

BMFA Freeflight tech committee news. Issue 80

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The FFTC met at the Leicester office on 16 June 2016.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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FUTURE OF FREE FLIGHT

It was agreed that following the conference a programme for change should be developed starting with changes for 2017 which should be put out for discussion as soon as possible. The time scale for the discussion will be:-

First release	FFTC News 78
First cut-off for comments	1st June – Now passed
Second release	FFTC News 80 – This issue
Cut-off for comments	1st August
Finalisation	1st September

The cut-off date for comments has now passed and feedback received had raised fears that the first proposals discussed are too radical - and would cause more loss of fliers than gain in site management. The meeting discussed all aspects and agreed as follows for the second release of proposals

Objectives

- To minimise excursions beyond the site boundaries.
- To have a truthful explanation of free flight that satisfies the requirements of site owners – which may/will differ from site to site.
- To be able to meet local risk analysis requirements.
- To accommodate the UK's variable weather.
- To control our flying to accommodate other site users (wildlife etc.).

Proposed changes

- Encourage RDT for all classes but not make it compulsory.

All Fly-offs

- 5 minute period. (Preparation in advance permitted).

Fly-offs for BMFA and Combined events

- Half motor runs for all power and electric classes (already in place for E36).
- Half towline lengths.
- Rubber models to be held with the prop running for a specified period before release and then launched immediately without stopping the prop.

- Times to be agreed but suggested are, BMFA rubber 20 seconds, Vintage, Classic and Mini Vintage 15 seconds

Fly-offs for F1 events

- No change other than 5 minute period

Centralised events

- Specify launch point by use of a downwind line specified by three poles. Flier to be on designated upwind side of the line at moment of launch. Move when necessary (CD's discretion)
- Specify the maximum at the start with due notice of weather forecasts

Area Centralised

- Cut maxes to 2 minutes for all classes.

Next action

Please send your comments on these proposals to reach Chris Strachan by 1 August.

FLYING FROM A LINE

Centralised FAI contests are flown from a line of finite length – Rule 3.1.5 (d). The model must be launched from within 5m of the line. The outer cones or markers define the ends of the line.

This is featured here as a reminder but the proposed downwind line for Centralised events will require a completely new rule.

CONTEST CALENDAR

BMFA FREE FLIGHT AND SPACE CALENDAR 2016 Publication Ver. V5

Please note that Space events appear on this calendar as they are the responsibility of the FFTC. They are not part of the Overall British Free Flight Championship

Please also note that ONLY Team Selection events are subject to postponement due to unsuitable weather

All changes from the previous version are in Red

DATE	COMPETITION & VENUE	CLASSES/TROPHIES (N.B. <u>Non</u> British FF Championship events are shown in <i>Bold Italic</i>)	PROVISIONAL CONTACT
14 February	1st Area. Area Venues.	F1A(SMAE), F1G(Plugge), C/P (White), E36(Plugge),	Contact: Area Comp Secs.

		Mini Vintage(Plugge).	
6 March	2nd Area. Area Venues.	F1H, P30(Plugge), F1J(Plugge), BMFA 1/2A, CE(Plugge), HLG-CLG.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
25 March (Good Friday)	Northern Gala. Venue: North Luffenham	C/G (CMA), C/R (Caton), B/P (Hamley); [Club Champs], C/E, SLOP (Falcons), F1H, P30, BMFA 1/2A, Mini-Vintage, HLG-CLG.	Contact: G.Warburton 0113 2852947 gwarb@aol.com
10 April	3rd Area. Area Venues.	Vint' G(Plugge), C/R (Gamage), F1C (Halifax/Plugge), F1Q, HLG-CLG (Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
17 April	1st F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Near Melton Mowbray	<i>F1E (FF Slope Soaring).</i>	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
23/24 April	London Gala. Venue: Salisbury Plain.	23rd: C/G, C/R, C/P, C/E, P30, CO2. 24th: F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, Mini Vintage, E30, HLG-CLG.	Chris Strachan chris.strachan@btinternet.com 01223860498
24 April	<i>1st Space Meeting. Venue: Salisbury Plain.</i>	<i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@g mail.com
30 April/1 May	1st Team Selection. Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<i>FIA, F1B, F1C.</i> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection, prior to 16th April. Plus on May 1 (Sun) Classic Glider, SLOP, Mini Vintage.	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
14 May (N.B. Saturday)	2nd F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Near Sheffield, or,	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538.

