

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 129

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The FFTC held a Zoom meeting from their homes on 03 April 2024.

FFTC 2024 CALENDAR

BMFA FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR 2024 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, Women's 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

Date	Venue	Event	Classes	Contact
10 March	Area	1st Area - Winter Warmer	CG, CP, CE (Plugge), F1J (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30 (Plugge), H/CLG	Area
29 March Good Friday	Barkston Heath	Northern Gala	CG (CMA), CR (Caton), CP (Hamley), CE, F1H, 1/2A, SLOP (Falcons), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30. (Club Champs).	John Carter
6-8 April	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	1st F1E	F1E Team Selection. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
13-14 April	Salisbury Plain	London Gala	Sat - CG, CR, CP, CE, Mini Vintage, Sun – Combined Mini (F1H, F1G, F1J), 1/2A, E36, P30, H/CLG, E30, CO2	Simon Dixon
13-14 April	Salisbury Plain	London Gala Space	Open Team Practice, all FAI classes	Travor Seabrook
28 April	Area	2nd Area - Spring Sorter	CR, CP (White), CE, F1A (SMAE), F1G (Plugge), E36 (Plugge), Mini Vintage (Plugge), H/CLG	Area
4-5 May	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	2nd F1E	F1E (SM trophy)	Ian Kaynes
11-12 May	Barkston Heath	F1A, B, C, Q Team Selection	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	Phil ball
19 May	Area	3rd Area - Gamage Day	CG, CR (Gamage), F1C (Plugge, Halfax), F1Q, 1/2A, E36, Vintage Glider (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG (Plugge), Tailless	Area
25-27 May	Salisbury Plain	Nationals All Classes	Saturday - CG (Thurston), CR (Model Aircraft), CP (Shelley), CE, Classic RP (Keil Classic), Womens Cup., CLG, Frog Junior, Tailless (Lady Shelley), Vintage Glider. Sunday - F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Boxall), F1C (Cash), F1Q (Astral), Vintage RP(Jubilee Cup), SLOP (Harris), Classic Glider (Ripmax) Monday - F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36 (Short), MV (Weston), P30 (Flight), HLG (HLG), E30, C02 (Sparklets)	Mike Woodhouse

25-27 May	Salisbury Plain	Nationals Space	Saturday – S6A S4A, S9A, S5AC Sunday - S1-B, S2-P, S3-A, S7, S8-EP,	Trevor Seabrook
8-9 June	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	3rd F1E	F1E Team Selection. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
16 June	Area	4th Area - Team Power Day	CG, CP (Plugge, Team Keil), CE, F1B (Gutteridge), Vintage RP (Plugge), P30, H/CLG, E30 (Plugge)	Area
28-30 June	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	4th F1E	F1E Team Selection. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
7 July	Area	5th Area - Summer Holiday	CP, F1Q, F1H (Plugge), 1/2A (Plugge), E36, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2 (Plugge)	Area
21 July	Area	6th Area - KMAA Day	CR, F1A (Plugge, KMAA), F1Q (Plugge), F1J, Vintage RP, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless (Plugge)	Area
3-4 August	Sculthorpe	East Anglian Gala	Saturday - CR, Vintage RP, Classic Glider, Tailless, E36, P30, HLG/CLG Sunday - CP, CE, CG, MV, Classic RP, Co2, Vintage Glider Nationals Bowden Trophy	Mike Woodhouse
3-4 August	Sculthorpe	East Anglian Space	Open Team Practice, all FAI classes.	Trevor Seabrook
18 August	Salisbury Plain	Southern Gala	CG, CR, CP, CE, F1H, F1G, F1J, H/CLG, E30	Ken Faux
1 September	Area	7th Area - Team Rubber Day	CG, CR (Plugge, Team Farrow), CE, F1C (Buskell), 1/2A, E36, Classic RP (Plugge), Classic G (Plugge), H/CLG	Area
7-8 September	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	5th F1E	F1E Team Selection reserve. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
14 September	Sculthorpe	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter
15 September	Sculthorpe	Equinox Cup	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter
14-15 September	Sculthorpe	Stonehenge/ Equinox Space	Space Team selection fall back dates - S1-B, S3-A, S4-A, S5-C, S6-A, S7, S8-EP, S9-A.	Trevor Seabrook
21-22 September	Sculthorpe	F1A, B, C, Q Team Selection Reserve	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	Phil Ball
28-30 September	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	6th F1E	F1E Team Selection reserve. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
6 October	Area	8th Area - Team Glider Day	CG (Plugge, Team Model Engineer), F1B (Plugge), F1J, E36, SLOP (Plugge, Frog Senior), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30	Area
19 October *	Barkston Heath	Midland Gala	Combined Mini (F1H, F1G, F1J), 1/2A, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, E36, H/CLG, CO2	Phil Ball
19 October	Barkston Heath	Midland Gala Space	S1-B, S3-A, S4-A, S5-C, S6-A, S7, S8-EP, S9-A.	Trevor Seabrook
3 or 17 November	Buckminster	Buckminster Gala	TBA	TBC

CD's REQUIRED FOR THE SATURDAY AT THE NATS

Volunteers are urgently required to CD the Saturday at the Nationals.

