

FREE FLIGHT

News

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April 9-10 Salisbury Plain	London Gala. 9th: C/R, C/G, C/P, Vintage R/P, P30, CO2, CLG, F1E. 10th: F1G, F1H, F1J-BMFA1/2A, Vintage Glider, Mini Vintage, SLOP, E30, HLG. Contact: T Grey 01892 539221.	April 23 Middle Wallop	SAM 1066 Glider Day. Over 50in Vintage G, up to 31/12/50, 100m line; Over 50in Classic Open G, up to 31/12/60, 75m line; Unorthodox up to 31/12/60, 100m line; Comb up to 50in Vint +Classic G (up to 30/12/50 100m, up to 31/12/60 75m). All event 3 flights, max to be decided on the day. All competitors must be BMFA members. Contact Rod Audley, tel: 01454 250354, email: rod.audley@btinternet.com
April 9-10 Oberkotzau , Germany	2 F1E World Cup events. 9th: international, 10th Föhrberg Cup. Contact: Peter Kuttler, Schneebergstr 26, 95145 Oberkotzau, Germany, tel: +49 9286 61 87, email: peter-kuttler@web.de	April 25 Middle Wallop	Croydon Wakefield Day. See FFn 1102. F1B (Thurston Trophy, in rounds), 4oz Vint Wake (Fairlop Cup), 8oz Vint Wake (Ted Evans Trophy), Marcus Lightweight Challenge. Start 10 am. Martin Dilly 020 8777 5533 martindilly@compuserve.com
April 15-17 Vize – Kırklareli, Turkey	Istanbul FF Cup. F1A, F1B, F1C World Cup event. Contact: Ismet Yurtseven, Bulgurlu, Aydinoglu Sokak no 21, 34696 Camlica Uskudar - Istanbul, Turkey, tel: +90 216 521 1414, fax: +90 216 4619180, e: ismety@banksoft.com.tr web: www.turkey-ff.org	April 30 – May 1	BMFA Salisbury Plain. See April 16-17.
April 16 Tass, Hungary	Lucenec Cup - Slovakia. F1A, F1B, F1C World Cup event. Contact: Stefan Hubert, Malinovskyho 5, 98403 Lucenec, Slovakia, tel: +421 905 145107, email: gabika1988@hotmail.com	April 30 - May 1 Embalse, Argentina	Embalse World Cup. F1A, F1B, F1C World Cup event. Contact: Daniel H. Iele, Victoria 1271, Hurlingham, Buenos Aires, Argentina, tel +5411 4665 3626, fax +5411 4665 3626 web: www.embalse2011.com email: aerostar@advancedsl.com.ar
April 16-17 Salisbury Plain	BMFA Trimming Weekend. See FFn 1012 Must call Peter Tribe on Friday before 01225 862748.	May 2-9 Embalse, Argentina	FAI World Championships. F1A, F1B, F1C. See FFn 1012. web: www.embalse2011.com
April 22 (Good Friday) Church Fenton	BMFA Northern Gala. C/G (CMA), C/R (Caton), C/P (Hamley), SLOP (Falcons), F1H, F1J-1/2A, P30, Mini-vintage, E30, CO2, HLG-CLG. Contact: Denis Davitt 0113 2675433	May 7 Salonta, Romania	Szabó Miklós Memorial Contest. F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q. Contact: József Guti, Arany J.u.47, 5700 Gyula, Hungary, tel: +36 20 363 55 73, email: guti@fafem.hu, web: http://faif1abc.com
April 23-24 Rana near Louny, Czech Rep.	2 F1E World Cup events. 23rd Rana Spring Cup I, 24th Rana Spring Cup II. Contact: Josef Kubes, Dr Steinera 22, 27201 Kladno, Czech Rep., tel: +420 737 164138, j.kubes@centrum.cz	May 7-8	BMFA Salisbury Plain. See April 16-17.
April 23-24	BMFA Salisbury Plain. See April 16-17.	May 8 CANCELLED	BMFA F1E. Contact: Ian Keynes 01252 512538.
		May 8 Middle Wallop	Crookham Gala. See page 32. F1G, mini vint RGP, comb power, comb glider. Contact John Thompson Tel. 01252 842471, JohnD.Thompson@btinternet.com

PA85, F1A BY PETER ALLNUTT

Peter writes "PA85 is my latest model. The wing was designed by Brian Eggleston for people like me who cannot do the 100 in 10 seconds! It has very low drag like the thick ones but a much better glide. Definitely Brian's best to date."

LIFE AFTER XYNTHIA - VIABON RUBBER DAYS 2011, FEB 26

Report by Peter Tolhurst

Xynthia was of course the storm in France, with 50-70 mph winds that blew out the 2010 Maurice Bayet F1G competition, and raised the roof, literally, of the Mellay airfield clubhouse. Fortunately there was no repeat this year, even though it was a trifle breezy over the weekend.

The Philippe LePage F1B world cup event alternates between the south of France in the autumn, and Viabon in February. This year it was Viabon's turn, with the competition being held on the Saturday, along with vintage Wake, vintage coupe and P30. Wind and rain were forecast, and so it was to be! Because of the 15-20 mph windspeed and reduced visibility at the start, a 2 min 30 max was set for F1B, and 2 mins for the other classes.

