

## WA Nationals 2012—R/C Electric Old Timer 1/2A Texaco by Peter Everitt

The only Electric Old Timer Event at the 65<sup>th</sup> Nationals in WA was flown at the Whiteman Park field. The contest was conducted in accordance with the rules established by the Australian Electric Flight Association. It was decided to fly all rounds as mass launches. This was nearly scuttled before we began due to a shortage of timers, however several innocent bystanders were enlisted to operate stop watches.

Six pilots took to the skies en-mass every half hour in what was described by onlookers as “a wonderful sight”. Weather conditions were excellent and with lift in abundance most pilots easily achieved the required ten minute flight time, with plenty of battery power in reserve. Four pilots managed to complete three maximums in the first three rounds. They sat out while John Voak (who had an out landing in round one) and Rob Bovell (who landed early in round three) flew a fourth round.

All six pilots eventually made it into the fly off. This was another mass launch making it easy for casual observers to determine the final placings.

Ray Sherburn looked set to take out second place, but in a typical “bloke” moment, failed to listen to his wife Pat and landed out of bounds in the fly off. This pushed him from a potential second place to last. Fred Adler's fly off was cut short with what appeared to be some sort of control failure, he decided to land rather than risk damage to the model.

Meanwhile it was suggested that Richard Sutherland was “just showing off” whilst putting in a 25 minute plus flight to claim first place.

Overall, a great event flown in good spirits by a like minded bunch of pilots.

Place	Pilot	Model	Score
1	Richard Sutherland	Lil' Diamond	1800 + 1509
2	Rob Bovell	Atomiser	1800 + 1131
3	Paul Baartz	RC-1	1800 + 980
4	John Voak	Lil' Diamond	1800 + 854
5	Fred Adler	Buzzard Bombshell	1800 + 570
6	Ray Sherburn	Bomber	1800 + 0



**Above and below show the field and the mass launches**



**Below Richard Sutherland's winning model flies high**

