

## **BMFA Free Flight tech committee news. Issue 90**

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The FFTC met at BMFA Office Leicester on the 18 January 2018.

## **CONTEST CALENDAR 2018**

### **BMFA FREE FLIGHT AND SPACE CALENDAR 2018 Publication Ver. V1.2**

**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**

Note: This version (V1.2) corrects class titles shown on V1.1 (example C/R to BMFA Rubber).

<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMPETITION &amp; VENUE</b>	<b>CLASSES/TROPHIES</b> (N.B. <u>Non</u> British FF Championship events are shown in <b><i>Bold Italic</i></b> )	<b>PROVISIONAL CONTACT</b>
18 February	1st Area. Area Venues.	F1A(SMAE), F1G(Plugge), BMFA Power (White), BMFA Rubber, BMFA Glider, BMFA Electric, 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, BMFA Glider, BMFA Rubber, BMFA Power, BMFA Electric (Plugge), HLG/CLG.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
25 March	3rd Area. Area Venues.	Vintage Glider (Plugge), BMFA Rubber (Gamage), BMFA Glider, BMFA Power, BMFA Electric, F1C (Halfax/Plugge), F1QUK, HLG/CLG (Plugge).	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
30 March (Good Friday)	Northern Gala. Venue: North Luffenham	BMFA Glider (CMA), BMFA Rubber (Caton), BMFA Power (Hamley); [Club Champs], BMFA Electric, 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: BMFA Glider, BMFA Rubber, BMFA Power, BMFA Electric, P30, CO2. 30th: F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA 1/2A, Mini Vintage, E30, HLG/CLG.	Contact: Trevor Grey 01892 539221
29 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@gmail.com
12/13 May	Stonehenge Cup. Equinox Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<b><i>F1A, F1B, F1C, F1P, F1Q</i></b>	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.	F1B(Gutteridge), BMFA Power Team (Keil/Plugge), BMFA Rubber, BMFA Glider, BMFA Electric, 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.	<b><i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9,</i></b>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
26/27/28 May	National Championships. Venue: Barkston Heath.	27th: BMFA Glider (Thurston), BMFA Rubber (Model Aircraft), BMFA Power (Shelley), BMFA Electric, 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), ,	Contact: Mike Woodhouse, 01603 457754, e-mail: michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com

		<p>P30, Novice Glider &amp; Rubber (J) (junior kit glider &amp; junior kit rubber), Bowden. E30</p> <p>29th: F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J(Quickstart), BMFA 1/2A(Hales), Mini Vintage (Weston), CO2 (Sparklets), E36, Vintage Glider, Classic R/P, Classic Glider. Plus Junior and overall category championships.</p> <p><b>SAM 35 to run non championship events</b></p>	<p><b>Contact for SAM Events</b>  <b>John Ashmole</b>  <b>01406 370188</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <b>johnashmole@yahoo.co.uk</b></p>
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). BMFA Glider, BMFA Rubber, BMFA Power, 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), BMFA Glider, BMFA Rubber, BMFA Power, BMFA Electric, HLG/CLG	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
21/22July	East Anglian Gala. Venue: Sculthorpe.	22nd: BMFA Rubber, Vintage R/P, Classic Glider, E36, Tailless, HLG/CLG, P30. 23rd: BMFA Glider, BMFA Power, BMFA Electric, Vintage Glider, 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.	<b>SI, S3, S4, S6, S8E/P, S9.</b>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
18 August (N.B. Saturday)	Southern Gala. Venue: Salisbury Plain	BMFA Glider (Pilcher), BMFA Rubber (Flight), BMFA Power (Short), BMFA Electric, F1H (Ripmax), F1G, F1J, BMFA 1/2A, E30, HLG/CLG.	Contact Peter Tribe 01225862748 e-mail thepetertribe@gmail.com

8/9 Sept	1st Team Selection. Venue: Sculthorpe.	<b>FIA, FIB, FIC.</b> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 <sup>th</sup> August.	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
16 Sept	7th Area. Area Venues.	Classic Glider (Plugge), BMFA Rubber Team (Farrow's/Plugge), BMFA Glider, BMFA Power, BMFA Electric, F1C (Buskell), Classic R/P (Plugge), HLG/CLG.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
22/23 Sept	2nd Team Selection. Venue: Sculthorpe.	<b>FIA, FIB, FIC.</b> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 <sup>th</sup> August.	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
23 Sept	3rd Space Meeting & Team Trials Reserve, Venue: Sculthorpe	<b>S1, S3, S4, S6, S8E/P, S9.</b>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttreorseabrook@g mail.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	<b>FIA, FIB, FIC.</b> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection, prior to 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
14 October	8th Area. Area Venues.	BMFA Glider Team (Model Engineer/Plugge), BMFA Rubber, BMFA Power, BMFA Electric, 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, BMFA 1/2A, E36, P30, SLOP, Mini Vintage, HLG/CLG.	Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com

## 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

## THE INAUGURAL BUCKMINSTER FREE FLIGHT GALA 'PART DEUX'

To quote "*Conversation about the weather is the last refuge of the unimaginative*" Oscar Wilde

Therefore:

Following the snow storms from the preceding week and the prospect of average wind strength the decision was declared across the media to come fly at Buckminster. Clearly the weather was going to do its best to stifle our fun and it did its best!... the wind was as predicted but the misty rain and perishing cold kept the hoards at bay. A dozen or so hardy folk arrived for the start of the Contest but most took to the warmth of the facilities and refreshments to cogitate and chin wag, clearly an upside to what we have been used to. For the few hardy flyers cheered on by the remainder... flying catapult, vintage rubber and E36 the day proved an experience. Trevor Payne clearly the 'victor ludorum' as the others perished after token flights. The maximum was set at 1min. 30secs which was sensible for the wind speed and direction.

As the near freezing rain settled in a truce was formed and all resorted to the event building to chew over the venue, its potential and sip another hot cup of coffee. Despite the weather the consensus was unanimous that Buckminster will prove to be an invaluable addition to our flying calendar both for the mini classes as well as trimming. Yes we will need to get the format right, be flexible in our choice of dates, the duration and classes we fly but we can make 'smaller' field flying work.

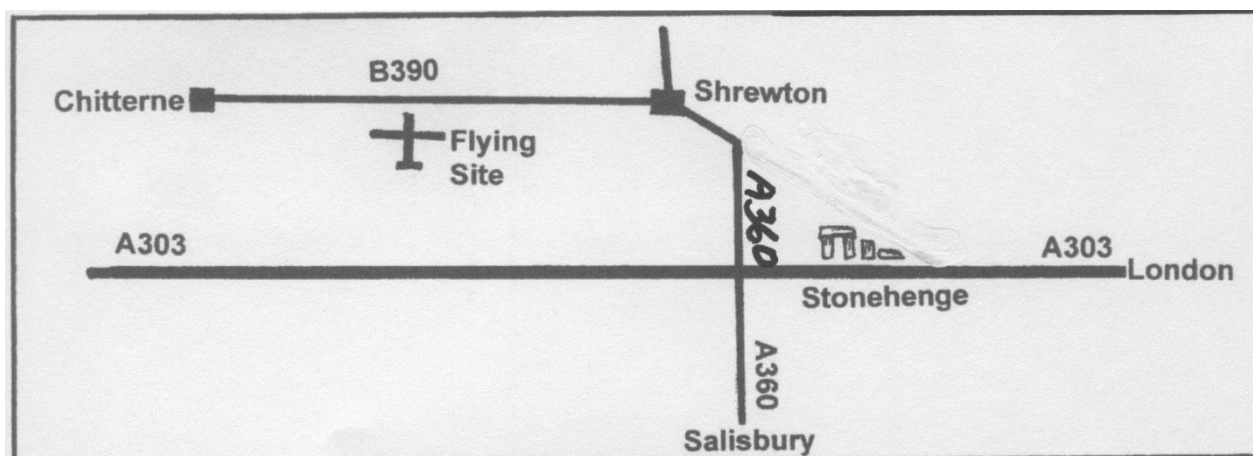
## STONEHENGE AND EQUINOX CUPS 2018

# THE STONEHENGE CUP & EQUINOX CUP 2018

U.K. World Cup Free Flight Events  
12/13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Salisbury Plain  
United Kingdom

### World Cup Events

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, B, C/P and Q
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	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. GPS coordinates for the site entrance are 51°11'29.53"N, 1°57'32.59"W.