	Near Melton Mowbray		Mobile: 0794 185 2144
15 May	4th Area. Area Venues.	C/G, F1B(Gutteridge), C/P Team (Keil/Plugge), Vint' R/P(Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30(Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
28/29 May	<i>Space National Championships and 1st Space Team Trials. Venue: Barkston Heath.</i>	<i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9, S11</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@g mail.com
28/29/30 May	National Championships. Venue: Barkston Heath.	28th: B/G (Thurston), B/R (Model Aircraft), B/P (Shelley), B/E, E36, Tailless (Lady Shelley), Women's BG/BR/BP (SAA), Junior BG/BR/BP (Frog Junior), CLG. 29th: F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Fred Boxall), F1C (Eddie Cosh), F1Q(Astral), Vintage R/P (Jubilee), SLOP (Peter Harris), HLG (Nats), P30, Novice Glider & Rubber (J) (junior kit glider & junior kit rubber), Bowden. 30th: F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J(Quickstart), BMFA1/2A(Hales), Mini-Vintage (Weston), CO2 (Sparklets), E30, Vintage Glider, Classic R/P, Classic Glider. Plus Junior and overall category championships. <i>Also Non Championship: FF Scale, Lulu/Golden Wings and SAM 35 events.</i>	Contact: Mike Woodhouse, phone: 01603 457754, e-mail: MichaelWoodhouse1942 @gmail.com
12 June	3rd F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Near	F1E (FF Slope Soaring). SMC Trophy.	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252

	Sheffield, or , Near Melton Mowbray		512538. Mob:0794 185 2144
26 Jun	5th Area. Area Venues.	F1H(Plugge), F1G, F1J, E36, BMFA 1/2A Power (Plugge), CO2 (Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
24 July	6th Area. Area Venues.	F1A(KMAA/Plugge), P30, Vint' R/P, F1Q(Plugge), SLOP, Tailless(Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
30/31July	East Anglian Gala. Venue: Sculthorpe.	30th: B/R, Vint' R/P, Classic Glider, E36, Tailless, HLG-CLG, P30. 31st: B/G, B/P, C/E, Vint'G, Classic R/P, Mini Vintage, CO2, Bowden.	Contact: Michael Marshall: 01223 246142.e-mail hiver666@aol.com
31 July	3rd Space Meeting & 2nd Team Trials, Venue: Sculthorpe.	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9.	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@g mail.com
14 August	4th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District, or, Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mob': 0794 185 2144
20 August (N.B. Saturday)	Southern Gala. Venue: Salisbury Plain	C/G (Pilcher), C/R (Flight), C/P (Short), B/E, F1H (Ripmax), F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, E30, HLG/CLG.	Contact Peter Tribe petertribe46@talktalk.net 01225862748
3/4 Sept	2nd Team Selection. Venue: Sculthorpe.	F1A, F1B, F1C. N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 16th April. Plus on Sept 4 (Sun) Vint' Glider, Classic R/P, P30.	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
11 Sept	7th Area.	Classic Glider (Plugge), C/R Team (Farrow's/Plugge), F1C(Buskell), C/E,	Contact:

	Area Venues.	Classic R/P (Plugge), HLG-CLG.	Area Comp Secs.
24 Sept (N.B. Saturday)	Stonehenge Cup. Venue: Salisbury Plain.	F1A, F1B, F1C/P, F1Q. World Cup Free Flight events.	Contact Peter Martin & Richard Jack ffworldcupUK@gmail.com
25 Sept	Equinox Cup. Venue: Salisbury Plain.	F1A, F1B, F1C/P, F1Q. World Cup Free Flight events.	Contact Peter Martin & Richard Jack ffworldcupUK@gmail.com
25 Sept	4th Space Meeting & Team Trials Reserve, Venue: Salisbury Plain	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9.	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
1 October (N.B. Saturday)	5th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District, or, Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
2 October	6th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Venue: Peak District, or, Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mob': 0794 185 2144
8/9 October	Team Selection (Reserve Date). Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C. N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection, prior to 16th April.	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
16 October	8th Area. Area Venues.	CG Team(M'Engineer/Plugge), F1B(Duce/Plugge), SLOP(Frog Senior/Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.

22/23 October (May be either or both days, ring contact before travelling.)	7th F1E (Team Selection Reserve Date). Venue: Peak District, or, Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring). (Non Team Selection if date not needed)	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mob': 0794 185 2144
29 October (N.B. Saturday)	Midland Gala. Venue: North Luffenham.	<i>F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, E36, P30, SLOP, Mini Vintage, HLG-CLG</i>	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
29 October (N.B. Saturday)	<i>5th Space Meeting.</i> Venue: North Luffenham.	<i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com

FREE FLIGHT NATIONALS

The Free Flight Nationals took place on 28/29/30 May at RAF Barkston Heath. Thanks to everyone for complying with the various rules that were implemented to help us be seen by the RAF as responsible people when using the airfield. We hope to be back for the Nat's again next year.

