

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 135

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FFTC 2025 CALENDAR

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Date	Venue	Event	Classes	Contact
9 March	Area	1st Area	Open (White Cup, Plugge), FAI (SMAE Glider Cup), Vintage/Classic (Plugge), Mini, HLG/CLG	Area
15-16 March	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	1 st F1E	F1E	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
23 March	Area	2nd Area	Open (Gamage, Plugge), FAI (Halfax. Plugge), Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro	Area
6 April	Area	3rd Area	Open, FAI (Gutteridge), Vintage/Classic (Plugge), Mini (Plugge), Micro	Area
18 or 19 April	North Luffenham	Northern Gala	Open (CMA), Vintage/Classic (Caton), Mini, Micro (Falcons Trophy), HLG/CLG. Club Championships	CD John Carter nordicf1a@gmail.com Ast CD Sue Johnson ds.sue.johnson@gmail.com
4 May	Area	4 th Area	Team Rubber (Farrow Shield, Plugge), Vintage/Classic, Micro, HLG/CLG (Plugge)	Area
4 May	Salisbury Plain	First Space Practice	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9	trevor seabrook contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
10-11 May	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	2 nd F1E	F1E (SMC Trophy)	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
17-18 May	Salisbury Plain	Team Selection	FAI.	Sue Johnson ds.sue.johnson@gmail.com Dave Ginns dginns@hotmail.com
17-18 May	Salisbury Plain	First Space Team Selection	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9	Slawomir Zach slawomirzach@gmail.com
24 or 25 May	Salisbury Plain	London Gala	Open (Pilcher), Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro, HLG/CLG.	Chris Redrup chrisredrup@yahoo.com
1 June	Area	5 th Area	Team Glider (Model Engineer, Plugge), Mini, Micro (Plugge), HLG/CLG.	Area
8-9 June	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	3 rd F1E	F1E Team selection	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
18 June	Webinar		Review of 2025 programme progress to date	Zoom
21-22 June	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	4 th F1E	F1E Team selection	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
6 July	Area	6 th Area	Team Power (Keil, Plugge), FAI (Peter Buskell), Vintage/Classic (Plugge), Mini, HLG/CLG.	Area

12-14 July	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	5 th F1E	F1E Team selection	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
26 or 27 July	Salisbury Plain	Southern Gala	Open, Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro, HLG/CLG.	Chris Redrup chrisredrup@yahoo.com
9 or 10 August	Sculthorpe	East Anglian Gala	Open (Hamley), Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro, HLG/CLG.	Michael Woodhouse, michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com
23-25 August	Sculthorpe	Nationals	All classes. See separate programme	Michael Woodhouse, michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com
7 September	Area	7th Area	Open (Frog Senior, Plugge), FAI (K&MA, Plugge), Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro.	Area
13-14 September	Sculthorpe	Stonehenge and Equinox Cups	FAI.	Peter Martin ffworldcupuk@gmail.com
13-14 September	Midland Rocket Club, Twycross	Second Space Team Selection and Nationals	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9	Slawomir Zach slawomirzach@gmail.com Trevor Seabrook contacttreorseabrook@gmail.com
27-28 September	Sculthorpe	Team Selection Reserve	FAI.	
27-28 September	Sculthorpe	Space Team Selection Reserve	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9	Slawomir Zach slawomirzach@gmail.com
27-29 September	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	6 th F1E	F1E Team selection	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
12 October	Area	8 th Area	Open, FAI (Mick Duce, Plugge), Vintage/Classic, Mini (Plugge), HLG/CLG.	Area
19 October	Buckminster		Free Flight Conference	Simon Dixon BMFAFFTC@outlook.com
25 or 26 October *	North Luffenham	Midland Gala	Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro, HLG/CLG.	Phil Ball phil.ball@ntlworld.com
15 or 16 Alternate 22 or 23 November	Buckminster	Mini Gala	Combined P30/ Coupe d'Hiver, Classic A1 Glider, BMFA Classic Glider (50m. line), E36 (5 sec. run), Mini- Vintage, HLG/ CLG	Simon Dixon BMFAFFTC@outlook.com CD TBC

*Team Selection fall back date

TEAM EVENTS CLARIFICATION

For team events only models that comply with rule 3.1.9.4 (f) are permitted.

The event as always is for a nominated team of three people that must be declared prior to flying commencing. Plugge points will be awarded to 100 points for first place and 1 for last place as standard plugge formula.

In these events no individual prizes will be awarded, only team prize 1 2. and 3rd.

CD RETURNS

CDs need to send cheques to be payable to BMFA FFTC contest, or bank transfer (contact BMFA office for account details) noted FFTC contest.

The amounts sent and details of fees charged must be notified to John Carter within 7 days of the contest.