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 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### **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 [thepetertribe@gmail.com](mailto:thepetertribe@gmail.com)

### **Accommodation and Camping Information**

Information is available on request from Peter Tribe:-

[thepetertribe@gmail.com](mailto:thepetertribe@gmail.com)

## STONEHENGE CUP AND EQUINOX CUP ENTRY FORM 2018

Full Name			
Address			
Town/City			
Country		Post/Zip Code	
Nationality		Senior/Junior	
Telephone No.		Mobile No.	
Email Address			
FAI License and FAI ID Numbers		BMFA No.	

### World Cup Events

	Stonehenge Cup				Equinox Cup			
Day	SAT 12th	SAT 12th	SAT 12th	SAT 12 <sup>th</sup>	SUN 13th	SUN 13th	SUN 13 <sup>th</sup>	SUN 13th
Class	F1A	F1B	F1C/P	F1Q	F1A	F1B	F1C/P	F1Q
Please tick								

### Entry Fees

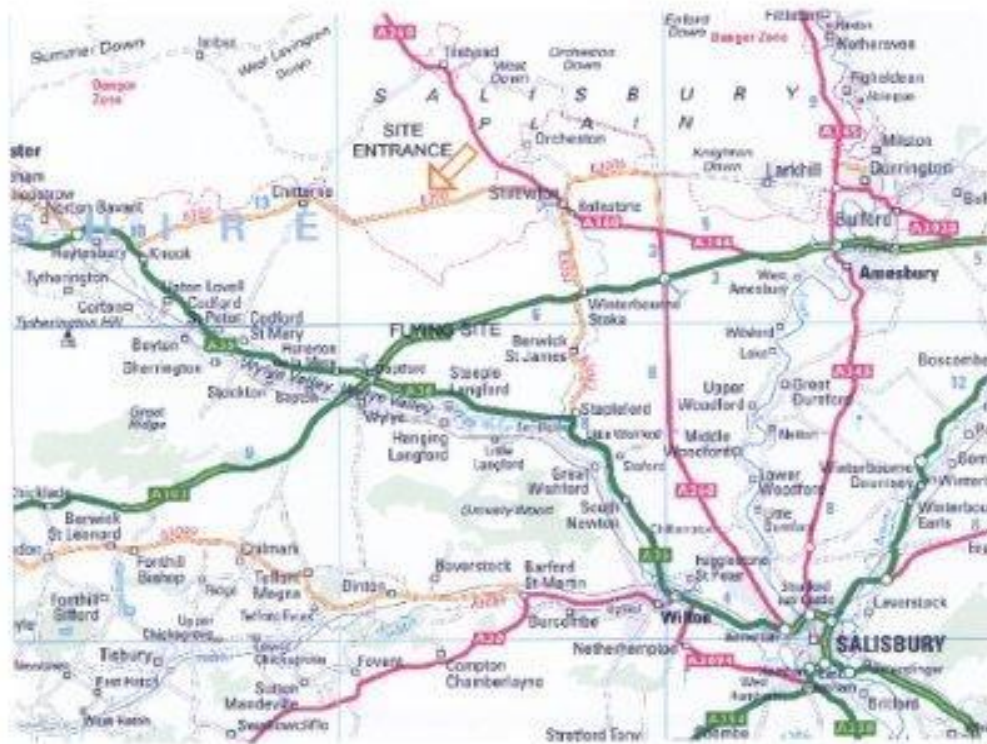
World Cup Event Single Class ( <b>Seniors</b> )	€25/£20/\$30	
World Cup Event Single Class ( <b>Juniors</b> ) (Junior aged 18 or under on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018).	FREE	
Additional classes within each Event ( <b>Seniors</b> )	€12/£10/\$15	
Additional classes within each Event ( <b>Juniors</b> )	Free	
	<b>Total Paid*</b>	

(\*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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