The first F1B round started at around 9.15, and such were the conditions that several noted fliers, including Bernd Silz, Gerard Marquois and Serge Tedeschi dropped the first flight. Intermittent rain showers were experienced all morning, which made for miserable retrieving. Similarly the ploughed fields resulted in heavy mud clogged boots, not so good for the less than supremely fit!! By the end of the third round the wind had veered through 90 degrees, and some of the last flights from the line appeared to be clocked off as sub maxes, with the models hidden behind the farm buildings. By now, some 60% of the competitors had dropped flights.

After lunch, for the last two rounds, the flightline was moved to provide a clear line of sight. Even so, if the models drifted off much to the left they ran the risk of being hidden by the buildings. At the start of the final round, only Dag Larsen and Mike Woolner had four maxes apiece; Larsen maxed out, and the British contingent held its collective breath when Mike came to fly. Unfortunately the flight was 8 seconds short, which dropped him to fourth place. Peter Moenninhoff was second, and Guy Buisson third.

Of the other classes, despite good entries, the number of competitors who actually put in flights was disappointing. In vintage Wake, only two flew, with Mike Marshall maxing out, despite his model undertaking some "interesting" prop hanging on one flight. P30 had four competitors, with last year's winner Chris Strachan repeating the trick, and with Ted Tyson second. In Coupe Ancien, a first flight max followed by dogged perseverance and luck, allowed me to sneak home in front of Pierre Marrot, with Claud Deur in third place.

No flyoffs in any class allowed an early prizegiving, which was fortunate as at that point the previous light rain showers turned into a torrential downpour.

Weather conditions for the Maurice Bayet F1G competition on the Sunday were a little better in that there was no rain. However the wind hadn't abated and appeared to be around 15 mph for much of the day, with occasional lulls. The turnout was much better than yesterday, with 21 competitors making flights, six of whom flew a second model. By way of explanation, the Maurice Bayet comp rules do not allow the use of a spare model. However, second entries are allowed although this does mean that double the number of flights need to be made. Not a problem in calm conditions, but a real slog in a breeze.

The French competitors were quick off the mark, and Charles Lusicic - he of the innovative prop hubs - knocked off two quick maxes with his foam winged model. Similarly, Michel

Picol and Jean-Luc Drapeau, both currently high in the EuroChallenge F1G league, had a pair of maxes.

Meanwhile the British contingent was faring less well, with Dave Greaves dropping one second on his second flight, and the rest of us posting sub max flights. Retrieving across the ploughed fields seemed worse than yesterday, probably due to last night's downpour. Also some models were damaged when the breeze tumbled them on landing.

After lunch the usual 3 minute max round began, and as the times came in we saw significant movements up and down the leaderboard. Charles Lusicic and Daniel Norget had sub 100 sec flights which dropped them to 10th and 14th places respectively, while Gilles Chauveau moved into second place with his 180 sec flight. Only three people, including Mike Marshall, achieved the 3 minute max, but Ted Tyson came close, dropping just 7 seconds. In the end, Michel Picol flew steadily to max out and win, Gilles Chauveau came second, Jean-Luc Drapeau third, and Dave Greaves fourth.

As usual, drinks and snacks accompanied the prizegiving, which this year featured the presentation of large framed drawings of technical artefacts - one of which was a guillotine, if my memory isn't playing tricks.

Finally, thanks must be given to the ladies of the PAM club, who laid on excellent and much appreciated lunches on both days - onion soup, baguettes with various fillings, the famous oeufs dur, and drinks - of which the mulled wine was a great reviver after a morning's hard retrieving.

That's it for another year, roll on 2012.

F1B 8th Philippe Lepage 16 flew

1	D Larsen	NOR	750
2	P Monninghoff	GER	744
3	G Buisson	FRA	743
4	M Woolner	GBR	742
5	H Meusburger	AUT	737
6	G Marquois	FRA	723
7	M Rigault	FRA	712
8	W Morandini	FRA	709

