

# **BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 125**

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The FFTC held a Zoom meeting from their homes on 3 May 2023.

## **FFTC 2023 CALENDAR**

### **BMFA FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR 2023 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 ( 1.0) shown in RED**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>13/14 May</b>	2nd F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 2 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>27/28 May</b>	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(HLG), CLG, Tailless (Lady Shelley)	Mike Woodhouse
<b>27/28 May</b>	Space Nationals 1st Team Selection	S1B, S2P, S3A, S4A, S5C, S6A, S8E/P, S9A	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>04 June</b>	Nationals Small Classes North Luffenham	F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36 (Short), Mini Vintage (Weston), P30 (Flight), HLG(HLG), CLG, E30, Co2 (Sparklets)	Mike Woodhouse
<b>10 /11 June</b>	3rd F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E (SMC trophy) 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>18 June</b>	4th Area - Team Power Day Venue: Area Venues	CG, CP (Team, Keil, Plugge), CE, F1B (Gutteridge), Vintage RP (Plugge), P30, H/CLG, E30 (Plugge),	Area Contacts

<b>24 /25 June</b>	Team Selection Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C	FFTC Contact Phil Ball
<b>9 July</b>	5th Area - Summer Holiday	CP, F1Q, F1H (Plugge), F1G, 1/2A (Plugge), E36, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2 (Plugge)	Area Contacts
<b>14/17 July</b>	4th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 3 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>29/30 July</b>	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.	FFTC Contact Mike Woodhouse CD
<b>29/30 July</b>	Space FAI 2nd Team Selection Venue: Sculthorpe.	S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>20 August</b>	Southern Gala Venue: Salisbury Plain	CG, CR, CP, CE, F1H, F1G, F1J, 1/2A, H/CLG, E30	FFTC Contact Ken Faux CD
<b>20 August</b>	Southern Gala	Space Practice	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>2 September</b>	Stonehenge Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter
<b>3 September</b>	Equinox Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter
<b>9/10 September</b>	5th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection (Reserve) 1 or 2 days according to weather.	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>17 September</b>	6th Area - KMAA Day Venue: Area Venues	CR, F1A (Plugge KMAA), F1Q (Plugge), F1J, Vintage RP, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless (Plugge)	Area Contacts
<b>23/24 September</b>	Team Selection Reserve Venue Sculthorpe	F1A, F1B, F1C,	Phil Ball
<b>1 October</b>	7th Area - Team Rubber Day Venue: Area Venues	CG, Team CR (Farrow Shield, Plugge, team), CE, F1C (Buskell), 1/2A, E36, Classic RP (Plugge), Classic G (Plugge), H/CLG,	Area Contacts
<b>15 October</b>	8th Area - Team Glider Day Venue: Area Venues	CG (Model Engineer, Plugge, Team), F1B (Duce, Plugge), F1J, E36, SLOP (Frog Senior, Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30	Area Contacts

<b>21/22 October</b>	6th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Flying 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>28 October (Saturday)</b>	Midland Gala (Team Selection fall back) * Venue: Barkston Heath	F1H, F1G, 1/2A, E36, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2	Phil Ball
<b>28 October (Saturday)</b>	Space Team Selection 2nd Reserve Venue: Barkston Heath	S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>5 or 19 November</b>	Buckminster Gala Venue: BMFA Centre	Classes - TBA	FFTC Contact Simon Dixon CD Stuart Darmon

## 2023 NATIONALS

### Free Flight Nationals 2023

#### Facilities

There will be no camping or other facilities except for the provision of toilets. The entrance gate at North Luffenham will be manned.

#### Awards

- Certificates and medals for all events will be awarded.
- Hand launch glider and catapult glider will be flown at both North Luffenham and Salisbury Area 8. The best time on any of the three days will decide the winners.

#### Details

- There is no pre-entry requirement. Entry will be 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. There is no exemption for season ticket holders.
- Number of flights and maxes to be decided on the day. There will be no rounds for FAI.
- Scale will be run by the Scale Tech. Com.

#### Free Flight Open and FAI classes – Salisbury Area 8

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>
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
Hand Launched Glider	Slow Open Power
Catapult Glider	Catapult Glider
Frog Junior (J)	Classic Glider
Tailless	
Vintage Glider	

### Space – Salisbury Area 8

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>
S6A Parachute	S3A Streamer
S4A Boost Glider	S1B Altitude
S9A Helicopter	S2-P Payload
S5C Scale Altitude	S8E-P Rocket Glider

### Mini classes - North Luffenham

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>
F1H (A/1 Glider)
F1G (Coupe d'Hiver)
F1J Power
BMFA ½A Power
E36 Electric
P30 Rubber
E30 Electric
Mini Vintage
CO <sub>2</sub> Duration
Catapult Glider
Hand Launched glider

### Free Flight Overall Championships

Rubber	Combined Rubber	F1B	F1G	P30
Glider	Combined Glider	F1A	F1H	Classic Glider
Power	Combined Power	F1C	F1J	SLOP
Electric	Combined Electric	F1Q	E36	E30

## **Bowden Trophy - North Luffenham on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Scale Free Flight - North Luffenham on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

- Scale I/C Power
- Scale Rubber
- Scale Co2 / Electric

**Michael J. Woodhouse - May 2023**

## **SALISBURY PLAIN AND NORTH LUFFENHAM**

There is a tab on the FFTC website for Permits where you can apply and buy the permit that you require 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.

