

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 136

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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	5th 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	6th 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 contacttrevorseabrook@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

F1Q AT THE TEAM SELECTION

Please note that F1Q at the team selection will be run with a 2 Joule Energy Limit.

RULE CHANGES

Rule and Calendar changes for next year will discussed at the Webinar on the 18th June. Please join in for the Webinar if you wish to make a positive contribution.

SIXTH AREA - NORTH LUFFENHAM

A reminder that North Luffenham will not be available for the sixth Area on July 6th.

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.

NOTE: ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS OR ANY OTHER PET ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED ON SCULTHORPE. THIS INCLUDES LEAVING THEM IN THE CAR.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RUNNING OF THE NATIONALS.
Please discuss with Mike Woodhouse if you would like to volunteer. Some expenses are available.

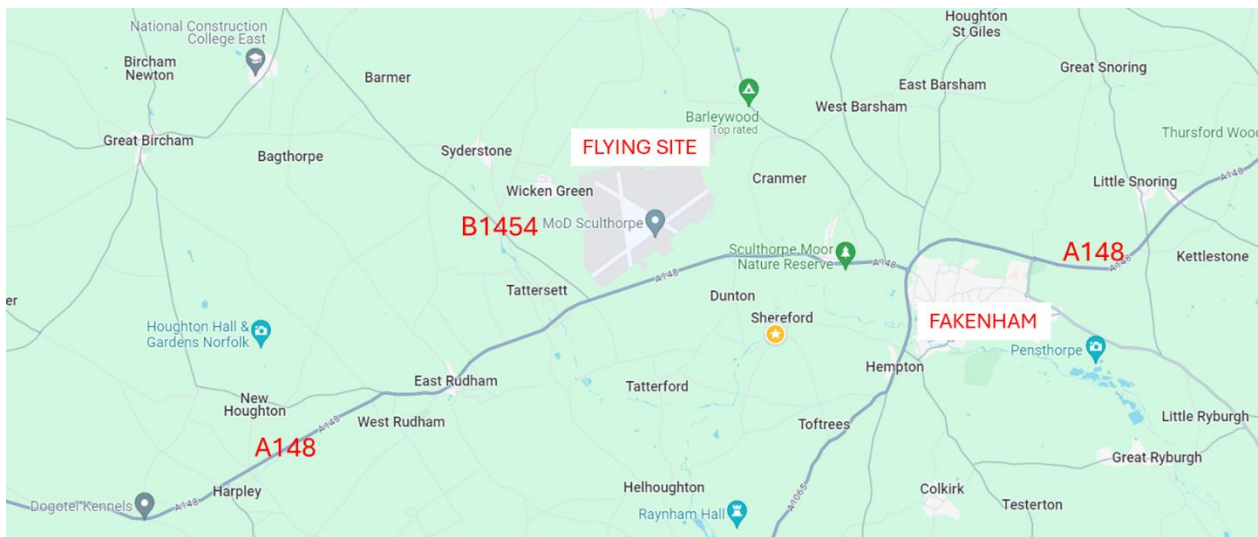
- Saturday one volunteer in place we need one more volunteer.
- Sunday we have the required two volunteers.
- Monday we need two volunteers for the day.

THE STONEHENGE AND EQUINOX CUPS 2025



World Cup Events

Saturday	13 th Sept 2025	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, B, C and Q
Sunday	14 th Sept 2025	Equinox Cup	F1A, B, C and Q



Flying Site

The flying site is situated to the North of the A148 between Fakenham and King's Lynn, just East of the B1454 to Docking and Hunstanton, it will be signposted. GPS coordinates for the site entrance are 52°50'12.73"N, 0°44'44.7"E (decimal 52.83687, 0.74575).

The terrain is mostly short grass, with a mixture of paved runway and perimeter track - Contestants must not drive or park on the runways at any time. The land is a military training area, which is carefully managed to preserve the infrastructure and wildlife. Strictly no dogs are permitted on site, even within cars. Model retrieval is on bicycle or 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.

Rules

The relevant section of the FAI Sporting Code will be followed. All competitors must hold a valid FAI licence and FAI ID number. F1Q will be flown to the 2 Joules / 20 seconds rule.