F1B-Junior 1 flew

1	R Bardon	FRA	562
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Waks Anciens = Vintage Wake 2 flew

	Model		
1	M Marshall	Lanzo DX 38	360
2	V Bahnik	Korda	58

Ch Anciens = Vintage Coupe 5 flew

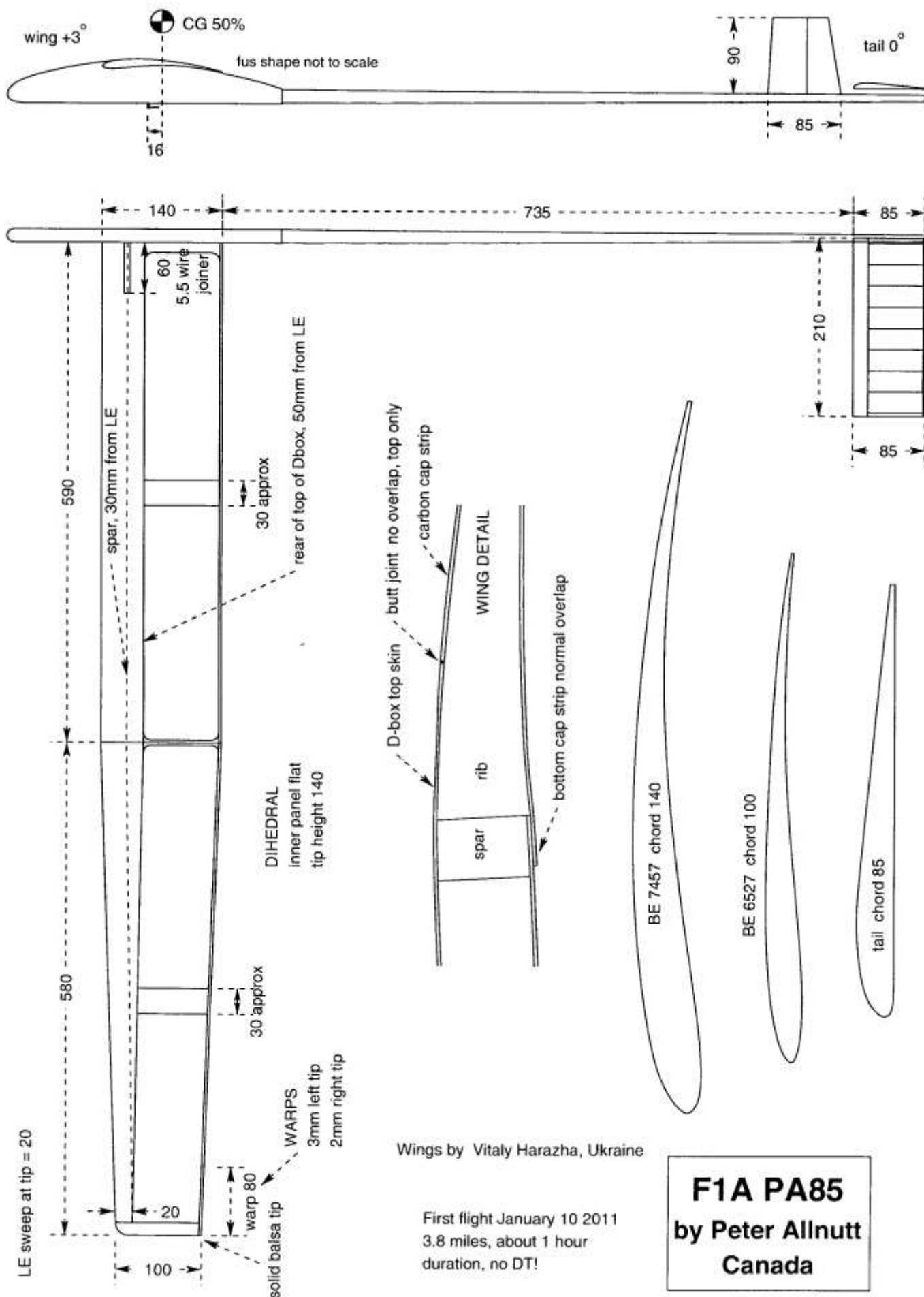
1	P Tolhurst	Etienvre	311
2	P Marrot		305
3	C Deur	Machaon	238
4	V Bahnik	Bagatelle	49

P 30 3 flew

1	C Strachan	GBR	340
2	E Tyson	GBR	272
3	J Delcroix	FRA	73

Coupe d'hiver F1G 27 flew

1	M Picol	FRA	420
2	G Chauveau	FRA	382
3	J Drapeau	FRA	370
4	D Greaves	GBR	360
5	G Buisson	FRA	356
6	P Marrot	FRA	346
7	S Millet	FRA	343
8	M Marshall	GBR	333
9	E Tyson	GBR	331
10	C Lusicic	FRA	330
11	P Tolhurst	GBR	315
12	S Millet	FRA	313
13	C Strachan	GBR	313



MURA CUP, MORAVSKE TOPLICE, SLOVENIA, MARCH 11-13

F1A 47 flew

1	M Gobbo	ITA	831
2	D Terlep	SLO	827
3	S Savic (J)	SRB	810
4	K Halicki	POL	777
5	M Krupa (J)	POL	687
6	A Oucek (J)	SLO	676
7	S Zachara (J)	SVK	665
8	L Biteznik (J)	SLO	619
9	N Nikolov	BUL	613
10	A Sychova (J)	UKR	595
11	M Betak (J)	SVK	567
12	M Kremic (J)	BIH	532
13	B Bardarov	BUL	442
14	I Bombek	CRO	416
15	C Bonchev	BUL	413
16	J Keselak	SVK	406
17	R Holzleitner	AUT	385
18	S Szijjarto	ROU	371
19	J Titan	SLO	330

F1A-Junior 12 flew

1	S Savic	SRB	810
2	M Krupa	POL	687
3	A Oucek	SLO	676

F1B 8 flew

1	I Yurtseven	TUR	450	+107
2	N Bilevicz (J)	POL	450	
3	H Helmbrecht	GER	436	

F1B-Junior 3 flew

1	N Bilevicz	POL	450
2	B Skibicki	POL	423

F1C 1 flew

1	R Truppe	AUT	90
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HOLIDAY ON ICE, GJOVIK, NORWAY, MARCH 12-13

F1A 43 flew

1	M Kosonozhkin	RUS	930	+300
2	S Makarov	RUS	930	+299
3	K Huber	SWE	930	+295
4	O Findahl (J)	SWE	930	+261
5	P Findahl	SWE	930	+257
5	K Henriksson	FIN	930	+257
7	J Nyhegn	DEN	930	+248
8	D Halbmeier	GER	930	+240
9	H Westen (J)	SWE	930	+234
10	S Jensen	DEN	930	+226
11	M Holmbom	SWE	930	+174
12	R Hellgren	SWE	928	
13	S Olstad	NOR	927	
14	P Kuikka	FIN	918	
15	L Jensen	DEN	907	
16	I Steffensen	NOR	906	
17	T Weimer	GER	904	
18	L Malila	SUI	897	
19	A Plume (J)	LAT	896	