## **MODEL OWNERSHIP**

### **Do we know our Rules?....**

Yes we should all know our rule books backwards, but in reality, the majority don't therefore I will be cherry picking a Free Flight rule or two that we may be unfamiliar with and commenting on it in forthcoming Bulletins. Please feel free to come forward with your requests... [mark.benns@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.benns@btinternet.com)

Recently we have had to look at the rules surrounding the ownership of Free Flight models, specifically, what is allowed to be flown in a contest and the correct way to identify your BMFA number on a model.

Within the Free flight general rules Section 3.1.1 (see below) the rule clearly states that *"the entrant must be the owner of the model before the start of the contest"* It goes further to say *"BMFA number, and/or FAI Licence number, must be permanently displayed"* and then most importantly *"If the model has been previously owned then any numbers arising from this previous ownership must be permanently removed"*.

### **(c) Ownership of Models**

The entrant must be the owner of the model before the start of the contest. Ownership of the model must require that the owner's BMFA number, and/or FAI Licence number, must be permanently displayed on the model in accordance with General rule 2.3.12. If the model has been previously owned then any numbers arising from this previous ownership must be permanently removed.

For further details please go to the website and look under contest resources.

It is without question that models can be bought, sold, bequeathed (not stolen) or just built by oneself, but please be careful that you ensure that only the number belonging to the entrant is on the model before a contest starts.

Interestingly for some of us as part of researching these rules, we have found a few erroneous, slightly wordy and historic references to numbering of models that do not correlate as accurately as we would like therefore ahead of 2024 I will be correcting these.

Thermals to all

Mark BMFA FF Rules officer.

## FOD

After the last area meeting a FOD inspection found several items that could get us into trouble with the RAF. Please ensure that any items no matter how small are taken home with you. It is not acceptable to leave things like rubber bands, food wrappers and banana skins on the airfield. This applies to all sites we are privileged to have the use of, not just Barkston Heath. If we lose any of the sites we currently use free flight will be in trouble.

## CONTEST START TIMES

A reminder that all BMFA Contests start at 10:00 am.

## CD's NEEDED

At this point in time we require volunteers to run the North Luffenham Nationals, East Anglian Gala and the Southern Gala. Please consider putting yourself forward to help run these events. Expenses are paid if you wish to claim them, John Carter can provide details on what can be claimed. If we do not have CD's in place these events may not be able to proceed.

## TEAM SELECTION FOR THE 2024 F1A/B/C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2024 World Championships for F1A/B/C will take place in Romania in August 2024. The team selection is planned to take at RAF Salisbury Plain on 24/25 June. If five flights cannot be completed on that weekend a reserve date is set at 23/24 September at Sculthorpe with a final fall back date for flyoffs at the Midland Gala on 28 October if required. To enter the team trials please contact Phil Ball by email at [phil.ball@ntlworld.com](mailto:phil.ball@ntlworld.com) if you have a 2023 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 2023 Team Selection

<b>Surname</b>	
<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Telephone Number</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone Number</b>	
<b>E Mail Address</b>	
<b>BMFA Number</b>	
<b>Senior or Junior</b>	

<b>Class</b>	<b>F1A</b>	<b>F1B</b>	<b>F1C</b>
<b>Please tick</b>			

Please make cheques payable to **BMFA**.

Entries, accompanied by payment to:

