

“HERCULES HAD TO ABORT HIS 1ST ROUND AFTER A LOOSE RUDDER CABLE”

Umbilo Radio Flyers

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The GAA held their 4th Monthly competition this past weekend in the Far East. Friday saw some serious winds and weather, and the outlook on the weekend was grim. But Saturday showed a promising twist as we winds died down, and the skies were blue. Perfect Spring weather.

Early morning saw the GAA members heading down to Springs to compete at a brand new venue in the pattern GAA calendar, Umbilo Radio Flyers. We were met with a huge welcome and the Umbilo guys came in force to see what Pattern is all about.

Early morning was a bit cold, but the Sun made its presence felt as the day progressed. 8 Pilots in total, and 4 classes competing, as well as an old Judge crawling out of the woodwork, we Thank Marcel for giving us his time and effort in judging for us.

Intermediate, and the 1st round was an ice breaker, cold fingers were the order

of the day, but Pieter and Hercules soon got to grips with the cold, and persevered in the later rounds. Pieter taking the overall results with 62.22%, followed by Hercules with 49.14%, Hercules had to abort his 1st round after a loose rudder cable, which saw him being unable to control the verticals to his satisfaction.

Advanced, and after a lengthy absence, we saw the return of Dereck Butow along with a new addition to his flying arsenal, a Sebart Mythos, all nice and shiny. Dereck

put in some solid rounds for the day finishing with a respectable 57,67%.

Masters, 2 pilots duking it out for 1st place, and in the second round it was anyone's game, but Frik De Beer was the one to cross the finish line with an impressive 61.25%, followed closely by Max with 58.36%, you'll get them next time Max.

F3A and this being the warmup to the GAA Championships in September. We saw 3 pilots really bringing their A game.



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Grant Brook flew a serious 2nd round "P-Schedule" and the pressure was on for the rest of the guys. But it goes to show how ready and capable our pilots are, Clinton and Andre replied back with even greater rounds, unbelievable! I really feel confident that in next Year's World Champs we will be competitive and we might even see an upset. Results were as follows: Andre Stockwell 1st with 77.06%, Clinton Carter-brown 2nd with 74.67%, and Grant Brook 3rd with 68.89%.

All in all, it was a great day, and Spring time is here to stay. We would like to thank Umbilo Radio Flyers for a wonderful day. The facilities and field was awesome, and being able to fly on such a wide flat open space was fantastic. We would also like to thank our Judges for attending, special thanks to Chris & Marcel. To the "Boerie Braai Team", thanks guys, as always the food was awesome. We would also

like to thank our Sponsor JB Switchgear Solutions for all the contributions they have made.

Our next event is "The Big One" the GAA Championships. We will see our pilots head on over to Barnstormers at the end of September, Entries are already open, and available on our website.

We hope to see you all there and as always, Fly inverted (and Futaba).

Regards

GAA

Name	1 %	1000.00 Normalize	2 %	1000.00 Normalize	3 %	1000.00 Normalize	Best %	2000.00 Normalize	Position	
INTERMEDIATE										
Pieter Botha	61.21	1000.00	63.23	1000.00	60.81	1000.00	62.22	2000.00	1	
Hercules Mayburgh	3.23	52.81	48.69	769.97	49.60	815.61	49.14	1585.58	2	
ADVANCED										
Dereck Butow	51.04	1000.00	56.15	1000.00	57.19	1000.00	56.67	2000.00	1	
MASTERS										
Frik De Beer	60.11	1000.00	62.22	1000.00	60.28	1000.00	61.25	2000.00	1	
Max Buizer	47.61	792.05	61.06	981.25	55.67	923.50	58.36	1904.75	2	
F3A										
Andre Stockwell	75.00	1000.00	79.11	1000.00	74.71	1000.00	77.06	2000.00	1	
Clinton Carter-Brown	72.17	962.22	77.17	975.42	67.19	899.30	74.67	1937.64	2	
Grant Brook	65.17	868.89	72.61	917.84	57.33	767.37	68.89	1786.73	3	