F1A-Junior 4 flew 2 full scores

1	O Findahl	SWE	930	+261
2	H Westen	SWE	930	+234

F1B 23 flew 14 full scores

1	A Andriukov	USA	960	+420	+366
2	T Luman	EST	960	+420	+239
3	R Peers	GBR	960	+410	
4	M Woolner	GBR	960	+380	
5	O Torgersen	NOR	960	+353	
6	V Rosonoks	LAT	960	+351	
7	R Mackus	LTU	960	+321	
8	N Hollander	SWE	960	+315	
9	B Eimar	SWE	960	+305	

F1B-Junior 1 flew

1	J Ancans	LAT	776
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F1C 2 flew

1	K Kuukka	FIN	883
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F1Q 2 flew 2 full scores

1	A Lindner	GER	900	+273
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BEAR CUP, SÄKYLÄ, PORI, FINLAND, MARCH 19-20

F1A 51 flew

1	M Kosonozhkin	RUS	1607
2	P Findahl	SWE	1567
3	L Nielsen	DEN	1554
4	K Henriksson	FIN	1537
4	M Henriksson	FIN	1537
6	J Savolainen	FIN	1510
7	H Salminen	FIN	1505
8	A Parna	EST	1497
9	H Westen (J)	SWE	1495
10	T Lepp	EST	1494
10	P Ronkanen	FIN	1494
12	A Klungrehaug	NOR	1488
13	M Lihtamo	FIN	1477
14	L Malila	SUI	1471
15	P Kuikka	FIN	1468
16	J Nyhegn	DEN	1466
17	J Juslin	FIN	1464
18	J Laaksonen	FIN	1428
19	T Pajunen	FIN	1419
20	O Findahl (J)	SWE	1402

F1A-Junior 5 flew

1	H Westen	SWE	1495
2	O Findahl	SWE	1402
3	D Asberg	SWE	1190

F1B 24 flew

1	W Ghio	USA	1584
2	T Luman	EST	1578
3	M Woolner	GBR	1570
4	V Rosonoks	LAT	1563
5	A Khrebtov	RUS	1554
6	J Isotalo	FIN	1548
7	R Peers	GBR	1545
8	M Solodov	RUS	1490
9	A Selepov	RUS	1341
10	R Mackus	LTU	1200

F1B-Junior 2 flew

1	J Ancans	LAT	1154
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F1C 6 flew

1	A Drozdov	RUS	986
2	J Roots	EST	900
3	V Tiho	EST	896

F1Q 3 flew

1	H Salminen	FIN	1200
2	M Lihtamo	FIN	1164

MATFORS VT INTERNATIONAL, MATFORS, SWEDEN, MARCH 15-16

F1A 13 flew 10 full scores

1	P Findahl	SWE	930	+385
2	K Huber	SWE	930	+285
3	O Findahl (J)	SWE	930	+282
4	H Westen (J)	SWE	930	+278
5	K Henriksson	FIN	930	+271
6	M Kosonozhkin	RUS	930	+263
7	K Valkonen	FIN	930	+258

F1A-Junior 4 flew 3 full scores

1	O Findahl	SWE	930	+282
2	H Westen	SWE	930	+278

F1B-Junior 1 flew

1	J Ancans	LAT	821
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F1B 17 flew

1	Y Waltonen	FIN	960	+313
2	W Ghio	USA	960	+296
3	B Eimar	SWE	960	+259
4	T Luman	EST	960	+233
5	O Torgersen	NOR	960	+215
6	A Kutvonen	FIN	960	+164
7	V Rosonoks	LAT	950	
8	V Nereng	NOR	941	
9	G Wivardsson	SWE	940	

F1C 1 flew

1	J Roots	EST	87	
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NEWS FROM BMFA FF TECH COMMITTEE**FFTC Meeting**

The FFTC met on 23 March 2011 and the following are notes on items of interest:

CDs For National Championships

CDs are still needed for the National Championships. If you can help please contact Mike Woodhouse on 01603 457754 or mike@freeflightsupplies.co.uk.

Stonehenge Cup 2011

The 2011 Stonehenge Cup is rapidly approaching (14th and 15th May). If you have not yet sent in your entry make sure you send it to reach Chris Chapman before the 20th April closing date. In case you haven't noticed there will be an FIG Coupe d'Hiver event and F1P Power will be included this year alongside the usual F1A,B,C and Q classes.

Space – Equinox Cup

Please note that some Magazines show the Space Equinox Cup at Salisbury Plain and this is incorrect. The Space Equinox Cup venue will be Barkston Heath.

Free Flight and Space Nationals 2011

The entry forms and information for the Free Flight and Space Nationals have been issued with BMFA News and entries should be submitted before 16th May.

Rule Changes For 2012

Time to think about rule change proposals for the 2012 season.

The time table will be:

With this notice Announce the process and ask for input

May 12th FFTC Meeting. Review progress

Early June Report on progress

Mid June FFTC Meeting. Prepare list of suggested rule changes

Early July Publish suggestions for comment

Late July FFTC review. Review responses and any further suggestions. Publish updated list of suggestions for comment

August FFTC Meeting. Prepare list of proposed rule changes

September Publish FFTC's proposals for final comment

End September Prepare final list of changes and submit to Technical Secretary for October Technical Council.

