and two F-Schedules. The F Schedule being some of the most brutal manoeuvres and combinations seen in a long time, and one comment was; “If I had to do that, I would cry”. But none the less, the giants of the sport managed to put in some impressive rounds and an upset in the ranks saw Grant Brook winning the final F-Schedule round of the day! The results for F3A was 1st Andre Stockwell 65.93%, 2nd Roston Dugmore 64.44%, 3rd Grant Brook 60.50%, and in 4th place Clinton Carter-Brown 59.06%.

This was a great test for all pilots, and the experience gained from this clinic was invaluable and will most definitely help in the upcoming year.

All in all, it was a very successful day, and a big thank you to NERF for hosting us, our Judges, without you we cannot do this sport. We also thank our Sponsor JB Switchgear Solutions for all they have done. As usual the “Boeries” were fantastic, and the atmosphere great.

We are all looking forward to the next event which is going to be our very 1st league event of the year held at Snoopy’s see you there, and as always, fly safe.

<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Round 1</i>	<i>Round 2</i>	<i>Round 3</i>
<b>SPORTSMAN</b>			
Hercules	49.50%	49.50%	n/a
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>			
Lee	51.52%	58.08%	56.67%
Pieter	58.99%	53.74%	48.38%
<b>ADVANCED</b>			
<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Round 1</i>	<i>Round 2</i>	<i>Round 3</i>
Dereck	59.02%	55.80%	n/a
<b>MASTERS</b>			
Matthys	59.67%	57.44%	58.67%
Max	57.28%	56.17%	47.33%
John	45.78%	50.50%	45.11%
<b>F3A</b>			
Andre	72.72%	64.29%	60.79%
Roston	71.39%	60.00%	61.93%
Grant	66.56%	52.64%	62.29%
Clinton	68.83%	54.64%	53.71%

