

# **BMFA Freeflight tech committee news. Issue 84**

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The FFTC met at the Leicester office on 27 March 2017.

## **CLASHES AND CHANGES**

The FFTC receive communications from the free flight community and endeavour to reply to all. We do consider all input regarding what is happening. Not everyone will be happy with all the decisions that are made, but rest assured that we try to do what we think is best for the overall health of free flight.

Some cases in point:

Clashes of contest dates with other events. We try to spread the calendar across the year as best as possible. Centralised events can be and are dictated by site availability and even then, there may well be restrictions that are beyond our control. The area events are spread across the year and as such there will no doubt be problems, if we avoided all possibility of clashes many days would have to be excluded to chagrin of those who had no interest or involvement in that particular special day.

Nationals classes:

Whatever we do regarding the schedule it will not suit all. The pattern that has evolved seems to cause least number of issues. The idea of circulating the days every year has been suggested however such a move would upset those who like the current schedule and could cause, for example, all sorts of issues like recovery of models from fly offs of the open classes if flown late on the Monday. We will continue to monitor and listen views. We will act on what is feasible and that which we consider will improve the event.

Rules:

The shortened period for fly offs has caused some concern. Why was it done? The fly off is the last shot and should have a degree of pressure and by cutting the period there is a possibility that there will be a reduced chance of lift. Plus this creates a no mistakes scenario! Please note CIAM are proposing a similar idea of reducing the fly off period for the same reasons.

Feed-back:

Please allow plenty of time for your ideas to get into the system. Remember that there is a rule process and we are already having to consider next year's plans and ideas. Nationals plans must be in place by January in order to sort publicity, printing, medals etc.

# NATIONALS

The entry form and event information for the Nationals is now available on the BMFA Website Please complete the PDF form on your computer then print it off and send it to the BMFA office before the 15 May with your fee as directed on the form.

<http://bmfa-nats.org/event/free-flight-space-british-national-championships>

## JUNIOR TEAM FOR 2017 EURO CHAMPS

Juniors that wish to be considered for a place on the team for the 2017 European Championships will be selected on their performance in the respective classes at the Nationals.

## JUNIOR TEAM FOR FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the Junior World and European teams for F1A, F1B and F1P, team selection will be based on the strength of the competitor's performance in BMFA contests and/or in UK hosted FF World Cup contests during the year immediately prior to that in which the World or European Championship will be held. Only Juniors will be permitted to fly F1P class models in the F1C class. Juniors must be a minimum of 12 years of age on 1st January of the year in which the team will compete.

In order to provide practice opportunities for UK Junior power team members, only juniors may compete with F1P models flying to the same maximum as F1C and with motor runs as FAI class definitions for F1P. All F1A, F1B, F1C and F1P Team Selection meetings shall be run, where relevant and desirable, as closely as possible to the FAI rules.

## CONTEST CALENDAR

### BMFA FREE FLIGHT AND SPACE CALENDAR 2017 Publication Ver. V3

**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**

**Please also note that ONLY Team Selection events are subject to postponement due to unsuitable weather**

### **Changes to previous version shown in RED**

DATE	COMPETITION & VENUE	CLASSES/TROPHIES (N.B. <u>Non</u> British FF Championship events are shown in <i>Bold Italic</i> )	PROVISIONAL CONTACT
19 February	1st Area. Area Venues.	F1A(SMAE), F1G(Plugge), C/P (White), E36(Plugge), Mini Vintage(Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.