If you have any suggestions for rule changes please submit them to Chris Strachan at 56 Way Lane, Waterbeach, Cambridge, VB25 9NQ. email: chris.strachan@btinternet.com

CDs For Team Selection Meetings

CDs are needed so that the three Team Selection meetings can go ahead this year. If you can help please contact John Carter on 01782 398816 or carterbuild@yahoo.co.uk

Free Flight Showcase

There will not be a Free Flight Showcase at the R/C and Control Line Nationals this year as no volunteer has been found to co-ordinate the effort.

Team Selection Process

Following discussion of options it has been decided that in 2012 the team selection process shall comprise two separate events. Selection shall be decided on total score with totals of fly offs at each event only used to resolve ties. Any remaining ties will be resolved by additional fly-offs at the second event.

Competition Calendar

There are no changes except that the first F1E meeting on 8th May is cancelled and the reserve date on 23rd October will now be used.

BMFA 2ND AREA MEETING, FEBRUARY 20

Area	Weather
Scotland	Cold 15 mph
Northern	No Venue
North East	No Scores
North West	No Scores
Midland	Cold light wind misty
East Anglia	Cold light wind misty
South East	Cold light wind misty
South West	No scores
Southern	Cold 5 to 6
London	Light wind and cold
Western	Overcast and cold

Combined Power 20 flew 15 F/O , 17 full scores

1	T Dobson	Timperley	7.30	+5.58
2	R J Foster	Morley	7.30	+5.55
3	FA Rushby	Cleemac	7.30	+5.45
4	A Shepherd	Crookham	7.30	+5.29
5	M Lester	Birmingham	7.30	+4.35
6	P Watson	Birmingham	7.30	+4.34
7	J Paton	Oxford	7.30	+4.15
8	S Dixon	Birmingham	7.30	+4.13
8	S Barnes	Morley	7.30	+4.13
10	R Barley	Walsall	7.30	+4.03

F1A 21 flew

1	P Ball	Grantham	12.30	+4.21
2	P Tribe	Bristol & West	12.30	+2.25
3	S Darmon	Birmingham	12.24	
4	G Hart	Vikings	12.11	
5	G Manion	Birmingham	12.00	
6	D Brawn	Biggles	11.59	
7	A Gibbs	Bristol & West	11.46	
7	J Hook	Crookham	11.46	
9	P Seeley	Bristol & West	11.34	
10	P Williams	Richmond	11.27	
10	K Best	Birmingham	11.27	

Combined R/ P Vintage 26 flew, 12 full scores

1	M Quinn	Novocastrian	7.30	+4.44
2	C Chapman	Bristol & West	7.30	+4.36
3	C Strachen	Biggles	7.30	+4.28
4	P Woodhouse	Morley	7.30	+4.04
5	S Willis	Croydon	7.30	+3.53
6	D Davitt	Morley	7.30	+3.50
6	A Brown	Novocastrian	7.30	+3.30
8	C Foster	Morley	7.30	+3.26
9	P Hall	Crookham	7.30	+2.58
10	C Redrup	Crookham	7.30	+2.12
11	P Tribe	Bristol & West	7.30	+1.58
12	J Thompson	Crookham	7.30	

F1G 9 flew

1	R Vaughn	Crookham	10.00	+5.31
2	J Paton	Oxford	10.00	
3	P Brown	Grantham	9.59	
4	P Woodhouse	Morley	9.47	
5	G Ferer	Timperley	9.44	

Combined HLG/CAT 29 flew

1	B Colledge	Birmingham	6.41
2	P Ball	Grantham	6.17
3	P Cowley	Grantham	6.13
4	I Clark	CM	5.56
5	M Page	Peterboro	5.47
6	M Chapman	Grantham	4.54
7	T White	Bristol & West	4.47
8	P Watson	Birmingham	4.38
9	P Seeley	Bristol & West	4.27
10	G Percival	Grantham	4.19
11	RJ Foster	Morley	4.02
12	S Dixon	Birmingham	3.46
13	P Tolhurst	Hayes	3.38
14	P Tribe	Bristol & West	3.35

Vintage Glider 9 flew

1	C Foster	Morley	7.30	+3.33
2	C Strachen	Biggles	6.47	
3	J Foster	Morley	6.41	
4	R Heap	Biggles	6.37	
5	D Cox	Crookham	6.30	
6	J Howick	Vikings	6.11	

BMFA 3RD AREA MEETING, MARCH 6

Area	Weather
Scotland	Cool 10 mph
Northern	No venue
North East	Sunny 12 mph
North West	Bright 5 to 10
Midland	Bright 5 to 10
East Anglia	Cold light wind
South East	Cold 10 to 20
Southwest	No scores
Southern	Cold 10mph6
London	10 to 15 mph
Western	Cold breeze sunny pm

Combined Glider 31 flew

1	M Gibbs	Bristol & West	7.30	+7.28
2	B Bow	Bristol & West	7.30	+6.06
3	A Gibbs	Bristol & West	7.30	+5.35
4	D Cox	Crookham	7.30	+4.10
5	J Cooper	Biggles	7.30	+4.08
6	J Carter	Grantham	7.30	+3.52
7	G Hart	Vikings	7.30	+2.31
8	S Brewer	Biggles	7.30	+2.23
9	B Baines	Grantham	7.30	+2.22
10	C Foster	Morley	7.30	+2.17
11	P Seeley	Bristol & West	7.22	
12	R Heap	Biggles	6.52	
13	D Hambley	Scotia	6:51	
14	G Peck	Cleemac	6.51	
15	D Truluck	Vikings	6.50	
16	M Chapman	Grantham	6.45	