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

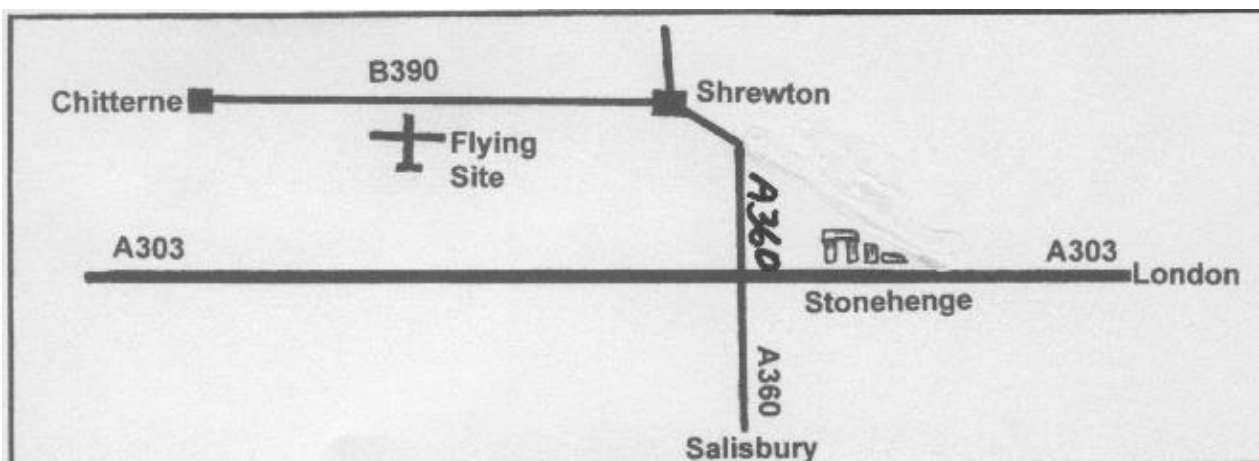
# STONEHENGE AND EQUINOX CUPS



## World Cup Events

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, B, C, P, Q
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Equinox Cup	F1A, B, C, P, 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 [map link](#)

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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## 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](mailto:ffworldcupuk@gmail.com)

Or Peter Tribe [thepetertribe@gmail.com](mailto:thepetertribe@gmail.com)

## Accommodation and Camping Information

Information is available on request from Peter Tribe:-

[thepetertribe@gmail.com](mailto:thepetertribe@gmail.com)

## STONEHENGE CUP + EQUINOX CUP ENTRY FORM 2023

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

	Stonehenge Cup – Event 1					Equinox Cup – Event 2				
Day	SAT 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SAT 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SAT 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SAT 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SAT 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SUN 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SUN 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SUN 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SUN 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SUN 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Class	F1A	F1B	F1C	F1P	F1Q	F1A	F1B	F1C	F1P	F1Q
Please tick										

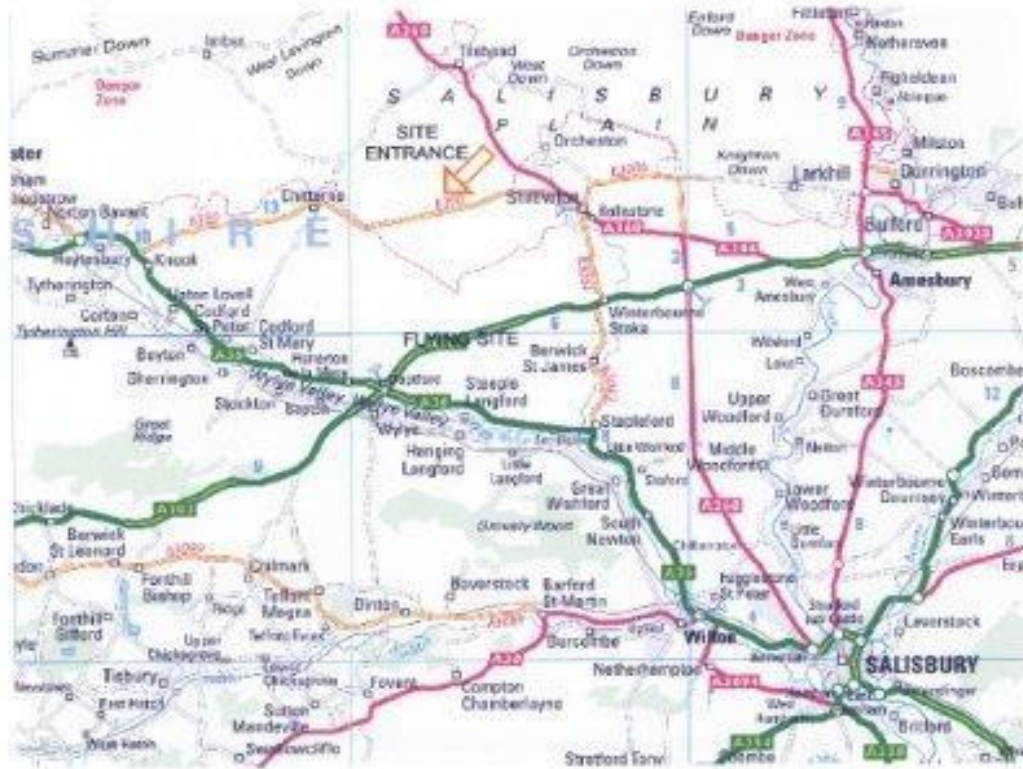
### Entry Fees

<b>World Cup Event Single Class (Seniors)</b>	€35/£30 (€70/£60 both events)	
<b>World Cup Event Single Class (Juniors)</b> (Junior aged 18 or under on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2023).	Free	
<b>Additional classes <u>within</u> each Event (Seniors)</b>	€17/£15	
<b>Additional classes <u>within</u> each Event (Juniors)</b>	Free	
	<b>Total Paid*</b>	

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

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

**Competitors resident outside of the UK should email their completed entry form(s) to [ffworldcupUK@gmail.com](mailto:ffworldcupUK@gmail.com)**



LOCATION MAP



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