

# Laser 40th Celebration, Buckminster 2 June 2023

To celebrate 40 years of Laser Engines manufacture, a fly in was held at Buckminster on Friday 2nd June. I made the 2 hour journey complete with 3 models, Mustang (Laser 160 inline twin), Hurricane (Laser 200 inline twin) and the Giant Revolver (Laser 310 flat twin). In itself that was some feat. Trying to get everything into the car with the Revolver fuselage in the trailer as it is just too long! Even then the tail of the Revolver was sticking out of the back of the trailer. The weather forecast for Friday appeared to be a bit better than what we had during the rest of the week, but it still looked to be windy.



Sure enough, arriving at Buckminster at about 10am it was apparent that the wind was quite strong (windsock horizontal) and blowing from the NE - which meant it was not quite down the strip but coming in at an angle. But I was in good company as there were about 30 fellow Laser enthusiasts already there. My first flight was with the Revolver as I felt its extra size / power / weight would help with the conditions and sure enough that was the case.



Another couple of flights and it was the turn of the Mustang which, despite being somewhat smaller, handled the conditions really well . The wind didn't let up and lots of models were being blown about a bit which was making landing a bit tricky, but I'm pleased to say that there were no mishaps. Several more flights later, alas I couldn't fly the Hurricane as a fuel pipe had become detached and I didn't want to mess around in 'the field' trying to fix it.



Towards the end of the day we were all called together for an 'awards ceremony', something I wasn't expecting and even more I wasn't expecting to take away 2 trophies, one for the best warbirds flight and the other for the best flight of the day with the Revolver. A nice touch was that Neil Tidy (Laser Engines inventor) was in attendance and he handed out the trophies.

A couple more flights and it was time to leave for home, a most enjoyable day which we all hope will turn into an annual event.



Neil Tidy handing the Best Flight Award to Ron:





And the trophies:

