

BMFA Free Flight tech committee news. Issue 89

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The FFTC met at BMFA Office Leicester on the 29 November 2017.

BMFA BUCKMINSTER GALA – REVISED DATE

The poor weather forecast forced the decision to cancel the meeting at Buckminster planned for 12 November. The weather on the day confirmed this to have been the right decision. The communications seemed to work well with no one turning up on the Sunday morning not being aware of the cancellation. Please note that the BMFA website is the correct place to look for the status of events. We would like to run more free flight events at Buckminster, but they could always be cancelled at short notice if the weather forecast is unsuitable for the site. Equally, if competitions do go ahead the max on the day may be amended to suit the available space which could be affected by wind direction and crops at certain times of the year. The intention is to get as much flying as we can for those that want to make use of this great site. For events on a Sunday the latest time for cancellation will be previous Thursday evening and a notice will be put on the website accordingly.

We have decided to have another go on Sunday 17 December as per details below. Please check the website before travelling to ensure that the event has not been cancelled due to the weather forecast.

17 December 2017	Buckminster Gala (Non- championship event)	<i>FIH, FIG, FIJ, BMFA1/2A, E36, P30, Mini Vintage, HLG- CLG.</i>	Contact: Mark Benns 01832 272112 mark.benns@btinternet.com
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CONTEST CALENDAR 2018

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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
18 February	1st Area. Area Venues.	F1A(SMAE), F1G(Plugge), C/P (White), C/R, C/G, C/E, E36(Plugge), Mini Vintage(Plugge), HLG/CLG	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
4 March	2nd Area. Area Venues.	F1H, P30(Plugge), F1J(Plugge), BMFA 1/2A, C/G, C/R, C/P, CE(Plugge), HLG-CLG.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
25 March	3rd Area. Area Venues.	Vintage G(Plugge), C/R (Gamage), C/G, C/P, C/E, F1C (Halfax/Plugge), F1QUK, HLG-CLG (Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
30 March (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, MiniVintage, HLG-CLG.	Contact: TBC
22 April	1st F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com
28/29 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
29 April	1st Space Meeting. Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
12/13 May	Stonehenge Cup. Equinox Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<i>F1A, F1B, F1C, F1P, F1Q</i>	Richard Jack 04477 62346700 Email: richard_jack@live.com

19 May (N.B. Saturday)	2nd F1E Team Selection Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com
20 May	4th Area. Area Venues.	C/G, F1B(Gutteridge), C/P Team (Keil/Plugge), C/R, C/E, Vintage R/P(Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30(Plugge), HLG/CLG.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
26/27 May	Space National Championships and 1st Space Team Trials. Venue: Barkston Heath.	<i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9,</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
26/27/28 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. 28th: F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Fred Boxall), F1C (Eddie Cosh), F1QUK(Astral), Vintage R/P (Jubilee), SLOP (Peter Harris), HLG (Nats), , P30, Novice Glider & Rubber (J) (junior kit glider & junior kit rubber), Bowden. E30 29th: F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J(Quickstart), BMFA1/2A(Hales), Mini Vintage (Weston), CO2 (Sparklets), E36, Vintage Glider, Classic R/P, Classic Glider. Plus Junior and overall category championships. <i>SAM 35 to run non championship events</i>	Contact: Mike Woodhouse, 01603 457754, e-mail: michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com <i>Contact for SAM Events John Ashmole 01406 370188 Email: johnashmole@yahoo.co.uk</i>
17 June	3rd F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring). SMC Trophy.	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com
24 June	5th Area. Area Venues.	F1H(Plugge), F1G, F1J, E36, BMFA 1/2A Power (Plugge), CO2 (Plugge). C/G, C/R, C/P, C/E, HLG/CLG	Contact: Area Comp Secs.

7 July	4th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com
8 July	6th Area. Area Venues.	F1A(KMAA/Plugge), P30, Vintage R/P, F1QUK(Plugge), SLOP, Tailless(Plugge), C/G, C/R, C/P, C/E, HLG/CLG	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
21/22July	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
22 July	2nd Space Meeting & 3rd Team Trials, Venue: Sculthorpe.	<i>S1, S3, S4, S6, S8E/P, S9.</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttreorseabrook@gmail.com
18 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
8/9 Sept	1st Team Selection. Venue: Sculthorpe.	<i>F1A, F1B, F1C.</i> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 th August.	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
16 Sept	7th Area. Area Venues.	Classic Glider (Plugge), C/R Team (Farrow's/Plugge), C/G, C/P, C/E, F1C(Buskell), C/E, Classic R/P (Plugge), HLG-CLG.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
22/23 Sept	2nd Team Selection. Venue: Sculthorpe.	<i>F1A, F1B, F1C.</i> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 th August.	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
23 Sept	3rd Space Meeting & Team Trials Reserve, Venue: Sculthorpe	<i>S1, S3, S4, S6, S8E/P, S9.</i>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttreorseabrook@gmail.com

