**BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 137**

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**FFTC 2025 CALENDAR**

**FFTC 2025 CALENDAR V3**

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| Date | Venue | Event | Classes | Contact |
| 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 | 6th F1E | F1E Team selection | Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 12 October | Area | 8th 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

**RULE CHANGES**

Rule and Calendar changes for next year will be discussed at the Conference on the 19th October at Buckminster. Please attend the conference if you wish to make a positive contribution.

**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**

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| **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**

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| 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.**

**TEAM MANAGEMENT FOR 2026 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Applications are invited for the posts of Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the 2026 World Championships for F1A, F1B F1C and F1Q to be held in North Macedonia. The dates are yet to be confirmed by the organisers.

Closing date for applications to be received is the end of November 2025.

**THE STONEHENGE AND EQUINOX CUPS 2025**

A stonehenge in the fog at sunset

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**& EQUINOX CUP**

**2025**

**U.K. World Cup Free Flight Events**

**13th/14th September 2025 *RAF Sculthorpe***

**United Kingdom**

**World Cup Events**

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

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

A map with a location on it

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**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](mailto: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.

**F1Q**

F1Q will be flown to 2 Joules.

Only fully compliant models will be included in the results.

**For further information please contact:-**

Peter Martin or Richard Jack ffworldcupuk@gmail.com

**STONEHENGE CUP + EQUINOX CUP ENTRY FORM 2025**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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**

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|  | **Stonehenge Cup – Event 1** | | | | **Equinox Cup – Event 2** | | | |
| **Day** | **SAT**  **13th** | **SAT**  **13th** | **SAT**  **13th** | **SAT**  **13th** | **SUN**  **14th** | **SUN**  **14th** | **SUN**  **14th** | **SUN**  **14th** |
| **Class** | **F1A** | **F1B** | **F1C** | **F1Q** | **F1A** | **F1B** | **F1C** | **F1Q** |
| **Please tick** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Entry Fees**

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

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