

BMFA Free Flight tech committee news. Issue 85

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The FFTC met at the Leicester office on 11 May 2017.

CONTEST CALENDAR

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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 |
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| 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. | <i>S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8E/P, S9, (S11 Deleted)</i> | Contact: Trevor Seabrook, 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttreorseabrook@gmail.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. E30 28th: F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Fred Boxall), F1C (Eddie Cosh), F1Q(Astral), Vintage R/P (Jubilee), | Contact: Mike Woodhouse, 01603 457754, e-mail: michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com |

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| | | 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), E36 , Vintage Glider, Classic R/P, Classic Glider. Plus Junior and overall category championships. Also Non Championship: FF Scale, Lulu/Golden Wings and SAM 35 events. | |
| 11 June | 2nd Space Team Trials | S8E/P | 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). | S8E/P | 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 Meeting & 3rd Team Trials, Venue: Sculthorpe. | S1, S3, S4, S6, S8E/P, S9. (S5 and S7 Deleted) | Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@g mail.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 |

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| 9/10 Sept | 1st Team Selection. Venue: Sculthorpe. | FIA, FIB, FIC. N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 th 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. | FIA, FIB, FIC. N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection prior to 19 th August. | Contact: Phil Ball 01332 665361. e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com |

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| 24 Sept | 3rd Space Meeting & Team Trials Reserve, Venue: Sculthorpe | SI, S3, S4, S6, S8E/P, S9. <i>(S5 and S7 Deleted)</i> | Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@g mail.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 | FIA, FIB, FIC. N.B Pre-entry only, for 1st & 2nd Team Selection, prior to 19 th 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 |

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| 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 |
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CONTEST CALENDAR 2018

It is expected that the Contest Calendar for 2018 will be broadly similar to 2017. We would welcome any comments or suggestions as to how the calendar could be improved. Please send your comments in writing to Chris Strachan.

STONEHENGE/EQUINOX CUP

The Stonehenge and Equinox Cup International Competitions took place over the weekend of the 8/9th May and were a success attracting a good entry. Many thanks go to Richard Jack and Peter Martin for all the work they put into managing the events and to John Cuthbert for taking on the job of CD. A great job done by all and very much appreciated.

TOILETS ON SITES

The Army has told us that the usual Toilet facility at Salisbury Plain will not be made available in future. There may well be other sites that we fly on that do not have toilet facilities. It is unacceptable for any of us to defecate on these sites so in future if you are caught short please make provision to take your mess home with you.

BMFA Rule Changes for 2018

Yes, it's time once more to start to think about next year's rule book if we are to pass proposals to Technical Council by the due date in September

In 2017 the FFTC will operate a similar process to the one used previously to collect and consider ideas for rule changes. The time table will be:

With this notice Announce the process and ask for input

14th June FFTC Meeting Review progress and prepare list of possible rule changes including
FFTC proposals for performance reduction

Late July FFTC review Review responses and amend proposals if necessary

Early August Publish revised proposals

Early Sept. FFTC Meeting Prepare final rule changes for submission to Technical Council

Please send you proposals to the FFTC secretary chris.strachan@btinternet.com