

**September
2016**

SWARM

Established 2013

Affiliated to the MPBA

www.swarm-fe.org



We are sad to report that the SWARM club was formally dissolved at the 2016 AGM.

The numbers attending this year had dropped to an all-time low and with even fewer expecting to take part in 2017 it would not have been viable to continue.

This brings to an end a south west series of fast electric racing which began over 20 years ago! The very first meeting was hosted by the Yeovil MBC as a fun event in July 1993, from this one-off gathering grew the SWAMBC Fast Electric Championship with 3 rounds in 1994. The number of race classes, rounds and entries grew year on year to a peak in 2011 when at one round we had a record entry of 31 drivers and 67 boats taking part! During this time we also had by far the largest contingent entering the MPBA UK National Finals at Bridlington and took away more than our share of the trophies.

SWARM was formed when SWAMBC dissolved in 2013 and the club carried on running the series with some success for a while but the numbers slowly declined due to the loss of some really good racing venues. By the start of this year we were left with just 2 suitable lakes at Dartmoor and Weymouth, and only a handful of people willing and able to make the long journey to go racing.

It was a very sad day for our last ever round at Dartmoor on 18th Sept, but we've had one heck of a good run, enjoyed some great races but more importantly made some very good friends over the years.

Our sincere thanks to all the clubs who were kind enough to play hosts for our meetings and the many who came along to race a boat or two over the years.

The SWARM Committee 2016

SWARM 2016 AGM MINUTES – Saturday 18th September

Present : Jonathan Firmin, James Bond, Alan Shipman, Malcolm Franks, Mark Sutton, Russ Chilcott, Gary Westwood, Kelvin Chan, Mark Shipman

Started 12:00

1 Officers reports

Chairman

Jim apologised for missing numerous meetings this year, and hoped to do more next year. He was happy to continue as Chairman. Jim thanked the committee for their work this year. Loss of all traditional venues was a concern contributing to the loss of members in recent years

Secretary

Mark Shipman documented the steady decline in numbers since 2011. Updated members of the current situation with the MPBA (vacant committee posts), and the recent successful trials of energy limiters by NADS. Mark is prepared to continue as secretary.

Treasurer

Mark Sutton reported that finances were healthy with the balance at £500, he was also prepared to continue as Treasurer

Webmaster

Russ reported that free web hosting would be available to SWARM

2 Does SWARM have a future?

After a brief discussion of probable entry numbers for next year it was evident that with potentially less than 7 members at future meetings numbers has fallen below a viable level it was therefore decided to vote on dissolution of the club. Proposed by Mark Shipman, seconded by Mark Sutton, vote was 6 for (of the 8 club members present) and therefore carried according to the club dissolution rule.

3 Distribution of remaining funds

Distribution of the remaining club funds shall be half to the RNLI, half to the Air Ambulance (Devon), proposed by Jim Bond seconded by Russ Chilcott, vote was unanimous. When all transactions are complete a copy of the closing balance will be made available to any 2016 club members upon request.

4 Distribution of remaining assets

Lap counted and its table were donated to the Dartmoor club.
Buoys, timers and clipboards were donated to the Sedgemoor club.
Gazebo to remain with Jim Bond.

5 Any other business

There was no other business.

AGM Finished at 12:25

SWARM 2016 Round 4 Dartmoor 18th September, the Final Meeting

Conditions could not have been better at Dartmoor for the final round, warm (almost too warm) and sunny (almost too sunny) with calm water (almost too calm) for the last round.

Thanks to Gary for setting up his barbeque during the lunch break and providing some excellent burgers, much appreciated by all.

Thanks to the Dartmoor club for hosting us, it's an excellent venue, and with some great racing during the day it was at times difficult to imagine this was the final ever round.

