

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 100

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The FFTC met at BMFA Office Leicester on the 25 September 2019.

2020 FFTC

Once again there was not a need for a vote for the three positions on the committee that are up for election for 2020. The only applications received were from Steve Philpott, Mike Woodhouse and Ken Faux, they will serve a two year term. Phil Ball, John Carter and Mark Benns have another year on their current term.

2019 CONTEST CALENDAR

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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 and Buckminster events are subject to postponement due to unsuitable weather

(Note: Changes to previous version (2.2) shown 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
12/13 October (actual date tbc)	Space Test Day. Venue: Buckminster	<i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, 07899 030875, e-mail: trevorseabrook@gmail.com
12/13/14 October (actual date tbc)	Buckminster Free Flight Gala	Small Field Free Flight Classes to be confirmed.	Contact John Ashmole 01406 370188 johnashmole@yahoo.co.uk
26 October (N.B. Saturday)	Midland Gala. Venue: Barkston Heath	F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, E36, P30, SLOP, Mini Vintage, HLG-CLG.	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
2/3 Nov (Possibly both days, ring contact before travelling.)	7th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring). (Team Selection).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com

APOLOGIES

We would like to apologise that the date of the 6th Area Event was wrongly advertised on BMFA News. The date was changed earlier in the year due to the need to rearrange contests around the filming at Salisbury Plain. The date was correct on the FFTC Calendar but the old date unfortunately remained on BMFA News event calendar.

BUCKMINSTER GALA

Following on from last year's highly successful inaugural event, Buckminster FF Gala 2019 will be held, depending on weather forecast, on either Sat. 12th or Sun. 13th October, (with Mon. 14th as fall back to be used in extremis). Final decision will be posted on the BMFA website on Thursday 10th, or contact CD for information. The venue is of course the BMFA National Centre at Buckminster Lodge.

BMFA FF classes will be; Mini- Vintage, Classic Glider, E36, HLG/ CLG combined

Plus 'unofficial' contests for P 30/ Vintage Coupe (combined), Classic A1 Glider

P30/ VC and Classic A1 have prizes to 3rd. place, plus an annual Classic A1 trophy, which will be presented on the field.

All towlines (including BMFA Classic) 50 metres. E36 motor runs to be decided on the day. Because of the unique nature of the venue the CD may depart from BMFA rules where necessary; however the aim is to run as far as possible a 'normal' duration contest rather than an 'experimental' event. Reduced maxes may be used, so competitors are encouraged to bring models for more than one class. BMFA Buckminster is family friendly with indoor toilets and kitchen facilities. Trimming & sport flying welcome (BMFA membership required). Field charge £6.00 payable by all.

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CONTEST RULES

Following limited and mixed feedback from our call for your thoughts the FFTC unanimously decided that the proposals regarding fly off times would not alter. In summary the only changes to the Free Flight Rule book for 2019 are as follows:

Section 3.2.4.1(e) The 'meeting' (over 2 days) shall cease after a maximum of 10 rounds (not including fly offs). A minimum total of 5 rounds must be completed at the 'event' for the team selection process to be valid. If the 'reserve meeting' is required the 'Event' shall not exceed 10 rounds (cumulative with the previous meeting's rounds). e.g. 4 rounds flown in meeting, therefore maximum 6 additional rounds flown over the 'reserve meeting' to make a total 10 rounds.

3.2.4.2 - The number of F1E events has been reduced to 3 and the requisite number of 'results to count' reduced to 2.

Section 3.13 - E.30 - The lithium cells capacity has been increased from maximum 70mAh to maximum 75mAh.

2020 Calendar

The details of the 2020 Calendar are still being finalised. It will be published in the next Newsletter.