P30 27 flew

1	C Strachen	Biggles	6.00	+4.52
2	J Godden	Morley	6.00	+2.51
3	P Ball	Grantham	6.00	+2.34
4	S Willis	Croydon	6.00	+2.19
5	G Manion	Birmingham	6.00	+2.00
6	R Marking	CVA	5.59	
7	J Northrop	Morley	5.57	
8	J Foster	Morley	5.55	
9	P Jellis	Croydon	5.51	
10	D Davitt	Morley	5.47	
11	P Seeley	Bristol & West	5.37	
11	T Rushby	Cleemac	5.37	
13	D Neil	Bristol & West	5.34	

Mini Vintage 53 flew

1	C Redrup	Crookham	6.00	+6.34
2	R J Foster	Morley	6.00	+5.54
3	G Beal	Morley	6.00	+4.54
4	C Strachan	Biggles	6.00	+4.28
5	A Shepherd	Crookham	6.00	+3.59
6	B Aslett	Bristol & West	6.00	+3.42
7	K Burt	Bristol & West	6.00	+3.34
8	P Ball	Grantham	6.00	+3.23
9	C Chapman	Bristol & West	6.00	+2.55
10	P Tolhurst	Hayes	6.00	+2.50
11	S Fielding	Morley	6.00	+2.31
12	C Foster	Morley	6.00	+2.16
12	J Wingate	Timperley	6.00	+2.16
14	G Coulson	Morley	6.00	+2.04
15	R Vaughn	Crookham	6.00	+2.02
16	J Foster	Morley	6.00	+2.01
17	J Watson	CVA	6.00	+1.59
18	J Northrop	Morley	6.00	+1.57
19	DS Taylor	Grantham	6.00	+1.52
20	G Warburton	Morley	6.00	
21	P Hall	Crookham	5.58	
22	R Marking	CVA	5.57	
22	T Tyson	Crookham	5.57	
24	D Powis	CVA	5.56	
25	S Phillpot	Birmingham	5.53	
26	D Barber	NWFFG	5.45	
27	W Hodkinson	Timperley	5.44	

F1B Mike Duce 15 flew

1	R Peers	Grantham	12.30	+5.28
2	D Neil	Bristol & West	12.30	+3.21
3	M Woodhouse	Vikings	12.30	+2.33
4	C Chapman	Bristol & West	12.27	
5	J Billam	Grantham	12.24	
6	J Deeming	Bristol & West	11.52	
7	G Pink	Bristol & West	11.44	
8	P Brown	Grantham	10.06	

F1J/1/2A 6 flew, 4 F/O

1	A Jack	Grantham	10.00	+7.31
2	P Watson	Birmingham	10.00	+4.03
3	M Lester	Birmingham	10.00	+2.38
4	A Chilton	Crookham	10.00	+0.38

Plugge

		2nd Area			3rd Area			Total
		F1A	Vint	CdH	MV	P30	F1B	
1	Bristol & West	165	160	151	178	119	173	1425
2	Grantham	120		190	152	123	173	1077
3	Crookham	115	139		192	48		904
4	Birmingham	170		176	109	85	33	845
5	Morley		171	66	194	174	40	815
6	Biggles	105	93	62	137	107	47	719
7	CVA		86	80	129	85		538
8	Croydon		143	31	35	159	7	381
9	Vikings	120	36		63	33	87	355
10	Cleemac	5	64		29	82		324
11	NWFFG		36		89			292
12	Timperley		39		129			288

INDOOR WORLD RECORD

FAI has received the following record claim:

FIN Indoor Glider record 118-d (duration, ceiling over 30m) time 1 min 49 sec by Mitsuru Ishii of Japan at Ishikawa, Japan on March 19 2011. The current record is 1 min 41.2 sec set by Mitsuru on September 10 2008.

The details are provisional. When all the evidence has been received and checked, the exact figures will be ratified if appropriate.

FLYING FEVER

We suspect your editors weren't the only ones taken back to our schooldays by Vic Nippert's brilliant reworking of John Masfield's poem *Sea Fever*, which appeared in the NFFS Digest at the end of last year. It's one of those poems that many of us in British schools studied and some even had to learn when we were in our early teens. (Which was a few decades ago, we admit.) Anyway, with thanks to the NFFS, here is Vic's splendid new version.

Flying Fever

*I must go down to the field again, to the open field and the sky,
And all I ask is a model plane and a thermal to lift her by,
And the motor's hum and the wind's song and the white wings shaking,
And the morning mist upon my face, and a sunny dawn breaking.*

*I must go down to the field again, for the call of the circling glide
Is a siren call and a clear call that cannot be denied;
And all I ask is a sunny day with white clouds a-flying.
And a warm day and the model's zoom and the golden hawk is crying.*

*I must go down to the field again, to the wandering free flight life,
To the bird's way and the hawk's way where the air's like a welcoming wife,
And all I ask is a happy smile from another flying rover
And quiet sleep and deep sleep when the long retrieve is over.*

COUPE EUROPA, MIDDLE WALLOP, MARCH 20

Report by Martin Dilly

Originally scheduled for December 2010 this event had to be postponed as the *neige d'hiver* was a little too deep. Eventually this proved a blessing as the new date gave perfect flying weather, - grey at first with 6-8 knots drift straight down the field, developing into a fine sunny afternoon.