Please contact any member of the FFTC if you can help out. You will receive plenty of assistance on the day so don't worry if you have not been a CD in the past.

2024 FREE FLIGHT NATIONALS

Free Flight Nationals 2024

Venue

All three days to be at Salisbury Area 8

Facilities

There will be no camping or other facilities except for the provision of toilets.

Awards

- Certificates and medals for all events will be awarded.

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 on the day. There is no exemption for season ticket holders.
- A payment of £25.00 will cover all three days entries.
- Number of flights and maxes to be decided on the day. There will be no rounds for FAI.

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

Saturday 25th May Start 10:00 – 18:00	Sunday 26th May Start 10:00 – 18:00	Monday 27th May Start 10:00 –18:00
Combined Glider	F1A Glider	F1H glider
Combined Rubber	F1B Rubber	F1G rubber
Combined Power	F1C Power	F1J Power
Combined Electric	F1Q Electric	BMFA 1/2A Power
Classic Rubber/Power	Vintage Rubber/Power	E36 Electric
Women's Cup	Slow Open Power	P30 Rubber
Catapult Glider	Classic Glider	E30 Electric
Frog Junior (J)		Mini Vintage
Tailless		CO2 Duration
Vintage Glider		Catapult Glider
		Hand Lunched Glider

Space – Salisbury Area 8

Saturday 27th May Start 10:00 – to 18:00	Sunday 28th May Start 10:00 – to 18:00
S6A Parachute	S3A Streamer

S4A Boost Glider	S1B Altitude
S9A Helicopter	S2-P Payload
S5C Scale Altitude	S8E-P Rocket Glider
	S7 - Scale

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

- Points – 9, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1. As per the Senior Championships. If less than 6 persons fly the scores will be reduced top down.
- In the event of a tie the placings will be decided on the number of entries in the classes flown. If a tie still pertains, then the longest fly off score to decide.

Bowden Trophy – Sculthorpe East Anglian Gala on Sunday 4th August

SALISBURY PLAIN ACCESS – LONDON GALA

Further to the notice in the last newsletter about access to Salisbury Plain there has not been a prolonged dry spell to improve the condition of the tracks. Peter Martin has informed us that he went there recently and got his car stuck on one of the tracks. The London Gala is scheduled for the 13th and 14th of April. If the site is not safe to drive across we will have no alternative but to cancel the event. The FFTC are having a meeting on Tuesday 9th April to decide if the field is accessible or not to normal road cars. Chris Redrup has kindly offered to visit the site on that day to report on the actual conditions on the ground. Following the meeting a notice will be put on the FFTC Webpage to confirm if the event will be on or not. Please check the site before you travel. If the Gala is cancelled there will be time to cancel accommodation.

RULE CHANGES FOR 2025

If you wish to put forward proposals to be considered for rule changes in 2025, please submit them in writing to Simon Dixon at the address above before the end of June 2024.

F1Q AT THE TEAM SELECTION

For this years Team Selection F1Q and F1Q UK models will be eligible. This is to encourage entries in this new class. If you make the team you will obviously need to use F1Q models that fully comply with the FAI specification at the Championships if you intend to compete there.

TEAM SELECTION FOR THE 2025 F1A/B/C/Q WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2025 World Championships for F1A/B/C/Q will take place in Romania in August 2025. The team selection is planned to take at RAF Barkston Heath on 11-12th May 2024. If five flights cannot be completed on that weekend a reserve date is set at 21-22nd September with a final fall back date for flyoffs at the Midland Gala on 19 October if required. To enter the team trials please contact Phil Ball by email at phil.ball@ntlworld.com if you have a 2024 season ticket (includes trials entry) or by post using the form below and you need to submit the £30 entry fee. The closing date for entries is 30th April 2024. **Please note that our licence for flying at Barkston Heath states we cannot start flying until 10:00 am.**

Entry Form 2025 Team Selection

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

Class	F1A	F1B	F1C	F1Q
Please tick				

Please make cheques payable to **BMFA**.

Entries, accompanied by payment to:

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

Email: nordicf1a@outlook.com

