Herewith are the results from most official slope contests known to have been held in Victoria since 1971.

They include mainly State slope aerobatics championships, local aerobatics contests, some slope pylon racing and a few other interesting things that have happened along the way.

There are also a handful of events that were run in other states.

This information was compiled and edited by Ian Cole with historical information taken from the VARMS History log compiled by Des Bayliss.

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The medium range weather report for the 14th of October was for very high winds of 30 knots or so. Fortunately the actual weather on the day was very much better if not a bit too much the other way. On the appointed Sunday morning I got up very early and went on the Internet for the Aviation Weather (TAF as it is called) for Ballarat airport. The report for Ballarat indicated variable winds to 5 knots until about 11 am after which the wind would go to a westerly at 15 knots. As this is a ground level forecast for the airport, this seemed like a good sign for Hollowback.

I arrived at Bald Hills at about 9am and had the slope to myself. There was enough lift to do some practice aeros. By about 10:15am eight people had arrived to participate in the competition.

I am not sure why slope competitions do not enjoy the same sort of support as thermal. It may be that there is no National and International competition in this area. Slope aerobatics is a lot of fun, but it seems that most slope flyers just like to get out there and fun fly. The price of petrol of course has also caused a concentration on thermal, which can be flown in the metropolitan area without having to travel too much.

Seven is enough for a competition so the event was on. Judging was untaken in rotation with myself, lan Slack and our country cousin, Des Bayliss, doing the honours. Two judges were used at the one time with ascoring wheel being kindly provided by lan Cole to keep the numbers confidential from the participant. I have used the three judge rotating arrangement a number of times and have found that the results are fairly equitable in terms of ranking the flying, the absolute numbers are not important in my view.

Ballarat did its usual thing with lift coming and going and height often being attained with the assistance of thermals. We opted for

a two turn spin instead of three to help get through the day. I will admit at times I thought we would not be able to complete the competition.

Talking of two turn spins, Colin Smith entertained us all when he lost count from a fairly low starting height and went underground with three plus spins. If we had 'entertainment' points, Colin would have scored very well as we all very impressed! Colin took his misfortune as he usually does with very good grace and fortunately his Richocet was only slightly damaged. It was good to see first timer Bruce Clapperton having a go at the competition. With the right model for the task I can see that Bruce would have scored quite a lot higher than he did on the day. To be competitive you really do need a Richocet or comparable performer. Never the less Bruce undertook most of the required maneuvers successfully.

The results showed that the winner, lan Cole was in a bracket all of his own with the rest of us reasonably well grouped together. Choice of the optional manoeuvrre can be a discerning factor with the degree of difficulty adding a multiplier to the score. A fair average attempt at a high difficulty maneuver can result in a better score outcome than a good effort at a lower difficulty factor. Its all a bit of a devil's choice really.

As a matter of record, I had transcribed the difficulty factor for an 8 point roll incorrectly. It is 2.5 not 2.0 as indicated on the score sheet. No one had a go at that one anyway so there was not a problem.

While I am making admissions, I had calculated Ian Slack's scores incorrectly and as a result Ian has been elevated to his rightful place at fourth.

It was great to see old time VARMS member Ian Haig turn up on the slope representing Cohuna. Ian was one of the founding members of VARMS as was Ray Cooper. **Peter Cossins, CD.**

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