5 March	2nd Area. Area Venues.	F1H, P30(Plugge), F1J(Plugge), BMFA 1/2A, CE(Plugge), HLG-CLG.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
26 March	3rd Area. Area Venues.	Vintage G(Plugge), C/R (Gamage), F1C (Halfax/Plugge), F1Q, HLG- CLG (Plugge). Combined Power.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
14 April (Good Friday)	Northern Gala. Venue: North Luffenham	C/G (CMA), C/R (Caton), B/P (Hamley); [Club Champs], C/E, SLOP (Falcons), F1H, P30, BMFA 1/2A, Mini Vintage, HLG-CLG.	Contact: Colin Foster 01904798253
23 April	1st F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144

29/30 April	London Gala. Venue: Salisbury Plain.	29th: C/G, C/R, C/P, C/E, P30, CO2. 30th: F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, Mini Vintage, E30, HLG-CLG.	Contact: Trevor Grey 01892 539221
30 April	1st Space Meeting. Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<b><i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9</i></b>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@g mail.com
6/7 May	Stonehenge Cup. Equinox Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<b><i>F1A, F1B, F1C.</i></b>	Richard Jack 04477 62346700 Email: richard_jack@live.com
13 May (N.B. Saturday)	2nd F1E Team Selection Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
14 May	4th Area. Area Venues.	C/G, F1B(Gutteridge), C/P Team (Keil/Plugge), Vintage R/P(Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30(Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
27/28 May	Space National Championships and 1st Space Team Trials. Venue: Barkston Heath.	<b><i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9, (S11 Deleted)</i></b>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@g mail.com

27/28/29 May	National Championships. Venue: Barkston Heath.	27th: B/G (Thurston), B/R (Model Aircraft), B/P (Shelley), B/E, Tailless (Lady Shelley), Women's BG/BR/BP (SAA), Junior BG/BR/BP (Frog Junior), CLG. <b>E30</b> 28th: F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Fred Boxall), F1C (Eddie Cosh), F1Q(Astral), Vintage R/P (Jubilee), SLOP (Peter Harris), HLG (Nats), , P30, Novice Glider & Rubber (J) (junior kit glider & junior kit rubber), Bowden. 29th: F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J(Quickstart), BMFA1/2A(Hales), Mini Vintage (Weston), CO2 (Sparklets), <b>E36</b> , Vintage Glider, Classic R/P, Classic Glider. Plus Junior and overall category championships. <i>Also Non Championship: FF Scale, Lulu/Golden Wings and SAM 35 events.</i>	Contact: Mike Woodhouse, 01603 457754, e-mail: michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com
11 June	2nd Space Team Trials	<b>S8E/P</b>	Contact: Mike Francies 01695 422519
18 June	3rd F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring). SMC Trophy.	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
9 July	4th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
25 Jun	5th Area. Area Venues.	F1H(Plugge), F1G, F1J, E36, BMFA 1/2A Power (Plugge), CO2 (Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
16 July	6th Area. Area Venues.	F1A(KMAA/Plugge), P30, Vintage R/P, F1Q(Plugge), SLOP, Tailless(Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
16 July	2nd Space Team Trials (Reserve date).	<b>S8E/P</b>	Contact: Mike Francies 01695 422519
22/23July	East Anglian Gala. Venue: Sculthorpe.	22nd: B/R, Vintage R/P, Classic Glider, E36, Tailless, HLG-CLG, P30. 23rd: B/G, B/P, C/E, Vintage G, Classic R/P, Mini Vintage, CO2, Bowden.	Contact: Michael Marshall: 01223 246142. e-mail hiver666@aol.com
23 July	2nd Space	<b>S1, S3, S4, S6, S8E/P, S9.</b>	Contact:

	Meeting & 3rd Team Trials, Venue: Sculthorpe.	<i>(S5 and S7 Deleted)</i>	Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttreorseabrook@gmail.com
19 August (N.B. Saturday)	Southern Gala. Venue: Salisbury Plain	C/G (Pilcher), C/R (Flight), C/P (Short), B/E, F1H (Ripmax), F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, E30, HLG/CLG.	Contact Peter Tribe 01225862748 e-mail: petertribe46@talktalk.net
9/10 Sept	1st Team Selection. Venue: Sculthorpe.	<b>FIA, F1B, F1C.</b> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 <sup>th</sup> August. Plus Sept 10 (Sun) Vintage Glider, Classic R/P, P30.	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
17 Sept	7th Area. Area Venues.	Classic Glider (Plugge), C/R Team (Farrow's/Plugge), F1C(Buskell), C/E, Classic R/P (Plugge), HLG-CLG.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
23/24 Sept	2nd Team Selection. Venue: Sculthorpe.	<b>FIA, F1B, F1C.</b> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 <sup>th</sup> August.	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com

