

# Free Flight News

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## FFn DIARY

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| December 4<br>North Luffenham   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grande Coupe de Birmingham. See FFn 2209. F1G 2 flights between 10.00 and 12.00 then 3 rounds to a timetable. Pre-1970 Coupe 3 flights no rounds including pre-1958 vintage Start 10.00, finish 14.45, followed by flyoffs Entry £10. Contact:- Gavin Manion <a href="mailto:gavin.manion84@gmail.com">gavin.manion84@gmail.com</a> tel 01543 422509 or Stuart Darmon <a href="mailto:stuardarmonf1a@yahoo.com">stuardarmonf1a@yahoo.com</a> 01858 882057 | March 5<br>Mjøsa, Norway                    | Danish Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q F1S World Cup event. Contact: Steffen Hjorth Jensen, <a href="mailto:steffen.hjorth.jensen@gmail.com">steffen.hjorth.jensen@gmail.com</a>   |
| December 10-11<br>Slanic Prahova, Romania   | Otto Hints Memorial. F1D Contact: Ioana Dumitru, tel: +40723620600, email: <a href="mailto:ioanaeu822@yahoo.com">ioanaeu822@yahoo.com</a>   | March 10<br>Säkylä, Pori, Finland           | Moose Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1Q World Cup event. Contact: Kim Henriksson, tel: +504606393, <a href="mailto:kim.henriksson@eerika.com">kim.henriksson@eerika.com</a>  |
| December 12-15<br>Slanic, Romania   | 2022 F1D Indoor World Championships   | March 11<br>Säkylä, Pori, Finland           | Bear Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1Q World Cup event. Contact: Kim Henriksson, tel: +0504606393, <a href="mailto:kim.henriksson@eerika.com">kim.henriksson@eerika.com</a>  |
| December 22-24<br>Urim, Israel  | 2 World Cup events. Dec 22: Negev Open, Dec 23-24 Hanukha Open. F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q World Cup event Contact: Itsik Omer +972528566200 <a href="mailto:itsik@aeroclub.org">itsik@aeroclub.org</a>  | March 18<br>Kietrz, Poland                  | SPZG Cup, Antoon van Eldik Memorial. F1A F1B F1C F1Q World Cup event. Contact: Konrad Zurowski, tel: +48721942500, <a href="mailto:konradinhoo96@gmail.com">konradinhoo96@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:s-kubit@wp.pl">s-kubit@wp.pl</a>       |
| <i>The following 2023 FAI events are provisional – there may be changes, additions or deletions before the calendar is approved</i> |   | March 19-20<br>Kietrz, Poland               | Kartel-Cup Pieter de Boer Memorial. F1A F1B F1C F1Q World Cup event. Contact: Konrad Zurowski, tel: +48721942500, email: <a href="mailto:konradinhoo96@gmail.com">konradinhoo96@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:s-kubit@wp.pl">s-kubit@wp.pl</a> |
| February 11-13<br>Lost Hills, California, USA   | Kiwi World Cup of New Zealand. F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q F1E World Cup event. Contact: Roger Morrell, tel: +13104838776, email: <a href="mailto:r_morrell@yahoo.com">r_morrell@yahoo.com</a>  | March 24<br>Rana near Louny, Czech Republic | Raná 2023. F1E World Cup event. Contact: Jiri Rudolf, tel: +420606645618, email: <a href="mailto:technickyklub.cz@gmail.com">technickyklub.cz@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:jiri.rudolf@gmail.com">jiri.rudolf@gmail.com</a>                   |
| February 15<br>Lost Hills, California, USA  | North American Cup. F1A F1B F1C World Cup event. Contact: Tony Mathews, tel: +17054550185, email: <a href="mailto:tmathews180@gmail.com">tmathews180@gmail.com</a>  | March 25<br>Rana near Louny, Czech Republic | Raná 2023. F1E World Cup event. Contact: Jiri Rudolf, tel: +420606645618, email: <a href="mailto:technickyklub.cz@gmail.com">technickyklub.cz@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:jiri.rudolf@gmail.com">jiri.rudolf@gmail.com</a>                   |
| February 16-20<br>Lost Hills, California, USA   | Bob White Memorial Max Men International. F1A F1B F1C F1Q F1E World Cup event. Contact: William M Booth, tel: +17608916107, email: <a href="mailto:wakefieldarch@outlook.com">wakefieldarch@outlook.com</a>   | March 25-26<br>Herend, Hungary              | 32nd Herend Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q F1H World Cup event. Contact: Ferenc Kerner, tel: +36205815349 <a href="mailto:ferenc.kerner@hotmail.com">ferenc.kerner@hotmail.com</a>  |
| March 4<br>Gjøvik, Norway   | Eagle Cup F1 2023. F1A F1B F1Q World Cup event. Contact: Vegar Nereng, tel: +4793207424, email: <a href="mailto:vnereng@online.no">vnereng@online.no</a>  | April 1-2<br>Capannori (Lucca), Italy       | Memorial 'Adriano GHISELLI' 2023. F1A F1B F1C F1Q World Cup event. Contact: Fabrizio Ceccarini, tel: +393474308840, email: <a href="mailto:f.ceccarini@tin.it">f.ceccarini@tin.it</a>   |
|   |   | April 1-2<br>Salonta, Romania               | Harghita Cup F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q F1H World Cup event. Contact: Istvan KISS, tel: +400745161435, <a href="mailto:cc.cristur@gmail.com">cc.cristur@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:kisstamara182@gmail.com">kisstamara182@gmail.com</a>            |