A healthy entry of 31 flew in the FIG and Vintage classes. Helpful air enabled six flyers to max out in FIG and two in Vintage; plenty of others dropped just a single flight. One of the max men, Robin Kimber, rode his luck when his best Coupe vanished upwards to be found by a farmer well downwind. This decent bloke phoned the Kimber home; Robin has no mobile, so Sue Kimber phoned Rose Michel. Pete Michel's mobile was off, so Rose phoned Maureen Beales, who raised Adam who passed the good news to Kimber. Perhaps there's a moral here somewhere... However, Robin's luck ran out later with a late D/T on his last max; his subsequent search failed to find the model as someone else had brought it back, and Robin returned too late for the fly-off.

There was still helpful air around for the fly-off as Peter Hall found out with a winning 5:31 flight, landing in a conveniently clear field surrounded by trees. Second placer Roy Vaughn was less lucky, landing at the top of a tall tree and only retrieving his model with the aid of the Crookham club's 16 metre roach pole. Peter Michel, recently heavily involved with Vintage gliders, brought a simple but effective FIG and showed that he hasn't lost his touch, picking air instinctively and was rewarded with a third place.

It was a successful event for Nick Peppiat, more often seen at indoor scale events, as he won Vintage with a 4:27 fly-off with his Etienvre, just three seconds ahead of Bagatelle flyer Gerry Ferer.

It would be nice to see more clubs declaring their teams for the splendid Flitehook Trophy when entering; as it was, the three-man Croydon team had a walkover, winning for the second year.

Vintage Coupe d'Hiver - AAA Cup 10 flew

1	N Peppiat	Etienvre	6:00	+4:27
2	G Ferer	Bagatelle	6:00	+4:24
3	P Tolhurst	Etienvre	5:33	
4	R Oldridge	Bagatelle	5:28	
5	D Beales	Babar	5:09	
6	K Taylor	Fuit	5:02	

F1G - Aeromodeller Trophy 21 flew

1	P Hall	600	+331
2	R Vaughn	600	+280
3	P Michel	600	+173
4	A Longhurst	600	+136
5	S Willis	600	+90
6	R Kimber	600	
7	D Greaves	581	
8	P Brown	575	
9	E Tyson	564	
10=	J Paton	554	
10=	D. Thomson	554	

SOUTHERN COUPE LEAGUE

The Southern Coupe League gets off to a belated start on the 10th of April at the London Gala on Salisbury Plain. What was originally the first round will now take place at the rescheduled Crookham Gala on May 8 at Middle Wallop. Just a week later is round three, "F1G at Stonehenge", on May 15. A pre-entry form is available on the FF Tech Committee web site at <http://www.freeflightuk.org/news.html> under the Stonehenge Cup heading. Although being run in parallel with the Stonehenge Cup it is independent of it and an FAI licence is not required. It is also a Euro Challenge F1G league event.

STONEHENGE CUP

We would like to remind all fliers that this year's Stonehenge Cup World Cup event will be taking place as usual on 14th and 15th May on Salisbury Plain. F1B and F1C/P will be flown on the Saturday and F1A and F1Q on Sunday. There will be an additional event F1G on May 15, which will count for the Euro Challenge and Southern Coupe League. Entry fees for the World Cup are £27/€33 for a single class for a senior or £5/€6 for juniors, additional classes for £5/€6 and F1G £15/€18.

The closing date for entries is approaching. Please ensure that your entry reaches the organisers by 20th April 2011. Send entries to - Chris Chapman Easter Cottage, Beacon Hill View, Corton Denham, Sherborne Dorset DT9 4LS, United Kingdom +44 (0)1963 220741. Contact Paul Seeley by email at sandman@uwclub.net

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION NEWS

LUCENEC CUP, a Slovakia World Cup event on April 16, will now be held at Lucenec in Slovakia. It had been scheduled to be flown in Hungary but the field at Tass is waterlogged.

KIERTZ CUP, World Cup event in Poland, has been rescheduled from September 3 to August 20.

NOTICEBOARD

FOR SALE FROM PHIL BALL. Carbon Motor Tubes as used on my BMFA Rubber models. 32 inches long 1 1/8 id. weight approx 22 grams. Pre preg Carbon arranged 80% length 20% hoop. £20 each, collect at contests/post to be arranged. Contact Phil Ball 01332665361 phil.ball@ntlworld.com

UK COMPETITION NEWS

CROYDON WAKEFIELD DAY. Confirmation that, contrary to what you may have read elsewhere, the correct date for this event is April 25th, the Easter Bank Holiday Monday. See page 16 of February FFn for full details.