24 Sept	3rd Space Meeting & Team Trials Reserve, Venue: Sculthorpe	<b>S1, S3, S4, S6, S8E/P, S9.</b> <i>(S5 and S7 Deleted)</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttreorseabrook@gmail.com
30 September (N.B. Saturday)	5th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
1 October	6th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
7/8 October	Team Selection (Reserve Date). Venue: Salisbury Plain	<b>FIA, F1B, F1C.</b> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection, prior to 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
15 October	8th Area. Area Venues.	CG Team(M'Engineer/Plugge), F1B(Duce/Plugge), SLOP(Frog Senior/Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.

21/22 October (May be either or both days, ring contact before travelling.)	7th F1E (Team Selection Reserve Date). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring). (Non Team Selection if date not needed)	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
28 October (N.B. Saturday)	Midland Gala. Venue: North Luffenham.	F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, E36, P30, SLOP, Mini Vintage, HLG-CLG.	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com

## AREA COMPETITIONS AT MERRYFIELD

There are entry restrictions for flying at Merryfield. Please contact Peter Tribe for details on 01225862748  
e-mail: petertribe46@talktalk.net

## PRIZES AT CENTRALISED EVENTS

For 2017 the prizes at Centralised events will be in the form of high street vouchers to a value of £8 rather than bottles of wine as presented in previous years. In line with previous years, the vouchers will only be handed out at the prize giving to the competitor or their representative.

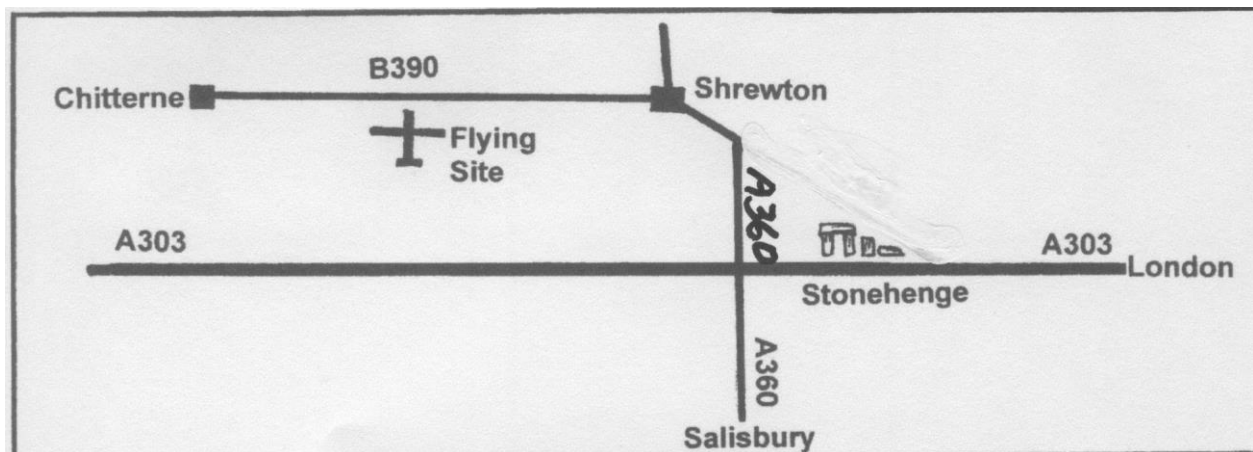
## STONEHENGE/EQUINOX CUP

The Stonehenge and Equinox Cups will be held on the 6/7th May 2017 at Salisbury Plain. The entry form and additional information is attached at the end of this Newsletter and is posted on the FFTC Website. Thanks to Richard Jack and Peter Martin for organising the events for the second year running.



## World Cup Events

Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, B, C/P and Q
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Equinox Cup	F1A, B, C/P and Q



## Flying Site

The site is situated to the south of the B390 between Shrewton and Chitterne and will be signposted from the B390.

