

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.

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Victorian State Championship - Slope Aerobatics

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~ October 16 ~

This page is still a work in progress.

Well we wanted wind and we got it in full supply. It was blowing 25 to 30 knots with gusts up to 40 knots according to the anemometer mounted on the top of one the cars. Added to that, the wind was coming in from the southwest, which brought with it a rather severe wind chill. However, there was plenty of lift to run the competition.

We only had seven entrants which was a bit disappointing, with myself and Geoff Moore electing to undertake the judging and not fly. Apart from Ian Cole, all other entrants were from VARMS, although some clubs had been notified directly and the date had been in the VMAA Contest Calender for some time.

We normally have a rotating panel of three judges to allow for participation in the competition by each judge if they wished to enter. My third judge, Ian Slack had an accident a few days beforehand involving fairly severe damage to the top of his finger and I was surprised to see him at the event at all. It was that cold that after the first round we decided to bring the judges car down near the competitors to provide some sort of a windshield. We flew two up at a time which greatly enhances efficiency and shortens the time for the rounds. The wind was so strong that I had to use two clipboards, one for each competitor, with the ends of the sheet held down by elastic bands.

Ian Slack flew one round to see if his very much bound up finger would allow enough stick control as well as testing sensitivity to cold. He decided to withdraw from the competition with the cold as the main problem. Steve Tester also was only able to fly one round, sustaining minor damage enough to eliminate further flights. Bruce Clapperton flew three of the four rounds flown, when he too sustained minor damage. This was not too surprising as the most difficult manoeuvre by far was to get the model back on the ground in the very high winds. Normally when you fly back past the slope, the lift reduces significantly but this was not the case on the day. More than one attempt at landing with go-arounds was the normal. Given this situation, it was surprising that we did not have any models with significant damage.

To give you an idea of the conditions, all competitors elected

to have someone else launch their models, while they had fingers ready on the sticks. When launched and out there, the models were controllable but sometimes the conditions affected the quality of the manoeuvre.

With Ian, Steve and Bruce out of the competition, this left only four competitors completing all four rounds. Towards the end of the day, the wind actually increased making it more difficult to manage the conditions. I am sure power flyers that have never seen slope flying would be amazed at the ability of these relatively small models to fly in high winds.

Ian Cole, Ray Cooper and Colin Smith attempted some of the manoeuvres that have been introduced over the past two or three years. These included two outside loops, a Double Immelman and a Reverse Double Immelman. Colin Smith attempted an extended loop with his Scale Habicht, which scored very well. It looked very graceful soaring through the sky.

Unfortunately in his second attempt at the same manoeuvre his model was caught by a gust of wind and sheared off course.

There was a bit of a discussion between the judges, Ian Cole and Ian Slack regarding the start and finish requirements of the double Immelman. This was resolved amicably.

A summary of the results are below, a full report with scores for all manoeuvres from both judges can be found on the VARMS website.

I would like to acknowledge all competitors in the friendly way they went about the competition and a very special thank you to Geoff Moore who stood up all day in the very cold conditions and judged. **Peter Cossins.**

~ Final Scores ~

Ian Cole	499	4 Rounds
Ray Cooper	452	4 Rounds
Des Bayliss	395	4 Rounds
Colin Smith	364.5	4 Rounds
Bruce Clapperton	203	3 Rounds
Ian Slack	104.5	1 Round)
Steve Tester	70	1 Round



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Congratulations to Ian Cole who came first, followed by Ian Slack with a close second and Des Bayliss with a credible third. These three participants were well ahead of the pack.

A big thank you to Ian Slack, Colin Smith, Geoff Moore and Des Bayliss for the judging, to the VMAA for supplying the trophies, to Bruce Robinson for photography on the day and to Peter Cossins for all his advice on running the event and answering e-mails for me while I was absent.

If anyone reading this article is interested in participating next year, or is interested in slope soaring in general, please feel free to contact Bruce Clapperton.

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Bruce Clapperton, CD.

Ian Cole (184), Ian Slack (179), Des Bayliss (152.5),
Colin Smith (127.5), Daryl Wallis (124), Geoff Trone(121.5)
Bruce Clapperton (116.5), Trevor De Haan (114)
Geoff Moore(102), Steve Young(75), Anthony Peate(44.5)

Contestant		J1	J2																		
Ian Cole		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1	sb tot	total	place								
Round 1	8	7		8		8	9	2.5	15	55											
Round 2	8	8		8		9		3	24	65											
Round 3	8	6		8		9		3	24	64											
Round 4												184	1								
Ian Slack		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	9	5		6		9		3	18	56											
Round 2	8	9		7		8		2	16	57											
Round 3	8	6		8		8		3	27	66											
Round 4												179	2								
Des Bayliss		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	5	7		8		7		2.5	20	53											
Round 2	6	7		8		8		2.5	10	48											
Round 3	5	7		8		8		2.5	17.5	51.5											
Round 4												152.5	3								
Colin Smith		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	8	3		4		7		1.5	9	39											
Round 2	7	6		6		9		2.5	17.5	51.5											
Round 3	6	7		5		7		2.5	5	37											
Round 4												127.5	4								
Daryl Wallis		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	6.5	5		7		5		2.5	15	40.5											
Round 2	5	5		8		7		2	10	41											
Round 3	7	5		8		8		2.5	7.5	42.5											
Round 4												124	5								
Geoff Trone		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	5	4		7		9		2.5	10	43											
Round 2	7	6		5		8		2	8	38											
Round 3	4	5		7		5		2.5	12.5	40.5											
Round 4												121.5	6								
Bruce Clapperton		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	4	6		6		6		2	8	33											
Round 2	5	4		5		7		2.5	17.5	41.5											
Round 3	6	6		8		6		2	12	42											
Round 4												116.5	7								
Trevor De Haan		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	6	4		4		5		3	18	42											
Round 2	5	7		4		5		2	10	34											
Round 3	4	4		7		6		2	12	38											
Round 4												114	8								
Geoff Moore		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	7	7		6		5		1	2	30											
Round 2	6	5		6		5		2.5	10	38											
Round 3	6	6		8		5		1.5	3	34											
Round 4												102	9								
Steve Young		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1	3	6		4		5		2	2	24											
Round 2	5	5		4		4		2.5	7.5	27.5											
Round 3	4	3		4		4		1.5	4.5	23.5											
Round 4												75	10								
Anthony Peate		2 loops	axial roll	5s inv flight	2 stall turns	3 turn spin	optional man #1	raw score	kf	man #1											
Round 1																					
Round 2																					
Round 3	8	5		8		8		1.5	7.5	44.5											
Round 4												44.5	11								

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