

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 120

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The FFTC held an internet virtual Zoom meeting from their homes on 11 May 2022.

FFTC 2022 CALENDAR

BMFA FREE FLIGHT AND SPACE CALENDAR 2022 Publication V2.0

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

The F1A, B, C Team Selection, Womans Cup and Junior at the Nationals and Buckminster Gala are excluded from the Free Flight Championships.

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

Changes to version (V1.0) shown in RED

Start date	Event	Classes	
12 - 15 May	F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 1 1 or 2 days according to weather	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
29 May	Nationals Small Classes North Luffenham	F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36 (Short), E30, P30 (Flight), Mini Vintage (Weston), Co2 (Sparklets), CLG, HLG	Mike Woodhouse 01603 457754 michael.woodhouse1942@gmail.com
4 – 5 June	Nationals Large Classes Venue: Salisbury Plain	CG (Thurston), CR (Model Aircraft), CP (Shelley), CE, F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Boxall), F1C (Cosh), F1Q (Astral), Vintage RP (Jubilee), Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G (Ripmax), SLOP (Harris), HLG, CLG, Tailless (Lady Shelley).	Mike Woodhouse 01603 457754 michael.woodhouse1942@gmail.com
4 – 5 June	Space Nationals 1 st Team Selection Venue Salisbury Plain	S1B, S2P,S3A, S4A,S5C,S6A,S8E/P, S9A	Trevor Seabrook 07899 030875 contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
9-12 June	2nd F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E (SMC trophy) 1 or 2 days according to weather	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com

19 June	4th Area - Team Power Day Venue: Area Venues	CG, CP (Team, Keil, Plugge), CE, F1B (Gutteridge), Vintage RP (Plugge), Mini Vintage, H/CLG, E30 (Plugge), P30, F1J	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
25-26 June	Team Selection Venue: Barkston Heath	F1A, F1B, F1C	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 phil.ball@ntlworld.com
10 July	5th Area - Summer Mini Day	CG, CR, CP, F1H (Plugge), F1G, 1/2A (Plugge), E36, H/CLG, CO2 (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
14 -17 July	3rd F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 2 1 or 2 days according to weather	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
30 - 31 July	East Anglian Gala Venue: Sculthorpe	CG, CR, CP, CE, E36, Vintage RP, Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless, CO2.	Mike Woodhouse 01603 457754 michael.woodhouse1942@gmail.com
30 - 31 July	Space FAI 2 nd Team Selection Venue: Sculthorpe.	S1A, s3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	Trevor Seabrook 07899 030875 contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
21 August	Southern Gala Venue: Salisbury Plain	CG, CR, CP, CE, F1H, F1G, F1J, 1/2A, H/CLG, E30	Ken Faux 01279 721008 ken.faux@btinternet.com
21 August	Southern Gala	Space Practice	Trevor Seabrook 07899 030875 contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
3 September	Stonehenge Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter 01782 398816 nordicf1a@outlook.com
4 September	Equinox Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter 01782 398816 nordicf1a@outlook.com
11 September	6th Area - KMAA Day Venue: Area Venues	CR, CP, CE, F1A (Plugge KMAA), F1Q (Plugge), F1J, Vintage RP, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless (Plugge)	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
15 – 18 September	F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 3 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
24-25 September	Team Selection Reserve I Venue TBC	F1A, F1B, F1C,	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 phil.ball@ntlworld.com
2 October	7th Area - Team Rubber Day	CG, Team CR (Farrow Shield, Plugge, team), CE, F1C (Buskell), Classic RP (Plugge), Classic G (Plugge), H/CLG, 1/2A, E36	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
13 - 16 October	6th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Reserve for team selection if required.	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com

16 October	8th Area - Team Glider Day Venue: Area Venues	CG (Model Engineer, Plugge, Team), CP, F1B (Duce, Plugge), SLOP (Frog Senior, Plugge), Mini Vintage, H/CLG, E30, P30, F1J	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
29 October (Saturday)	Midland Gala * Team Selection fall back Venue: TBC	F1H, F1G, 1/2A, E36, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2.	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 phil.ball@ntlworld.com
29 October (Saturday)	Space Team Selection 2 nd Reserve Venue: TBC	S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	Trevor Seabrook 07899 030875 contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
6 or 13 November	Buckminster Gala	Events TBC	Contact TBC

FREE FLIGHT NATIONALS - 2022

Following the non-availability of Barkston Heath the FFTC have agreed and alternative plan for the Free Flight Nationals, in doing this the FFTC have sought to minimise the confusion and disruption, to the overall contest calendar for 2022.