2025 FREE FLIGHT NATIONALS

Free Flight Nationals 2025
Three days
Saturday 23rd August to Monday 25th August

Venue

All three days to be at Sculthorpe, North Norfolk.

Facilities and access

- There will be no camping or overnight stay allowed on the airfield. There will be no facilities except for the provision of toilets.
- No dogs under any circumstance are allowed on the field.
- All attendees must be BMFA members and must have their membership card with them. Family members are permitted access.

Payments

- There is a no pre-entry requirement. Pay on entry on the day, cash only. The fee will be a simple £10.00 per day charge. This fee allows the entrant to fly in as many events as they desire. BMFA season ticket holders will be required to pay the entry fee.
- A discounted payment of £25.00 will cover all three days.
- The fee covers entry into all free flight, space, Bowden and scale events.
- Casual sport flyers will be required to pay the same entry fees.

Free Flight Open, FAI and mini classes

Saturday 23rd August Start 10:00 – 18:00	Sunday 24th August Start 10:00 – 18:00	Monday 25th August Start 10:00 –18:00
Open Glider	F1A Glider	F1H glider
Open Rubber	F1B Rubber	F1G rubber
Open Power	F1C Power	F1J Power
Open 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 CLG	Classic Glider	E30 Electric
Frog Junior (J)		Mini Vintage
Tailless		CO2 Duration
Vintage Glider		Hand Launched Glider HLG

- The open classification covers all models flown to their class specific rules. E36 flown in open electric will be allowed a full motor run the unlimited fly off.
- The max for all classes to be decided on the day.

- Dependant on the weather the number of flights in the “F” classes to be decided on the day. Also, weather dependant, there may either be no rounds or 2 flights before 13:00.

Free Flight Overall Championships

Championship	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Rubber	Open Rubber	F1B	F1G, P30
Glider	Open Glider	F1A	F1H, Classic Glider
Power	Open Power	F1C	F1J, SLOP
Electric	Open 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 bottom up.
- In the event of a tie the placings will be decided on the number of entries in the classes flown. If a tie persists, then the longest fly off score to decide.

Bowden Trophy and Stan Horne Memorial – Sunday 24th August

The Bowden Trophy will be run by the Peterborough who will in addition run the Stan Horne memorial event. The 250gramme Rule does not apply to the Bowden Trophy or Stan Horne Memorial.

Scale – Saturday 23rd August

- FF2 Scale Free Flight contest for the Selby Trophy.
- FF3 Rubber Precision contest for the Rubber Precision Trophy.

The scale events will be run by the Scale Technical Committee.

Awards

- Certificates and medals will be awarded to all events.

2025 CONTEST FEES

- The contest fees will remain as the 2024 level.
- Single Entry Fees £5 (Covers all events on any single day at Area or Centralised Contests and all F1E contests). Multi day contests £5 per day.
- Separate site fee is applicable. Site fee on FFTC sites is £5 per day; non FFTC sites charge may vary.
- Team Selection: £30 covers all classes and site fee (included is Season Ticket).

- World Cup: £30 per event (included is Season Ticket).
- Note: Members of clubs who have use of the site for trimming and practise, i.e Grantham Club members for Barkston Heath, or permit holders for Salisbury Plain or North Luffenham, will still need to pay the field charge if they enter a contest.
- Juniors: Free of Charge and no site fee except for Nationals
- Nats Entry Fees – £10.00 a day plus site fee. £25 to cover all three days.
- Space: Single Entry Fees £0 - but pay relevant Field charge for site

2025 SEASON TICKET

- The Season Ticket for 2025 has been set at £75. It represents excellent value covering entry to all FFTC run events apart from the Area event site fees and the Nationals. Season tickets for 2025 are available now from John Carter. Please allow 14 days turn around for the licence to be operative.
- To apply for a 2025 season ticket please contact John providing the following:-
- Copy of your BMFA membership card
- Your home postal address and email address
- Cheque for £75 made payable to BMFA
- A stamped self-addressed envelope
- John's address is - La Petite Maison, 45 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke on Trent, Staffs, ST3 7LN
- Email: nordicf1a@outlook.com

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 online. The cost is £30 for Salisbury Plain £40 for North Luffenham. The details of the Conditions of Issue and Code of Conduct are included with the application and must be strictly followed.

F1ABCQ TEAM SELECTION

The 2026 European Championships for F1ABCQ will be held in North Macedonia in August 2026.

Entries for the Team Selection competitions will need to be submitted with the fee of £30 unless you have a season ticket to Phil Ball by the **30th of April** using the form below. Contact Phil on phil.ball@ntlworld.com or by post at 17 Heronswood Drive, Spondon, Derby, DE21 7AX.

Entry Form 2026 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				

