

# The Big Kev Abomination Mass Launch.

Kevin Davis was dedicated to scale free-flight. Any model that was not scale in Kev's eyes was an "abomination". He would quite often chide his good mates who flew Tomboys and the like - 'what are you doing flying those abominations for Jacko'. Sadly in October 2016 Big Kev departed this world and caught the "big thermal" as he called the trip to wherever you think you are headed once your mortal coil has unwound.

So to honour Kev's disparagement of all things non-scale, Oily Hand runs "The Big Kev Abomination Mass Launch".

Kev was an unashamed collector and hoarder of engines and one of the engines from his collection is the prize.

**For 2018 the prize is an NIB Schlosser 0.25cc Diesel.**

## How the event works.

The "abomination" that has the longest flight wins.

## Rules

1. The winner will be the model with the longest flight time.
- 2a. The model must be free flight and an "abomination" which will be ascertained by the CD before commencement.
- 2b. The model must also conform to the Oily Hand engine specification.
- 3a. The only timing device allowed is a set before launch D/T.
- 3b. Tracking devices may be used.
- 4a. The model must be hand launched no later than 30 seconds after the launch signal.
- 4b. No launches allowed after the 30-second siren.
- 5a. Each pilot will be allocated a timer by the CD.
- 5b. The timer must remain at the launch position.
- 6a. The flight will be timed from the moment the model leaves the launcher's hand until it is last seen flying.
- 6b. If the model comes back to ground, hits a tree, building or other above ground object causing it no longer fly the flight has ended.
- 6c. If the model is no longer visible to the timekeeper for a period of greater than two seconds the flight has ended. This includes going over the horizon, behind any object (tree, building, vehicle or otherwise) or disappearing due to altitude - even if the model subsequently reappears.

## Notes

Most of the models likely to be flown are traditional sport F/F models. Of course if you want to fly a competition model you can do so. Even weird stuff like canards and carpets are OK.

You must present your model to the CD who will affix his scrutineer's abomination sticker to it.

A D/T can be used to help prevent fly-aways. It must be of the set before launch type. Ground operated radio or digital device controlled D/T's are forbidden. Likewise any other timing or trimming devices.

You will notice there is no restriction on fuel or engine run time. You will be given one minute in which to start and set your engine before the launch flag is dropped. The thirty-second launch time is to try to avoid mid airs and to give pilots time to top up the fuel load if they wish to. Timing will only start once the model leaves your hand.

Of course there is a chance here to lose a model. How brave you are is up to you. It is probably best to trim for a fairly tight circling flight to avoid fly-aways and to keep the model in sight.

It is quite OK to fit a tracking device to help find your model.

You will be required to nominate at registration for the event and you will need to provide the name of a person who will timekeep. If you are really stuck we can probably find you a timekeeper.

You may not necessarily get the timekeeper you nominated, as it is most likely timekeepers will be allocated randomly to a pilot. Timekeepers, as usual will need to provide their own timing device - a mobile phone is fine.

The timekeeper can't chase the model they must stay at the launch spot. If the timekeeper loses sight of the model for more than two seconds the flight is finished. The two seconds gives time for the model to fly past the other side of a tree or object or to reappear in a high altitude turn.

Big Kev's mate and patron of the event, Peter Jackson, is the CD.

**You will need to be at the launch site at 7:45am for a briefing and model check.**