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.

## **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 28th April 2017**

## **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

[petertribe46@talktalk.net](mailto:petertribe46@talktalk.net)

**Accommodation and Camping Information**

Information is available on request from Peter Tribe:-

[petertribe46@talktalk.net](mailto:petertribe46@talktalk.net)

***STONEHENGE CUP AND EQUINOX CUP ENTRY FORM 2017***

<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 License No.</b>		<b>BMFA No.</b>	

**World Cup Events**

	<b>Stonehenge Cup</b>				<b>Equinox Cup</b>			
<b>Day</b>	<b>SAT</b> 6th	<b>SAT</b> 6th	<b>SAT</b> 6th	<b>SAT</b> 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SUN</b> 7th	<b>SUN</b> 7th	<b>SUN</b> 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SUN</b> 7th
<b>Class</b>	<b>F1A</b>	<b>F1B</b>	<b>F1C/P</b>	<b>F1Q</b>	<b>F1A</b>	<b>F1B</b>	<b>F1C/P</b>	<b>F1Q</b>
<b>Please tick</b>								

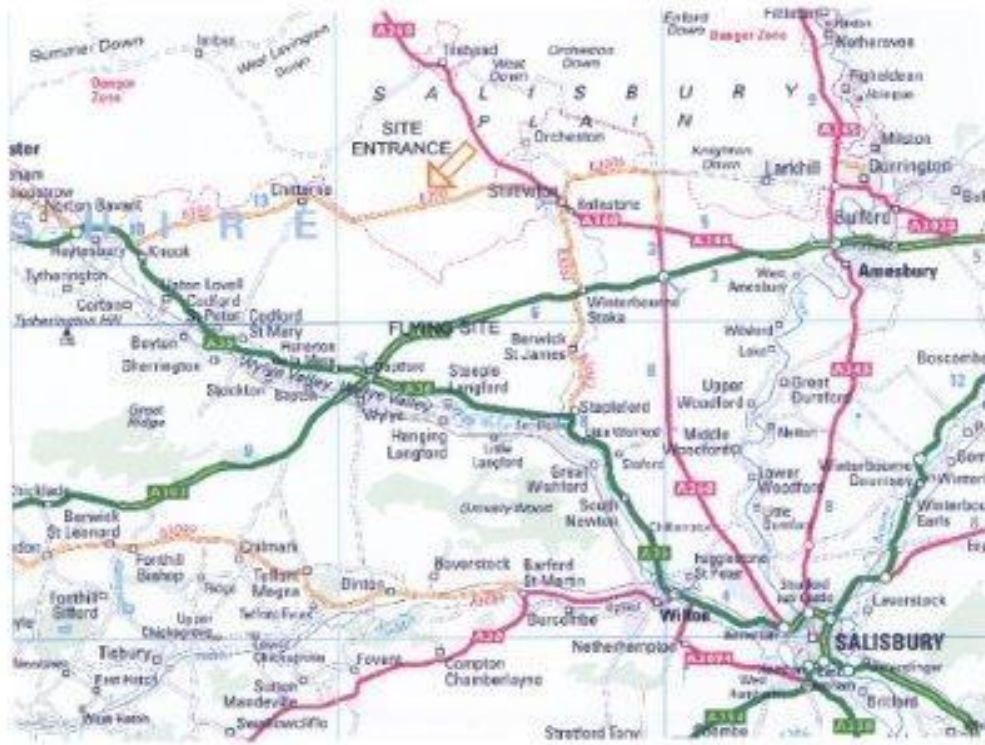
## Entry Fees

<b>World Cup Event</b> Single Class ( <b>Gentlemen</b> )	€25/£20/\$30/ License No.	
<b>World Cup Event</b> Single Class ( <b>Ladies</b> and <b>Juniors</b> ) (Junior aged 18 or under on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2017).	FREE	
<b>Additional classes within each Event (Gentlemen)</b>	€12/£10/\$15	
<b>Additional classes within each Event (Ladies/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'.**

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LOCATION MAP



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