

# **BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 106**

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The FFTC held an internet virtual Zoom meeting from their homes on 19 August 2020.

## **CONTEST FLYING TO RECOMMENCE**

As you are aware the 2020 Contest Calendar has been severely impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. In our last newsletter we confirmed that all events were cancelled until at least the end of August 2020. Having reviewed the position taking the latest Governments guidelines into account we are now satisfied contest flying can recommence from the beginning of September, picking up from the published calendar. The only exception is the Stonehenge and Equinox Cup contests have been cancelled. In their place two ad hoc contests will be held at Salisbury Plain on the same dates. The Saturday will be for combined RGPE classes, the Sunday will be for F1ABCQGHJ. Space dates on the calendar have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020. The mandatory Covid 19 set of rules that must be adhered to at all remaining competitions are included below.

## **2020 CONTEST CALENDAR**

**BMFA FREE FLIGHT AND SPACE CALENDAR 2020 Publication V7.0**

**Please note that Space events appear on this calendar as they are the responsibility of the FFTC. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic cancelling most competitions in 2020 the Senior Championship and Plugge competitions will not be awarded this year.**

**Changes to version (V6.0 ) shown in RED**

5 September (N.B. Saturday) <u>Cancelled</u>	Stonehenge Cup.  Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<i>F1A, F1B, F1C, F1P, F1Q</i>	Richard Jack  04477 62346700  Email: richard_jack@live.com
5 September (N.B. Saturday)	Back in Business!  Ad Hoc Contest	<i>C/R, C/G, C/P, C/E</i>	Mike Woodhouse  01603 457754  michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com
6 September <u>Cancelled</u>	Equinox Cup.  Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<i>F1A, F1B, F1C, F1P, F1Q</i>	Richard Jack  04477 62346700  Email:

			richard_jack@live.com
6 September	Ad hoc Contest	<b>F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q, F1G F1H, F1J</b>	Peter Tribe  01225 862748  thepetertribe@gmail.com
6 September <u>Cancelled</u>	Space. 2nd Team Selection. Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<b>S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A.</b>	Contact:  Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
20 September	6th Area. Team Rubber Day.  Area Venues.	<i>C/R Team (Farrow), F1C (Buskell), F1QUK, Classic R/P, Classic Glide, C/G, HLG/CLG.</i>	Contact:  Area Comp Secs.
27 September	6th F1E  <b>Not Team Selection</b>  Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray.	<i>F1E (FF Slope Soaring).</i>	Contact:  Ian Kaynes  01252 512538.  kaynes@btinternet.com
3/5 October	Buckminster Gala. Venue: BMFA site Buckminster.	<i>To be announced</i>	Contact: John Ashmole  01406 370188  Email:  johnashmole@yahoo.co.uk
3/5 October <u>Cancelled</u>	Space. Team Selection 1st Reserve. Venue: BMFA site Buckminster.	<b>S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A.</b>	Contact:  Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
11 October	7th Area. Team Glider Day. Area Venues.	<i>C/G Team (Model Engineer, F1B (Duce), SLOP (Frog Sen'), Mini Vintage, E30, C/E, HLG/CLG.</i>	Contact:  Area Comp Secs.

18 October	7th F1E  <b>Not Team Selection</b>  Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray.	<i>F1E (FF Slope Soaring).</i>	Contact:  Ian Kaynes  01252 512538.  kaynes@btinternet.com
24 October  (N.B. Saturday)	Midland Gala.  Venue: Barkston Heath.	<i>F1H, F1G, BMFA1/2A Power, E36, P30, SLOP, Mini Vintage, CO2, HLG-CLG.</i>  <i>Cranfield Classic – Contact Simon Dixon 07976 408765</i>	Contact:  Phil Ball  07470 177947  e-mail:  <a href="mailto:phil.ball@ntlworld.com">phil.ball@ntlworld.com</a>
24 October  (N.B. Saturday)  <u>Cancelled</u>	<b>Space. Team Selection 2nd Reserve. Venue: Barkston Heath.</b>	<b><i>S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A.</i></b>	Contact:  <b>Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: <a href="mailto:contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com">contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com</a></b>

## COVID RULES FOR COMPETITION DAYS

### BMFA FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

#### 2020 BMFA CONTESTS RESTART

#### COVID 19

In order to restart the contest programme, it will be necessary to apply the following risk assessed measures to mitigate the spread of the Covid 19 virus. These measures will be monitored and amended as necessary.

The following procedures and measures will apply to all BMFA free flight contests and all non BMFA (privately run contests) that take place on sites operated by FFTC, including but not limited to, Barkston Heath, North Luffenham, Salisbury and Sculthorpe.

No person shall attend any contest or flying site if they are showing signs of Covid 19 or have been told to self-isolate or are required to quarantine in a regional lockdown.

All persons who attend the flying site and contest are required to register their contact details and BMFA number at contest control.

Where a site requires a gate, access point to be manned and a sign in is required i.e. Barkston Heath. The attendee must sanitise before and after touching any gates or barriers and use own pen to sign the site log .

## General

Sites have their own Covid 19 risk assessments and measures in place to mitigate the risk. The following measures are additional and will run alongside any existing site procedures.