Venues

Alternative venues were considered and investigated. However, due to the shortness of time, it was agreed that we should not consider a new and untried venue but settle for tried and tested sites

- Area 8 Salisbury.
- North Luffenham.
- Buckminster

The plan

The replacement contests will be a cut down Free Flight Nationals and will not be the same as the “real” Nationals. We will apply a “light touch” organisation in a similar vein to that was operated in 2021. The contests will be flown for their respective Free Flight Nationals trophies. The contests will be run to the standard free flight gala format.

SAM35 will run their free flight and control line events at the SAM35 Retrofest event on 25-27 June at Buckminster. The only event not included is the 4/8oz Wakefield this will be added to the East Anglian Gala.

Entry and Fees

There will be no pre-entry requirement. Entry on the day. The entry fee is £10.00 per day allowing the entrant to fly in as many events/classes as they desire. There is no exemption for season ticket holders.

Facilities

There will be no camping or other facilities except for the provision of toilets. The entrance gate at Sculthorpe and Luffenham will be manned. We will arrange to collect the entry fees at the gate.

Awards

- Certificates and medals for events will be awarded.
- Hand launch glider and catapult glider will be flown at both North Luffenham and Salisbury Area 8. The best time at either event will decide the place and the awarding of trophies.

Details

- There will be no pre-entry requirement. Entry on the day. The fee will be a simple £10.00 per day charge. This fee would allow the entrant to fly in as many events/classes as they desire
- Management on the day at North Luffenham will be Ken Faux. Salisbury Area 8 Mike Woodhouse, who also has overall responsibility being the Free Flight Nationals coordinator.
- Number of flights and maxes to be decided on the day. There will be no rounds for FAI
- Start 09:00 finish 17:00

Free flight – Salisbury Area 8

Saturday 4th June – Start 0900 - 1700	Sunday 5th June – Start 0900 - 1700
Combined Glider	F1A Glider
Combined Rubber	F1B Rubber
Combined Power	F1C Power
Combined Electric	F1Q Electric
Classic Rubber/Power	Hand Launched Glider
Women's Cup	Vintage Rubber/Power
Catapult Glider	Slow Open Power
Frog Junior (J)	Classic Glider
Tailless	
Vintage glider	

Space – Salisbury Area 8

Saturday 4th June – Start 0900 - 1700	Sunday 5th June – Start 0900 - 1700
S3A Parachute	S6A Streamer
S4A boost Glider	S1B Altitude
S9A Helicopter	S2-P Payload
S5C Scale Altitude	S8E/P Rocket glider

Mini - North Luffenham

Sunday 29th May – Start 0900 - 1700
F1H (A/1 Glider)
F1G (Coupe d'Hiver)
F1J Power
BMFA ½A Power
E36 Electric
P30 Rubber
E30 Electric
Mini Vintage
CO ₂ Duration
Catapult glider
Hand Launch glider

Free Flight Scale - Sculthorpe

- The STC have been advised that they can run the flight scale events at the East Anglian Gala. The STC will decide and advise accordingly.

Bowden Trophy - Buckminster

- To be run on Monday 6th June at Buckminster.

SAM35 - Sculthorpe

- The 4.0 and 8.0-ounce Wakefield to be run at the East Anglian Gala

TEAM SELECTION FOR THE 2023 F1A/B/C WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 World Championships for F1A/B/C will take place in France in August 2023. The team selection is planned to take at RAF Barkston Heath on 24/25 June. If five flights cannot be completed on that weekend a reserve date is set at 24/25 September with a final fall back date for flyoffs at the Midland Gala on 29 October if required. To enter the team trials please contact Phil Ball by email at phil.ball@ntlworld.com if you have a 2022 season ticket or by post using the form below and you need to submit the £30 entry fee. The closing date for entries is 4 June to comply with the BMFA rules.