If anybody wants to continue FE racing then Electra have 2 rounds at Beale Park (Reading) and 3 rounds at Elmbridge (Egham), so it is possible to win a championship (5 from 7 rounds) without making the long trip to Althorne in deepest Essex. Electra race the same classes as SWARM with very few differences, Mini Mono and Mini Hydro are the same but without the length limit, Mono 1 and Hydro 1 the same both are 6mins, and F4 is split into Mono 2 and Hydro 2 again both 6mins all with the same cell rules. More details are available on the Electra website <http://www.electrafying.com/>, or just ask me as I'm a member of Electra and the Elmbridge club.

Mark Shipman - Secretary



The last ever gathering of SWARM from left: Gary Westwood, Jon Firmin, Kelvin Chan, Malcolm Franks, Jim Bond, Alan Shipman, Mark Shipman, Russ Chilcott & Mark Sutton



Trophy Presentation by Jim Bond

- top left : Mark Sutton
- top right : Jon Firmin
- 2nd row left : Alan Shipman
- 2nd row right : Gary Westwood
- 3rd row left : Russ Chilcott
- 3rd row right : Mark Shipman
- bottom left : Malcolm Franks

SWARM Fast Electric Championship 2016

Round 4, Sunday 18th September, Dartmoor

Mini Hydro

Hydro hull, max hull length 450mm, any motor, cells: 2S 2500mAh or 3S 1700mAh LiPo, 5 mins + 10 sec mill clockwise oval

Boat No	Name	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Score		Discard	Total		SWARM points		
		Laps	time	Laps	time	Laps	time	laps	time		Laps	Time		place	
2	Malcolm Franks	19	15	20	4	20	4	59	23	19	15	40	8	1	21
4	Jon Firmin	20	11	20	14	DNS	0	40	25	0	0	40	25	2	18
3	Mark Sutton	20	2	19	22	DNS	0	39	24	0	0	39	24	3	16
7	Patrick	13	0	RTD	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	0	4	15

Mini Mono

Hydro hull, max hull length 450mm, any motor, cells: 2S 2500mAh or 3S 1700mAh LiPo, 5 mins + 10 sec mill clockwise oval

Boat No	Name	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Score		Discard	Total		SWARM points		
		Laps	time	Laps	time	Laps	time	laps	time		Laps	Time		place	
2	Gary Westwood	19	7	20	12	19	10	58	29	19	10	39	19	1	21
9	Russ Chilcott	18	14	19	10	1	0	38	24	1	0	37	24	2	18
1	Mark Shipman	18	14	18	8	18	6	54	28	18	14	36	14	3	16
5	Kelvin Chan	16	11	16	5	16	17	48	33	16	17	32	16	4	15
7	Mark Sutton	15	0	8	0	10	0	33	0	8	0	25	0	5	14

Mini ECO

Mono hull submerged drive, max hull length 450mm, any motor, cells: 2S 2500mAh or 3S 1700mAh LiPo, 6 mins anti-clockwise triangle

Boat No	Name	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Score		Discard	Total		SWARM points		
		Laps	time	Laps	time	Laps	time	laps	time		Laps	Time		place	
3	Malcolm Franks	24	0	26	0	28	11	78	11	24	0	54	11	1	21
4	Alan Shipman	24	20	26	0	28	23	78	43	24	20	54	23	2	18
1	Russ Chilcott	28	0	25	0	25	0	78	0	25	0	53	0	3	16
5	Mark Sutton	0	0	20	10	2	0	22	10	0	0	22	10	4	15

Mono 1

Mono hull surface drive, any motor, 2S 6600mAh LiPo or 3S 4500mAh LiPo, 6 mins + 10sec mill start, clockwise oval

Boat No	Name	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Score		Discard	Total		SWARM points		
		Laps	time	Laps	time	Laps	time	laps	time		Laps	Time		place	
4	Malcolm Franks	11	0	24	1	24	2	59	3	11	0	48	3	1	21
3	Russ Chilcott	24	10	23	10	20	25	67	45	20	25	47	20	2	18
11	Jon Firmin	18	0	18	10	21	1	57	11	18	10	39	1	3	16
5	Alan Shipman	22	15	16	10	11	25	49	50	11	25	38	25	4	15
2	Gary Westwood	10	0	DNS	0	17	18	27	18	0	0	27	18	5	14
8	Kelvin Chan	7	0	DNS	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	6	13
6	Paddy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	12

