

PERTH PYLON REPORT FOR JUNE 2007

The Miniature Pylon Racing Association of WA hosted its monthly Q500 and F400 meet at KAMS on Saturday June 2nd. The weather was perfect for pylon flying with a light north easter blowing down the course.

After the carnage at the State Event in May, this month was quite uneventful, Joe Luxford did his best to add to the list by ground looping both his Taipan Quickie and Sumptin Else F400 models.

There was some very close racing between Vince “the man” Belshaw and Smokin Joe Luxford in Quickie with Joe coming out ahead at the end of the day. The tables were turned in F400 with Vince taking out the day with 3 good flights on his Dago Red. Matt Pickin had two flamouts with his new Long Stroke Nelson that is taking a while to sort out. Smokin split his tank in the ground loop in the first heat and was not able to get a heat in.

The MPRAWA presented a Viper kit to Glenn Baldwin as a gesture of appreciation for all the help he has given to pylon racing in Perth over the last five years. We would have struggled to have achieved what we have with Glenn’s input. A big thanks also to Dave Latto and Ron and Margaret Hay for all their help. It makes an enormous difference to pylon racing when there are enough officials to put three or four planes up together.

One highlight of the day was Margaret Hay calling for the first time for Joe Luxford, and not calling one cut all day – which is the first time Smokin has ever gone right through a comp without cutting. Yo Margaret. Hopefully she and Duane Nichols will have their S1Ds going for Wanneroo next month.

Results for the day were:

Q500

1. Joe Luxford 429 (Taipan, TT46PRO) Caller - Margaret Hay
2. Vince Belshaw 439 (Viper, OS46AX) Caller – James Rowland
3. Stuart Rowland 507 (Dago Red, Irvine 39) Caller Mat Pickin

		time	C	pts	time	C	pts	time	C	pts	time	C	pts
Joe Luxford	429	DNS		200	106		106	108		108	111		111
Vince Belshaw	439	107		107	105	2	200	111		111	113		113
Stuart Rowland	507	125	1	137	124	1	136	122		122	129		129

F400

1. Vince Belshaw 484 (Dago Red, Jett 40) Caller – James Rowland
2. Mat Pickin 548 (GR7, LS Nelson 40) Caller - Stuart Rowland
3. Joe Luxford 800 (Sumptin Else, SS Nelson 40) Caller Margaret Hay

		time	C	pts	time	C	pts	time	C	pts	time	C	pts
Mat Pickin	563	DNS		200	73.33	1	81	74.66	1	82	DNS		200
Vince Belshaw	484	92.03		92	DNS		200	97.37		97	94.52		95
Joe Luxford	800	DNS		200	DNS		200	DNS		200	DNS		200

The next comp is at Wanneroo on Saturday July 7th.

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On the starting line with Matt Pickin (& caller Stuart Rowland), Joe Luxford and Vince Belshaw (with caller James Rowland sitting) in Q500. Joe's caller Margaret Hay was on the camera.



Team Northam in the pits – Matt Pickin, Stuart Rowland and James Rowland working on Matt's GR7 F400 model with the new Nelson long stroke Q40 engine.



Stuart "Supercool" Sherlock analysing data from a Matt Pickin flight.