

# **BMFA Freeflight tech committee news. Issue 81**

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The FFTC met at the Leicester office on 9 September 2016.

## **FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 2017**

The members of the 2017 FFTC will be the same as at present. All were re-elected without need for a vote.

## **FREE FLIGHT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WEBSITE**

The FFTC web site is now incorporated into the main BMFA web site. You can access it via BMFA.org. Go to the tab that says "The BMFA", drop down to Technical Committees and select Free Flight (FFTC). That will take you to the website. Alternatively you can type freeflight.bmfa.org into your web browser. In future all communication will be posted via the website rather than emailing it out to a large list of addresses that is inevitably out of date. To receive notification of when news is posted you need to subscribe on the site.

## **FUTURE OF FREE FLIGHT**

What is going to change for 2017? What will be different for 2017 free flight in the UK?

The simple answer on the surface very little will change. The FFTC ran a conference in January where we explained how the World has changed and the need to adapt to that change. Since that date the FFTC have put out suggestions and taken feedback from the free flight community. It is apparent from the vast majority of the feedback that there is an understanding of the situation but this has to be set against the resistance to making changes.

Based upon the conflicts between what we are required to do and what the community wants we have produced a balance in the changes we will make for 2017.

### **Changes for 2017**

- There will be no change to model specifications. We do not wish to make any models redundant.
- The calendar will not be changed. The only change is the effect of Easter, every year the moving date of Easter causes issues. The only real change that only impacts a few relates to the open internationals and the team selection meetings.
- We have assumed that the Nationals will take place at Barkston Heath on the May Spring bank holiday weekend. The chances look good but we have nothing as yet by way of any confirmation.
- We will continue with area events but have made changes to the approval of venues. This change has been introduced to assist those who need more flexibility in finding fields.

### **Other items**

The FFTC is seen by many as being elitist and contest only focused. This view we will endeavour to counter through active encouragement of sports flyers to join in at our events. SAM35 are putting together a programme of linked events.

For centralised events we are giving the CD more flexibility in the management of the event. At centralised meetings there are more participants and the impact we exert on the environment is greater. CDs will have the power to manage more tightly the max and the area from where flying takes place.

### **The future**

In all not a great deal of change. So why did we go through the debate? I will not go into recent problems, as you will all be fully aware. These issues that we face with respect to fields will not go away and in fact the pressure will increase.

Where from here? We, the FFTC will continue to keep a watching brief and will always be open to input from the free flight community. We will always try to keep everyone up to speed on what is happening.

What can you do? Fly with consideration and care wherever you are. Think about how you can help improve things.

We are not going to make it mandatory but do think about installing radio dethermalisers (RDT).

**Michael J. Woodhouse Chairman FFTC**

## **THREAT TO MODEL FLYING FROM EASA**

To highlight the issues facing our future please read the news on the main BMFA Website (BMFA.org) titled “Threat to Model Flying from European Regulation – EASA Prototype Rules for Unmanned Aircraft”. You will find this an uncomfortable read and shows what all model flyers are up against.

## **CONTEST CALENDAR**

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All changes from the previous version are in Red

<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>
24 Sept <b>(N.B. Saturday)</b>	<b><i>Stonehange Cup. Venue: Salisbury Plain.</i></b>	<b><i>F1A, F1B, F1C/P, F1Q.</i></b> World Cup Free Flight events.	Contact Peter Martin & Richard Jack ffworldcupUK@gmail.com
25 Sept	<b><i>Equinox Cup. Venue: Salisbury Plain.</i></b>	<b><i>F1A, F1B, F1C/P, F1Q.</i></b> World Cup Free Flight events.	Contact Peter Martin & Richard Jack ffworldcupUK@gmail.com
25 Sept	<b><i>4th Space Meeting &amp; Team Trials Reserve, Venue: Salisbury Plain</i></b>	<b><i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9.</i></b>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
1 October <b>(N.B. Saturday)</b>	5th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District, <b>or</b> , Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144
2 October	6th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Venue: Peak District, <b>or</b> , Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mob': 0794 185 2144
8/9 October	Team Selection (Reserve Date). Venue: Salisbury Plain	<b><i>F1A, F1B, F1C.</i></b> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection, prior to 16th April.	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com

16 October	8th Area. Area Venues.	CG Team(M'Engineer/Plugge), F1B(Duce/Plugge), SLOP(Frog Senior/Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30.	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
22/23 October (May be either or both days, ring contact before travelling.)	7th F1E (Team Selection Reserve Date). Venue: Peak District, <b>or</b> , Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring). (Non Team Selection if date not needed)	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mob': 0794 185 2144
29 October ( <b>N.B. Saturday</b> )	Midland Gala. Venue: North Luffenham.	<b><i>F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, E36, P30, SLOP, Mini Vintage, HLG-CLG</i></b>	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com
29 October ( <b>N.B. Saturday</b> )	<b><i>5th Space Meeting. Venue:</i></b> North Luffenham.	<b><i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9</i></b>	Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@g mail.com