MODEL ROCKETRY

When model rockets are flown alongside other free flight events, as at the Nationals, please keep a good distance to fly your models from where the rocket flyers are set up. This is vitally important for safety reasons. At the Nationals there were some flyers that set up in front of where rockets were being launched. In future greater segregation will be implemented.

AREA RESULTS

Each Area CD must submit results to Phil Ball by email (preferred) or post, to arrive within eight days after the day of the contest. To avoid any misunderstanding please keep a proof of sending to confirm compliance, see rule 2.3.16 (1). Phil would also like to receive a nil return if no scores are recorded.

STONEHENGE AND EQUINOX CUPS

The 2016 Stonehenge and Equinox Cup World Cup contests are being organised by Richard Jack and Peter Martin assisted. The entry form and other information is contained below. Thanks to Richard and the Peter for offering to take on the running of these contests.

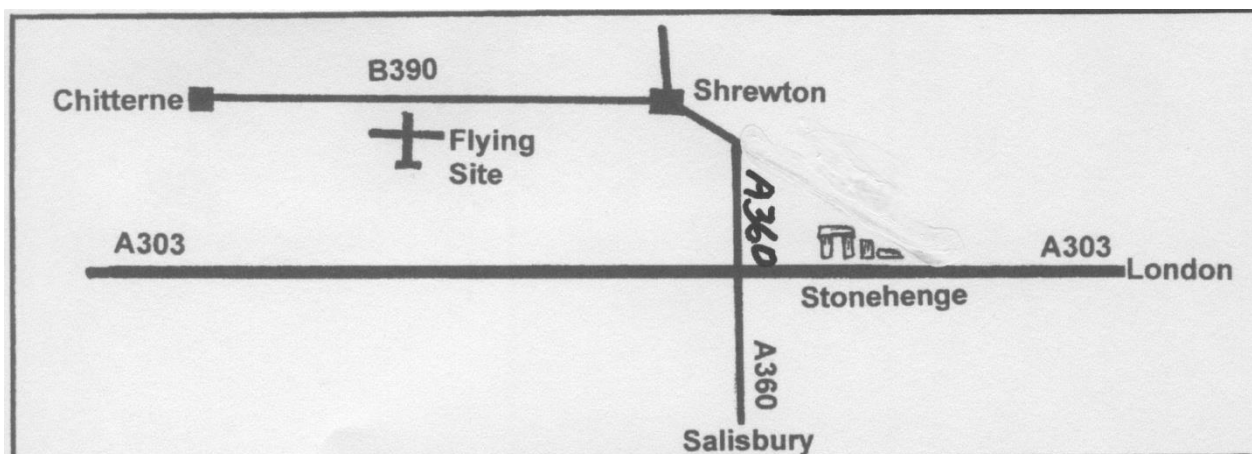
THE STONEHENGE CUP & EQUINOX CUP

2016

U.K. World Cup Free Flight Events
24/25th September 2016 Salisbury Plain
United Kingdom

World Cup Events

Saturday	24 th September 2016	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, B, C/P and Q
Sunday	25 th September 2016	Equinox Cup	F1A, B, C/P and Q



Flying Site

The site is situated to the south of the B390 between Shrewton and Chitterne

and will be signposted from the B390.

The terrain is undulating rough grassland crossed by dirt roads and tracks. The land is a military training area, which is carefully managed to preserve the history and wildlife. Model retrieval is usually on foot.

The area must be kept clean and tidy at all times and rules to protect the site must be observed.

Please note-there are no catering facilities available - competitors must bring their own food and drink.

Programme

Events will start at 09.00. There will be 5 rounds plus fly-offs flown from a flight line. The Max for round 1 will be 240 seconds. All other rounds will be 180 seconds Max. These maximum times and program may vary according to circumstances. All competitors will receive a gift.

Rules

The relevant section of the FAI Sporting Code will be followed.

All competitors must hold a valid FAI licence.

Entry Procedure

Competitors from the UK who wish to compete in either or both events need to post their entry forms to:-

Peter Martin, 23 Woodland Court, Dyke Road Avenue, Hove, UK, BN3 6DP complete with payment cheque made out to 'BMFA'.