Entry Form 2022 Team Selection

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Phone Number	
E Mail Address	
BMFA Number	
Senior or Junior	

Class	F1A	F1B	F1C
Please tick			

Please make cheques payable to **BMFA**.

Entries, accompanied by payment to:

Phil Ball 17 HERONSWOOD DRIVE, SPONDON, DERBY, DE21 7AX.

EAST ANGLIAN GALA



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30 and 31 July 2022. Sculthorpe Airfield,

It will soon be that time again for free flight aeromodellers to head towards the lush green and spacious fields of Sculthorpe airfield. This site offers the largest unobstructed flying site in the UK set in the heart of the Norfolk countryside. Camping nearby at Fakenham Race Course, 01328 862388; the Garden Caravan Site, Barmer Hall, Syderstone, 01485 578220 and Fakenham Camp Site, fakenham.campsite@gmail.com

Saturday 30 July	Sunday 31 July
Combined Rubber	Combined Power
Vintage Rubber/Power	Combined Electric
Classic Glider	Combined Glider
Tailless	Mini Vintage
E36	Classic Rubber/Power
P30	CO2
HLG-CLG.	Vintage Glider
SAM 35 4 0z Wakefield	SAM 35 8 0z Wakefield

BMFA rules apply for above events .

Start time each day 9.00 am, finish 6.00 pm. Competition entry £10.00 for any event taking place on the field. .

Location. Sculthorpe airfield, OS Map reference TF 852300. 100 Metres in a NE direction along the B1454 from its junction with the A148 road from Kings Lynn to Fakenham. No refreshments on the field this year but there is a cafeteria close to the entrance. There will be toilets. BMFA membership essential. For safety reasons no motorised retrieval and no dogs.

Flyers not taking part in BMFA events, fun flyers and engine runners must register and pay the £5.00 site fee at control.

For further information on this event contact Michael Marshall 01223 246142 or mandrshall@gmail.com

SALISBURY PLAIN AND NORTH LUFFENHAM

There is a new process for applying for permits to trim and test fly at Salisbury Plain and North Luffenham. There is a new tab on the FFTC website for Permits where you can apply and buy the permit on line. The cost is £20 for Salisbury Plain £35 for North Luffenham. The details of the Conditions of Issue and Code of Conduct are included with the application and must be strictly followed.

COMBINATION LOCKS AT SITE ENTRANCES

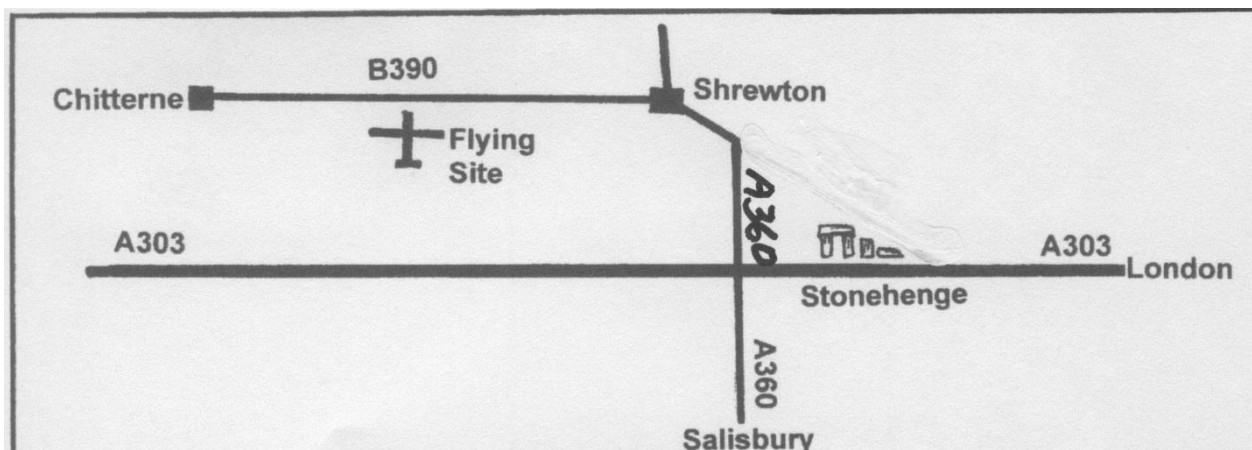
There have been reports of combination locks being left in their unscrambled state. Please make sure when you leave any gate that has been opened using a combination lock that it is fully scrambled on leaving. Another issue that has come to light at Barkston Heath is when signing please put a signature alongside your entry, in addition to the time that you leave the site.