Formula 4

Any Hull, Any drive, any motor, 4S 6600mAh LiPo or 6S 4500mAh LiPo, 6 mins + 10sec mill, clockwise oval course

Boat No	Name	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Score		Discard	Total		SWARM points		
		Laps	time	Laps	time	Laps	time	laps	time		Laps	Time		place	
4	Gary Westwood	29	31	29	54	27	0	85	85	27	0	58	85	1	21
3	Mark Shipman	24	0	22	10	17	0	63	10	17	0	46	10	2	18
5	Jon Firmin	20	17	18	3	0	0	38	20	0	0	38	20	3	16

Run What You Brung

Any hull, any drive, any motor, any battery (max 43V), course and time to be decided on the day

No entries

SWARM Fast Electric Championship

2016 Championship Positions

Mini Hydro

Hydro hull, max hull length 450mm, any motor, cells: 2S 2500mAh or 3S 1700mAh LiPo, 5 mins + 10 sec mill clockwise oval

Boat No	Name	1	2	3	4	Total	Discard	Best 3	Position
7	Jon Firmin	21	21	18	16	76	16	60	1 *
3	Malcolm Franks	18	0	21	21	60	0	60	2 *
2	Mark Sutton	16	18	16	18	68	16	52	3
6	Kelvin Chan	0	16	0	0	16	0	16	4
7	Patrick	0	0	0	15	15	0	15	5

places seperated on count-back *

Mini Mono

Hydro hull, max hull length 450mm, any motor, cells: 2S 2500mAh or 3S 1700mAh LiPo, 5 mins + 10 sec mill clockwise oval

Boat No	Name	1	2	3	4	Total	Discard	Best 3	Position
2	Gary Westwood	21	14	16	21	72	14	58	1
1	Mark Shipman	18	15	21	16	70	15	55	2
9	Russ Chilcott	15	21	15	18	69	15	54	3
10	Mark Sutton	16	18	18	14	66	14	52	4
5	Kelvin Chan	0	16	0	15	31	0	31	5

Mini ECO

Mono hull submerged drive, max hull length 450mm, any motor, cells: 2S 2500mAh or 3S 1700mAh LiPo, 6 mins anti-clockwise triangle

Boat No	Name	1	2	3	4	Total	Discard	Best 3	Position
4	Alan Shipman	21	21	18	18	78	18	60	1
1	Russ Chilcott	15	18	21	16	70	15	55	2 *
3	Malcolm Franks	18	0	16	21	55	0	55	3 *
5	Mark Sutton	16	16	15	15	62	15	47	4

places seperated on count-back *

Mono 1

Mono hull surface drive, any motor, 2S 6600mAh LiPo or 3S 4500mAh LiPo, 6 mins + 10sec mill start, clockwise oval

Boat No	Name	1	2	3	4	Total	Discard	Best 3	Position
3	Russ Chilcott	21	21	21	18	81	18	63	1
4	Malcolm Franks	15	0	18	21	54	0	54	2
2	Gary Westwood	18	16	16	14	64	14	50	3
11	Jon Firmin	13	14	15	16	58	13	45	4
5	Alan Shipman	14	15	14	15	58	14	44	5
8	Kelvin Chan	0	18	0	13	31	0	31	6
1	Roger Clark	16	0	0	0	16	0	16	7

Formula 4

Any Hull, Any drive, any motor, 4S 6600mAh LiPo or 6S 4500mAh LiPo, 6 mins + 10sec mill, clockwise oval course

Boat No	Name	1	2	3	4	Total	Discard	Best 3	Position
3	Mark Shipman	21	21	21	18	81	18	63	1
4	Gary Westwood	15	0	18	21	54	0	54	2
5	Jon Firmin	16	18	16	16	66	16	50	3
1	Roger Clark	18	0	0	0	18	0	18	4

Run What You Brung

Any hull, any drive, any motor, any battery (max 43V), course and time to be decided on the day

No entries in 2016