Competitors residing outside the UK should email their completed entry form(s) to ffworldcupUK@gmail.com.

Overseas entry fees may be paid on the day in £, \$ or Euros.

Entry forms must be received by not later than Friday 16th September 2016

Trophies

These will be awarded down to 3rd place for each class.

Timekeepers

Timekeepers will not be provided by the organisers for the rounds.

Competitors must find their own timekeepers. Timekeepers will be allocated by the organisers for Fly-offs.

For further information please contact:-

Richard Jack or Peter Martin ffworldcupuk@gmail.com

Or, Peter Tribe

petertribe46@talktalk.net

Accommodation and Camping Information

Information is available on request from Peter Tribe:-

petertribe46@talktalk.net

THE STONEHENGE CUP ENTRY FORM 2016

Full Name			
Address			
Town/City			
Country		Post/Zip Code	
Nationality		Senior/Junior	
Telephone No.		Mobile No.	
Email Address			
FAI License No.		BMFA No.	

World Cup Events

Day	SAT 24th	SAT 24th	SAT 24th	SAT 24th
Class	F1A	F1B	F1C/P	F1Q
Please tick				

Entry Fees

World Cup Event Single Class (Gentlemen)	25 E/£20/\$30	
World Cup Event Single Class Ladies and Juniors (Junior aged 18 or under on 31 st Dec 2016).	FREE	
Additional World Cup classes (Gentlemen)	12 E/£10/\$15	
Additional World Cup classes (Ladies and Junior)	Free	
	Total Paid*	

(*Entry fee is included in the UK Contest License Holders fee, no additional payment is required)

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THE EQUINOX CUP ENTRY FORM 2016

Full Name			
Address			
Town/City			
Country		Post/Zip Code	
Nationality		Senior/Junior	
Telephone No.		Mobile No.	
Email Address			
FAI License No.		BMFA No.	

World Cup Events

Day	SUN 25th	SUN 25th	SUN 25th	SUN 25th
Class	F1A	F1B	F1C/P	F1Q
Please tick				

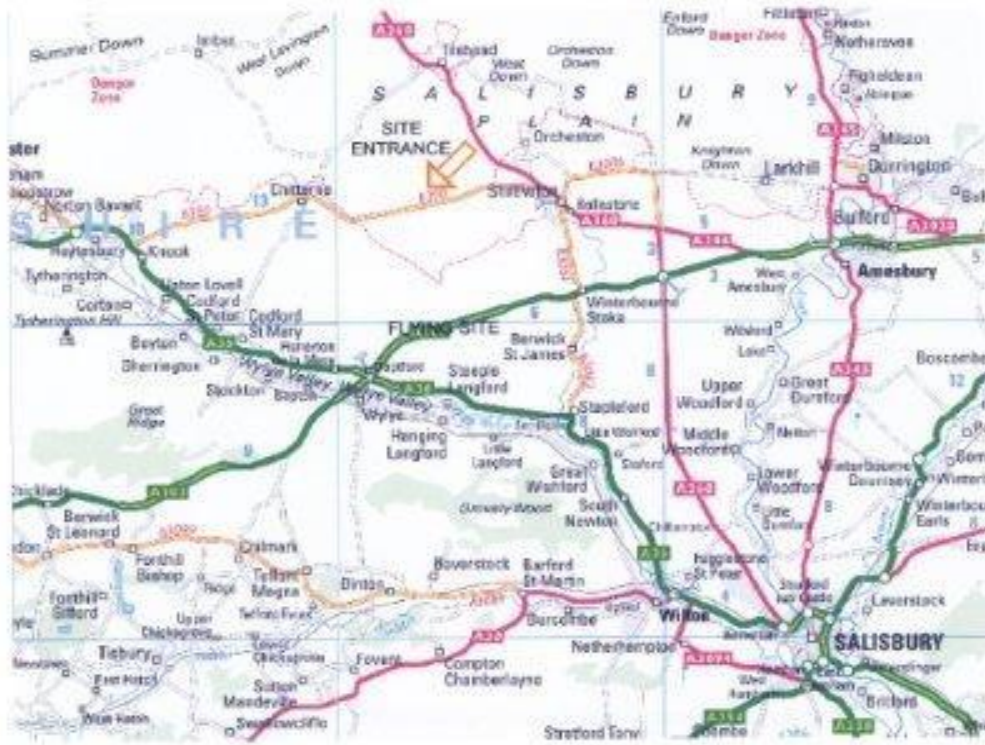
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LOCATION MAP



GOOGLE PHOTOGRAPH