STONEHENGE AND EQUINOX CUPS



World Cup Events

Saturday	3 rd Sept 2022	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, B, C, P, and Q
Sunday	4 th Sept 2022	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. GPS coordinates for the site entrance are 51°11'29.53"N, 1°57'32.59"W.

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 and FAI ID number.

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 26th August 2022

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:-

Peter Martin or Richard Jack ffworldcupuk@gmail.com

Or Peter Tribe

thepetertribe@gmail.com

Accommodation and Camping Information

Information is available on request from Peter Tribe:-

thepetertribe@gmail.com

STONEHENGE CUP + EQUINOX CUP ENTRY FORM 2022

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

World Cup Events

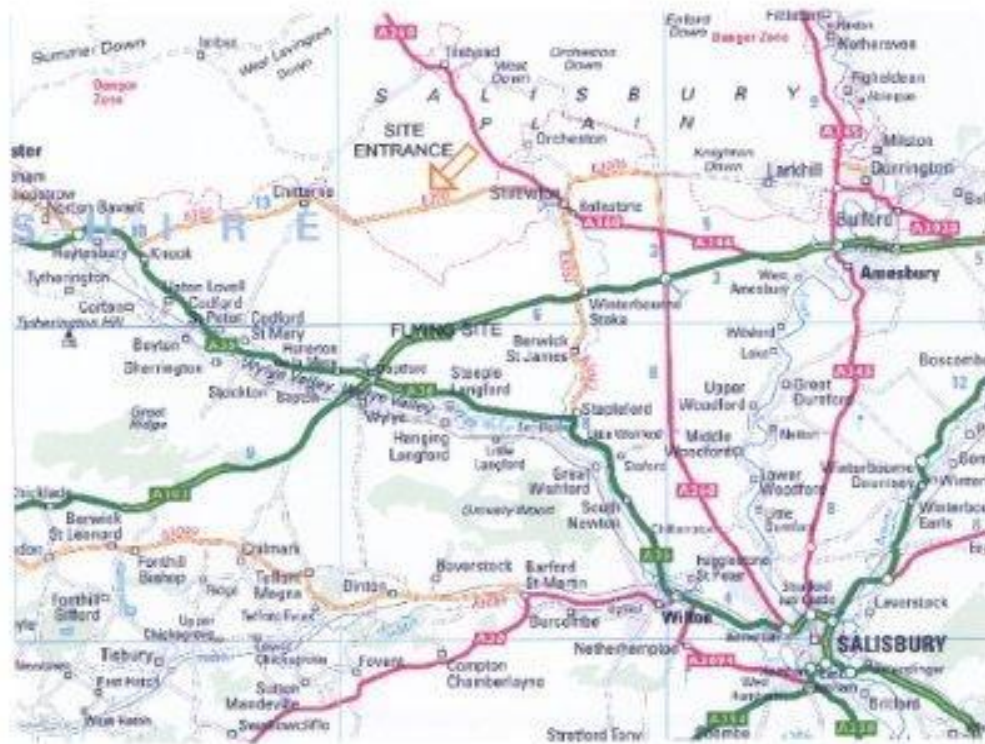
	Stonehenge Cup – Event 1					Equinox Cup – Event 2				
Day	SAT 3rd	SAT 3rd	SAT 3rd	SAT 3 rd	SAT 3rd	SUN 4th	SUN 4th	SUN 4th	SUN 4TH	SUN 4th
Class	F1A	F1B	F1C	F1P	F1Q	F1A	F1B	F1C	F1P	F1Q
Please tick										

Entry Fees

World Cup Event Per Class Per event (Seniors)	€25/£20	
World Cup Event (Juniors)	Free	
	Total Paid	

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LOCATION MAP



GOOGLE PHOTOGRAPH

