

“VINTAGE A 55”

2017 RULES FOR 1.5CC PLAIN BEARING POWERED CLASS “A” CONTROL LINE TEAM RACERS UP TO 1955.

This new class of racing is very much the brainchild of long time control line team racing enthusiast Sam Alexander.

It is designed to put the smile back on the faces of existing pitmen and pilots who wish to enjoy a more relaxed style of racing. Perhaps even more importantly it provides a simple and inexpensive way into racing for new teams who wish to make a start in the joys of team racing.

Vintage A 55 is all about introducing a wide variety of models to race. This makes for greater interest among teams (who always fancied one of the more unusual designs but never managed to build one for the current vintage “A” rules) and newcomers looking for a simple model to start with. From a spectators point of view a field of varied models with different engines makes for a glorious spectacle of different shapes and colours in the racing circle.

Central to the concept is to use 1.5cc plain bearing motors rather than the original 2.5cc motors specified for the original class “A” rules. This makes racing at acceptable and safe speeds for all concerned while also ensuring the cost of an engine is kept to modest levels.

Eligible Models. (A mouth watering list)

Battler	R Moulton	July 1950
Black Chiffon	C Milford	October 1952
Burley	J Horton	1954
Footprint	P Smith	June 1955
Honeybug	F Ehlling	February 1954
Hornet		1951
Hyperion	L Hayward	April 1952
Jabberwocky	W Hulme	June 1953

Mac	S McGoun	1955
Mercury Mk11		1951
Mew Gull	H A Thomas	July 1955
Midget Mustang	P Smith	1950
Nervensage	W Kroger	January 1955
Olympian	T Smith	1953
Pacemaker	S Rymill	April 1953
Pluto	M Smith	May 1955
Ranger MK1	W Dean	1950
Scout	W Dean	1949
Sorcerer's Apprentice	N Butcher	June 1953
Texan	R Young	1955
Tiger Terror	J Muir	1955
TK4	R.Moulton	January 1951
Voodoo Mk1	G Yeldham	1953
William Henry	J Horton	1955
Wolverine	Meadmore Bros.	December 1951

Plans for all these great designs are still available. If you do not know a source then please contact Brian Lever (01733 252416) blever@btinternet.com who will try to help.

Any standard 1.5cc plain bearing engine is eligible. Why not consider the likes of Frog 150 (all the various marks) and also the AM15 (again all marks) or one of the early PAW 1.5s. These are easy starting, smooth running motors and can be picked up off e-bay for very modest cost.

Models to be built exactly to plan outline. However, fully built up wings may be fully sheeted on the bottom. Materials used may be hardwood,

plywood and balsa. No use of fibreglass please. Built up wings may use nylon to cover the upper surface for robustness when pitting

2" Racing Wheels must be fitted to all models for racing from grass..

Cut-outs may be fitted but are not compulsory.

45' lines centre line of handle to centre line of model. .012" Wrist straps to be worn.

50 lap heats with minimum of one stop.

100 lap final with minimum two stops.

No minimum tank size. However teams over-running the minimum stop requirements will be required to complete the stop(s) plus one lap to record a time.

All heats two up.

Fastest three teams into three up final.

Points will be awarded:- 1st 20, 2nd 17, 3rd 14, 4th,11, 5th 8, 6th 5, 7th 3 .

Certificates will be awarded to the first three teams at each meeting.

The "Vintage A 55" Cup will be awarded to the team with the most points at the end of a year's racing.

The first competition is planned to be held at the Old Warden Mayfly in 2017.

Would organisers of other Vintage A 55 competitions please provide result details to Brian Lever who will keep a tally of points achieved to enable the A55 Cup be presented at the end of a seasons racing.

So what are you waiting for? Spend a great time selecting your favourite model and start building for 2017. Good Luck. Brian Lever.