29 September (N.B. Saturday)	5th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com
30 September	6th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com
6/7 October	Team Selection (Reserve Date). Venue: Sculthorpe	F1A, F1B, F1C. N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection, prior to 19 th August	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
14 October	8th Area. Area Venues.	CG Team(M'Engineer/Plugge), C/R, C/P, C/E, HLG/CLG F1B(Duce/Plugge), SLOP(Frog Senior/Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
20/21 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. kaynes@btinternet.com
27 October (N.B. Saturday)	Midland Gala. Venue: North Luffenham.	F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, E36, P30, SLOP, Mini Vintage, HLG-CLG.	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com

SALISBURY PLAIN 2018

Area 8, Salisbury Plain is available for Free Flight use every Saturday/Sunday, plus 3 Bank Holiday Mondays from January to December. This is always subject to confirmation the preceding Friday morning. An annual permit is available for sport flying/trimming, and is issued by the BMFA Office. Apply through donna@bmfa.org or by phone/letter. The conditions of use, code of conduct, and undertaking remain the same as in 2017. The annual permit fee has increased slightly to £18.

The permit is for sport flying/trimming only. Anyone entering a contest will be required to pay a 'field access fee' of £5/day, whether they have an annual permit or not. The exceptions to this are those BMFA Centralised contests, plus the Stonehenge/Equinox Cups, for which the contest entry fee, or if applicable, a BMFA Free Flight Season Ticket, also covers the 'field access fee'.

Anyone not having a permit can enter organised contests, or sports fly/trim on contest days, on payment of the appropriate fee.

This apparently cumbersome fee structure is considered to be the fairest way to raise the necessary income to cover the cost of the annual licence to use the Area.

BMFA CONTEST FEES 2018

The 2018 fees remain unchanged from last year as set out below.

2018 Free Flight Contest Fees						
FREE FLIGHT			Notes			
Centralised						
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes per day				
Subsequent Classes						
Site Access Charge	£5	Day site ticket per day				
Decentralised						
Per Class	£5	Day ticket covering all classes				
Subsequent Classes						
Site Access Charge	x	Set by Area except Salisbury and Luffenham set by FFTC, Decentralised and F1E set locally				
Season Tickets	£50	Covers all events except Nationals, Decentralised site access and F1E events. Team trials and World Cup events are included.				
Team Selection	£25					
Juniors	Free					
Nationals						
Airfield Pass	£15	Covers 3 days, alternative £10 per day				
	£7	Daily sports flying pass				
1st Class	£11	Championship classes				
1st Class	£6	Non-Championship classes				
Subs Classes	£11	Championship classes				
Subs Classes	£6	Non-Championship classes				
Unlimited Classes	£50					
On field entry	+ 50%					
F1E	£4	plus site fees as appropriate				
Space Modelling	x	Site charge only including team trials				
World Cup	£20	Juniors free				

2018 SEASON TICKET

The cost of the 2018 Season Ticket has been set at £50. It represents excellent value covering entry to all FFTC run events apart from the Nationals and Area Centralised site access fees. For 2018 there will be additional events at all area events making this even better value than before. Season tickets for 2018 are available now from John Carter.

To apply for a season tickets please write to John providing the following:-

- Copy of your BMFA membership card
- Your home postal address and e mail address
- Cheque for £50 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

SAM 35 EVENTS

In addition to the BMFA - run events on the 2018 calendar, there are three "Area Postals" run by SAM 35 (these events are not organised or run by the FFTC). They are open to all insured BMFA members, and can be entered by contacting John Ashmole on 01406 370188 email johnashmole@yahoo.co.uk and purchasing a timecard for £3. Awards are engraved trophies for the winners. These contests are chosen to complement the existing events.

In each case, two dates are provided so that prospective competitors can choose their date according to weather predictions etc. A fuller explanation of how they are organised can be found on the SAM 35 website.

The events are:

- 1) The "March Wynde Trophy" for Lightweight Rubber, dates 4 March or 25 March.
- 2) "Summerglide Trophy" for Classic and Vintage Glider, 20 May or 24 June.
- 3) The "Autumn Trophy" for P30, 15 Sept or 14 October."

SAM 35 will also be running non-championships competitions at the Nationals as follows:-

Sunday 27 May 2018

- Vintage Wakefield 4oz and 8oz
- Lulu (50m line)

Monday 28 May 2018

- 6" Hi- Start Glider
- Under 25" Vintage Rubber (with separate award for best Achilles)
- Low wing/Biplane Cabin Precision (hand launch, classes for Rubber and I.C)