- The CD will have available at control suitable hand sanitiser
- The CD will at all times social distance from all persons at control and engage in frequent use of hand cleaning and or wearing of latex/vinyl gloves to reduce the risk of transmission of virus from score sheets etc.
- Competitors should only visit control as necessary for registration, entry, score recording, or information. Avoid forming any groups around contest control.
- Travel to and from contest site. All contestants and attendees should travel to the contest site in their own vehicles and only carry passengers who are from the same household bubble.
- Entry to site to be in accordance with site specific rules.
- Parking, all vehicles should be parked to form a line leaving a clear space of 4 metres between adjacent vehicles (This will allow sufficient social distancing when doors are open for access and egress).

## Contest entry

**ALL CONTESTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020 WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE. NO ENTRY FEE OR SITE FEES.**

(This will be reviewed for 2021 along with concessions for season ticket holders).

- Contestants will register with the CD, ensuring at all times a social distance from the control table (Self entry and recording scores. Entrant shall only use their own pens).
- NO flight cards will be issued.
- All official flights and attempts will be recorded by verbal communication to the CD and or by themselves self-scoring on official score sheets (using own pen).

## Flying

- All practice flying, and trimming must be undertaken at a distance from the competitors flying in the contest.
- All competitors must position themselves to maintain a social distance of at least 2 metres from other flyers helpers and timekeepers.
- For events and classes where it is required to fly from a line or box. The line and box will be of sufficient length and area to enable all flyers, helpers and timekeepers to social distance of at least 2 metres.

## Handling

Where possible models and equipment should only be handled by the owner and or a member of the same household bubble.

In cases where it is absolutely necessary for another person to handle models etc. THE OWNER MUST FIRST SANITISE THE MODEL AND EQUIPMENT.

The handler is advised to wear suitable latex/vinyl gloves and or sanitise hands before and after handling.

Glider (Towline) Specific. This class of model generally requires the model to be launched by another person the following should be adopted .

- Flyer mount the model on a self launch devise,

- Flyer to operate a self-launch procedure with model in own hands. This procedure is compliant with BMFA rules.
- In the event the flyers requires another person to launch the model preference is that the helper be a person from same household.
- If this is not possible then the model should be made ready for flight by the flyer and attached to towline, placed on the floor or other safe place .
- The helper should only pick up and handle the model when a safe social distance is in place between flyer/helper. After handling the model, the model must be sanitised, and the helper must sanitise hands.
- It is essential that the flyer before collecting the model after the flight sanitises the model (taking suitable cleansing wipes and or sanitiser on retrieval).

### **Timekeeping**

- The timekeeper must observe a 2-metre social distance from the flyer and others on the site.
- Flight scores to be verbally reported or if self-recording use own pen and recorded on official score sheets (avoiding hand contact with score sheets).

### **ADDITIONAL**

**ALL ON SITE SHOULD AVOID FORMING GROUPS** of more than 6 people in any one location and always social distance.

All persons attending the contest whether they compete or not must sign in at control and provide BMFA number and contact details.

ANY person who during a contest day displays symptoms of Covid 19 MUST leave the site immediately and inform the CD

The BMFA and the FFTC are committed to ensuring that all contests take place with the minimum of risk of contacting and spreading the Covid 19 virus

The measures outlined must be followed in full.

Free Flight Technical Committee BMFA August 2020

## **TEAM SELECTION TRIALS – F1ABCE**

The team selection for 2021 has been postponed until the Spring of 2021.

## **RULE CHANGES FOR 2021**

In the last newsletter it was stated that there will be no rule changes for 2021. This is not correct in that there will need to be a rule change to cover the trials not being held this year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. There is also a rule change for the Bowden Trophy reducing the maximum engine capacity to 2.5cc. The rule changes will be published in the next newsletter.

## **CRANFIELD CLASSIC – NON FFTC EVENT**

To celebrate the 60 year anniversary of the 1960 Cranfield world champs where we had 5 joint winners Simon Dixon will be running an event at the Midland gala on 24th October at Barkston Heath. The rules are simple it's basically BMFA classic power but only for the 5 designs :-

- Gloworm, Mr Max, no. 18, La Bestia, Lucky Lindy mk3 or taper wing version
- Built from a published plan - Zaic 1959-61 year book, Aeromodeller, American modeller, etc
- Any engine
- Any fuel, any fuel system
- No minimum weight
- 12 sec run
- 2m 30sec Max

The scores will also be entered into a postal type event which I am running through the vintage FAI Facebook group. A lot of interest from around the world - also being followed very closely by John Sheppard the Gloworm designer / flyer.

You can enter the postal event upto 5 times as long as it's with one of the other designs with all flights on the same day and venue with someone else timing. 3 x 2.30 max plus unlimited flyoff.

- ie. other entries can be different days and venues
- scores emailed to Simon Dixon at [dixonfamily100@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dixonfamily100@yahoo.co.uk) stating date, venue, name of flyer and model, with pictures if you can.
- posted anytime from now until closing date of midnight UK time on 31st December 2020

Simon thinks there are plenty of models being built for these events so I hope there will be a large entry.