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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.	Vint' G(Plugge), C/R (Gamage), F1C (Halfax/Plugge), F1Q, HLG-CLG (Plugge). Combined Power (addition)	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
14 April <b>(Good Friday)</b>	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: G.Warburton 0113 2852947 gwarb@aol.com

21 April	1st F1E (Team Selection).  Venue: Near Melton Mowbray	<b><i>F1E (FF Slope Soaring).</i></b>	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538.  Mobile:  0794 185 2144
<b>29/30 April</b>	London Gala.  Venue: Salisbury Plain.	<b>29rd:</b> C/G, C/R, C/P, C/E, P30, CO2.  <b>30th:</b> F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, Mini Vintage, E30, HLG-CLG.	Contact TBC
29 April	<b><i>1st Space Meeting. Venue: Salisbury Plain.</i></b>	<b><i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9</i></b>	Contact:  Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
6/7 May	<b><i>Stonehange Cup. Venue: Salisbury Plain.</i></b>  <b><i>Equinox Cup</i></b>	<b><i>F1A, F1B, F1C.</i></b>	John Carter
13 May <b>(N.B. Saturday)</b>	<b><i>2<sup>nd</sup> F1E TEAM SELECTION</i></b>	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), Vint' R/P(Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30(Plugge).	Contact:  Area Comp Secs.
27/28 May	<b><i>Space National Championships and 1st Space Team Trials. Venue: Barkston Heath.</i></b>	<b><i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9, S11</i></b>	Contact:  Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com

27/28/29 May	National Championships. Venue:  Barkston Heath.	<p><b>27th:</b> B/G (Thurston), B/R (Model Aircraft), B/P (Shelley), B/E, E36, Tailless (Lady Shelley), Women's BG/BR/BP (SAA), Junior BG/BR/BP (Frog Junior), CLG.</p> <p><b>28th:</b> F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Fred Boxall), F1C (Eddie Cosh), F1Q(Astral), Vintage R/P (Jubilee), SLOP (Peter Harris), HLG (Nats), P30, Novice Glider &amp; Rubber (J) (junior kit glider &amp; junior kit rubber), Bowden.</p> <p><b>29th:</b> F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J(Quickstart), BMFA1/2A(Hales), Mini-Vintage (Weston), CO2 (Sparklets), E30, Vintage Glider, Classic R/P, Classic Glider. Plus Junior and overall category championships.</p> <p><i>Also Non Championship: FF Scale, Lulu/Golden Wings and SAM 35 events.</i></p>	Contact: Mike Woodhouse, phone: 01603 457754, e-mail: MichaelWoodhouse1942@gmail.com
11 June	3rd F1E (Team Selection).  Venue: Near Sheffield, <b>or</b> , Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring). SMC Trophy.	Contact:  Ian Kaynes 01252 512538.  Mob: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, Vint' R/P, F1Q(Plugge), SLOP, Tailless(Plugge).	Contact:  Area Comp Secs.
22/23July	East Anglian Gala.  Venue: Sculthorpe.	<p><b>22nd:</b> B/R, Vint' R/P, Classic Glider, E36, Tailless, HLG-CLG, P30.</p> <p><b>23rd:</b> B/G, B/P, C/E, Vint'G, Classic R/P, Mini Vintage, CO2, Bowden.</p>	Contact:  Michael Marshall: 01223 246142.e-mail hiver666@aol.com

13 August	4th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District, <b>or</b> , Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mob': 0794 185 2144
19 August <b>(N.B. Saturday)</b>	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 <a href="mailto:petertribe46@talktalk.net">petertribe46@talktalk.net</a> 01225862748
9/10 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. Plus Sept 10 (Sun) Vint' Glider, Classic R/P, P30. ?	Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: <a href="mailto:phil.ball@ntlworld.com">phil.ball@ntlworld.com</a>
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, FIB, FIC.</b> N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 <sup>th</sup> August. Plus on Sept 24 (Sun) Vint' Glider, Classic R/P, P30.	
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30 September <b>(N.B. Saturday)</b>	5th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District, <b>or</b> , Near Melton Mowbray	F1E (FF Slope Soaring).	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. Mobile: 0794 185 2144



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## AREA RESULTS

Each Area CD must submit results to Phil Ball by email (preferred) or post, to arrive within eight days after the day of the contest. To avoid any misunderstanding please keep a proof of sending to confirm compliance, see rule 2.3.16 (1). Phil would also like to receive a nil return if no scores are recorded.

## TEAM MANAGERS

Application forms for the following Team Management positions are invited:-

- 2017 Free Flight World Championships for F1A/B/C – Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager
- 2017 Junior Free Flight European Championships for F1A/B/P – Team Manager
- 2017 Free Flight World Championships for F1E – Team Manager

## 2017 Space Models World Championships – Team Manager

Detailed adverts with closing date for receipt of applications are on the website.