CROOKHAM GALA. Further details of the event at Middle Wallop on May 8 (which was postponed from Feb 13). Note: due to possible crop problems, with the exception of the coupe contest, this event will be run to a reduced max and half engine runs with the possibility of a DT fly-off. Events are:

F1G (5 or 3 flts depending on conditions, Southern League)

Mini vintage (RPG)

Combined Power:

Models with bunt 5 sec

Models with functions except bunt 7 sec

Models not fitted with any moving trim surfaces other than DT 9 sec

SLOP models - glow 10 sec, Diesel 12 sec

Classic model 12 sec

Vintage models 18 sec

F1Q electric models 20 sec

Open electric models - brushed motor 25 sec

Open electric models - brushless motor 20 sec

Combined Glider:

vintage and tailless gliders 100m line

classic gliders (models not fitted with devices to allow bunt launching or circle towing; auto-rudder is permitted) 75m line

modern gliders (Models fitted with bunt launching and/or circle tow devices) 50m line

All events to BMFA rules. All contestants to be members of the BMFA. Contest start 10.00 hrs. An entry charge will be payable at the airfield gate. Fly off models MUST be the same classification as that used in the contest.. All classes (except F1G): 3 flights, maximum to be decided on the day. Contact John Thompson Tel. 01252 842471 or email JohnD.Thompson@btinternet.com

SOUTHERN AREA BMFA SPRING GALA will be at RAF Odiham on June 19. John Thompson writes: This event is possibly the longest continuous free flight event at the same venue in the UK, this being the 64th year. We do not wish to discontinue this long tradition, and it may be difficult to get it back if we failed to use it for one year. However if we can't cover the costs this year, next year may not be a possibility. I would be grateful if you would **act now**, and return your registration to allow me to calculate well in advance of how to cover the costs incurred. Events are:

Vintage Wakefield (4 & 8 oz combined) – SAM35 rules, SAM Wakefield Leagues

Vintage lightweight Rubber – SAM35 rules

Tailless - BMFA rules

Vint & Classic Glider Combined – SAM35 rules

Vint HLG (hand & catapult launch combined) - BMFA rules

CdH - BMFA rules, Southern Coupe D' Hiver League

A1 glider - BMFA rules

Sports flying for glider, rubber & small power models.

A DT fly off may be used dependant on conditions

All flyers must be a current member of the BMFA. Model flying may be interrupted during the day by aircraft movements. When the red runway lights are showing no one may cross the runway. The only entry and exit is via the airfield main gate. No other airfield boundary is to be crossed either on foot or by motorised transport. We will have access to the toilets.

Pre-registration is necessary for this event and must be received by Sunday the 5th of June. All registrations are subject

to approval by the RAF authorities. To register please send: Your vehicle registration number, the vehicle occupants names and addresses together with their BMFA numbers (if applicable) and the non-returnable registration fee of £8 per flyer (sport or contest) with a self addressed and stamped envelope, and cheques payable to Southern Area BMFA. To: John Thompson. Beechmede, Meadow Lane, Hartley Wintney, Hants, RG27 8RF Tel: 01252 842471 Full details will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

Could all those who received trophies last year please bring them along on the day (hopefully inscribed with their names), or make alternative arrangements for their return in time for the event. (Please note that we have no administrative mechanism for reimbursement of the costs incurred).

TIMPERLEY MODEL FLYERS WEEKEND will be at Barkston Heath on August 13th and 14th. F/F sport flyers are welcome. Airfield charge applies. BMFA membership is required.

Saturday 13th Timperley Saturday. 10am-5pm. To BMFA or SAM35 rules: Mini-Vintage; Combined Tailless; Combined Vintage Wakefield; Straight tow glider (below A2 size 75m tow-line, above A2 size 50m line); 25in-Rubber (max 25in span, 8in freewheel prop, 2 leg u/c); Cabin-power-ratio (ratio of flight time to motor run).

Sunday 14th Timperley Gala. 10am-5.30pm. To BMFA rules: Combined-Rubber; Combined-Glider; Combined-Power (excluding electric); Vintage (power engine run 15sec); Combined HLG/CLG.

Contact Gerry Ferer. 0161 9284955 timperleyMF@hotmail.com

FAI FREE FLIGHT WORLD CUP

7 contests completed, 49 to go

F1A

1	P Findahl	SWE	133	MV-1	BC-2	AZ-2	HL-5
2	M Kosonozhkin	RUS	123	HL-1	BC-1	MV-6	
3	R Koglot	SLO	104	AZ-1	MM-1	MR-24	
4	K Huber	SWE	72	MV-2	HL-3		
5	K Henriksson	FIN	66	BC-4	HL-5	MV-5	
6	O Findahl (J)	SWE	62	MV-3	HL-4	BC-20	

F1A-Junior

1	O Findahl	SWE	140	HL-1	MV-1	BC-2	
2	H Westen	SWE	130	BC-1	HL-2	MV-2	

F1B

1	W Ghio	USA	137	BC-1	AZ-2	MV-2	MM-11
2	A Andriukov	USA	130	AZ-1	HL-1	MM-5	
3	T Luman	EST	110	HL-2	BC-2	MV-4	
4	M Woolner	GBR	84	BC-3	HL-4	PL-4	
5	R Peers	GBR	72	HL-3	MM-8	BC-7	AZ-18
6	A Ribchenkov	GEO	68	MM-1	AZ-14		

F1B-Junior

1	J Ancans	LAT	150	HL-1	BC-1	MV-1	
2	S Malkhasyan	USA	100	AZ-1	MM-1		

F1C

1	R Truppe	AUT	136	MR-1	MM-2	AZ-2	
2	J Roots	EST	90	MV-1	BC-2		
3	E Verbitsky	UKR	80	MM-1	AZ-4		
4	J Ellington	USA	55	MM-3	AZ-5		
5	A Babenko	UKR	53	AZ-1			

F1Q

1	J Oldenkamp	USA	50	AZ-1			
2	H Salminen	FIN	50	BC-1			
3	A Lindner	GER	50	HL-1			

CIAM PLENARY MEETING

The agenda has finally been published at www.fai.org/aeromodelling/meetings/201104. No FF surprises compared to description in FFn 1102. Report in next FFn.