Entry Procedure

There is an online entry form with card payment at <https://freeflight.bmfa.uk/2025-stonehenge-equinox>.

Alternatively, competitors from the UK who wish to compete in either or

both events can 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 can email their completed entry form(s) to ffworldcupUK@gmail.com.

Overseas entry fees may also be paid on the day in £ or Euros.

Entries must be received by no later than Friday 5th September 2025

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

STONEHENGE CUP + EQUINOX CUP ENTRY FORM 2025

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 13 th	SAT 13 th	SAT 13 th	SAT 13 th	SUN 14 th	SUN 14 th	SUN 14 th	SUN 14 th
Class	F1A	F1B	F1C	F1Q	F1A	F1B	F1C	F1Q
Please tick								

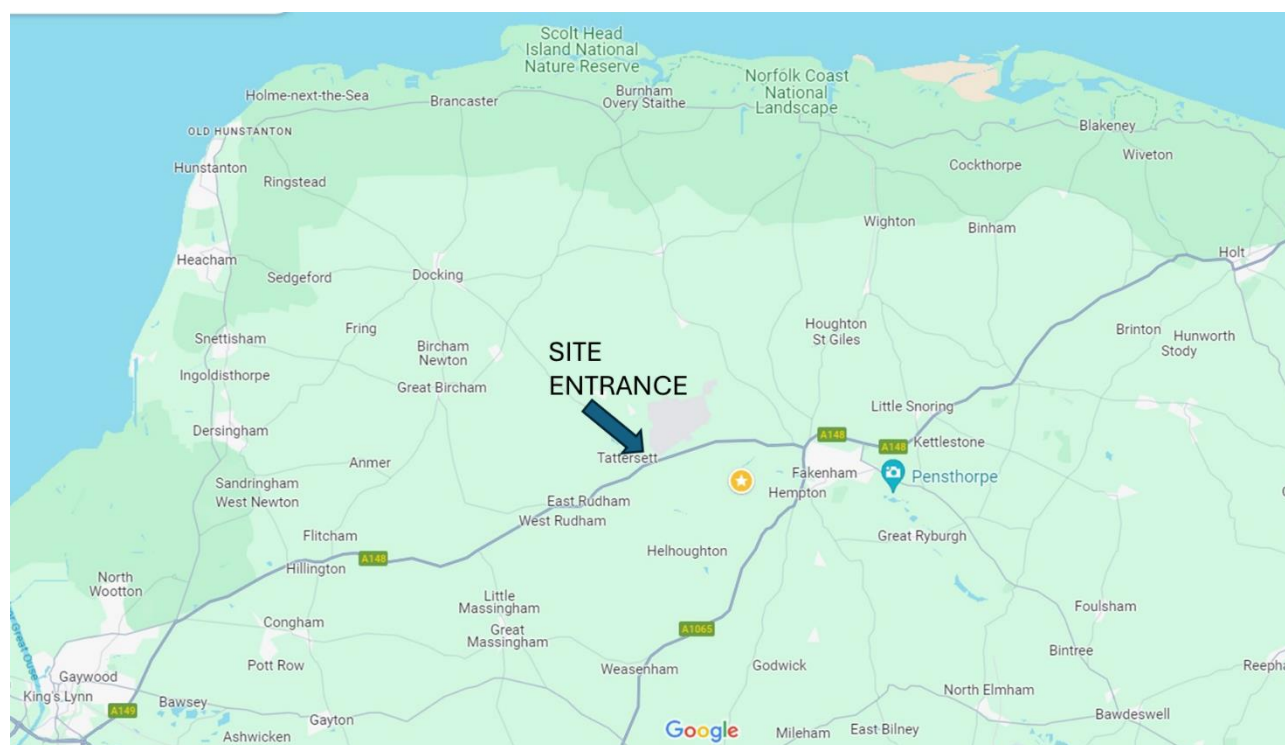
Entry Fees

World Cup Event Single Class (Seniors)	€35/£30 (€70/£60 both events)	
World Cup Event Single Class (Juniors) (Junior aged 18 or under on 31 st Dec 2025).	Free	
Additional classes <u>within</u> each Event (Seniors)	Free	
Additional classes <u>within</u> each Event (Juniors)	Free	
	Total Paid*	

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

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Location Map