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## CROYDON COUPE EUROPA / SAM 1066 COMPS, SALISBURY PLAIN, OCTOBER 9

Report by Ray Elliott

The omens for this contest were not good. Firstly I had received emails to the effect that we would be without 6 of our Coupe stalwarts because of health issues, including 3 with Covid, and, secondly, the weather forecast was showing wind speeds up to 17mph with gusts of nearly 30.

On arrival at the site at 8.30am it was actually quite calm but we knew that wouldn't last and by 10 it had started to pick up. The wind was from the south and in an ideal world we would have flown from the airstrip. However, access to that part of Area 8 has become quite difficult so it was decided to set up control on the plateau and reduce the max to minimise the chances of landing on or crossing the main road. Thus all classes were flown to a 1.30 max and furthermore the number of flights for F1G was reduced from 5 to 3 as per the other classes.

Given the above it was no surprise that entries were low in all events but some good flights were put in nonetheless. Damage to models was not too extensive given the conditions and none were lost. F1G had 4 entries with Alan Brocklehurst and Dusan Jiricny each making 2 comfortable maxes, whilst Ben Hobbs was down in 41 seconds and Martin Stagg broke his model on launch. Alan's model suffered wing tip damage and as he was reluctant to fly another model in the wind this left Dusan needing to make a token flight to win.

Vintage Coupe had 1 entry, Tony Shepherd, who maxed his first 2 flights but didn't make his third flight because he broke the wing on retrieval.

The other 2 events, Combined Vintage /Classic Glider and Mini Vintage, were both won with some impressive flying by windy weather specialist, Dave Cox. He maxed out in both. Dave Etherton was second in Combined Vintage/Classic Glider and Nick Peppiatt second in Mini Vintage.

The Flitehook Trophy for F1G teams was won by Birmingham in the person of Dusan.

Many thanks to Roger Newman as co-CD.

### F1G

|   |                |      |
|---|----------------|------|
| 1 | D Jiricny      | 3.52 |
| 2 | A Brocklehurst | 3.00 |
| 3 | B Hobbs        | 0.41 |

### Vintage Coupe

|   |            |      |          |
|---|------------|------|----------|
| 1 | A Shepherd | 3.00 | Etienvre |
|---|------------|------|----------|

### SAM 1066 Combined Vintage/ Classic Glider

|   |            |      |           |
|---|------------|------|-----------|
| 1 | D Cox      | 4.30 | Hyperion  |
| 2 | D Etherton | 2.35 | Inch Worm |

### SAM 1066 Mini Vintage

|   |            |      |           |
|---|------------|------|-----------|
| 1 | D Cox      | 4.30 | Nord      |
| 2 | N Peppiatt | 4.22 | Pinocchio |



## SOUTHERN COUPE LEAGUE

### Final Round - Coupe Europa, Salisbury Plain, October 9

By Peter Hall

The best weather year since my records began in 2010. But Coupe Europa broke the spell and the wings of several competitors. Covid and other illness reduced attendance and only four flew in F1G and one in vintage coupe. The conditions prompted the C.D. to reduce the flights to three and the max. to 1.5 minutes. Dusan Jiricny took first place and won the Aeromodeller Trophy and Alan Brocklehurst won the Southern Coupe League trophy for the second year running. Very disappointing for Gavin Manion and Chris Chapman who were in close contention but were struck down with Covid.

Dusan tells us -

*Arrived early from Stoke-On-Trent the day was set with breezy weather. Not great but everybody had to deal with the same. I decided to make the flights as early as possible before the wind picked up to borderline gusts at lunchtime. The first flight was easy max. Second one was a bit tense for me - the model picked up a turbulence and was coming down fast. Looking at stopwatch comforted me - 5 secs above max. The third flight became a challenge - we all were struggling with strong gusts and wind direction towards the main road. Alan's decision not to further risk his models after second round and give up the third final one made my situation a bit easier - in order to win I had to do just a token flight. Which I did just with minor damage and landing safely well before the main road. The win secured me second place in Southern league.*

Alan Brocklehurst, in second place writes -

*It was a pity that several competitors were absent due to Covid and perhaps others were put off by the windy forecast. Of course, the day before was glorious, while Sunday was quite mild and bright, but with a gusty southerly wind.*

*My plan had been to arrive early and put in as many flights as possible before the wind speed reached the forecast 15, gusting to 25, mph by mid-day, but I was reminded that this competition is usually in rounds...and, of course, I didn't arrive particularly early. I then proceeded to break a motor which took time to replace before I made my first flight. Wisely our CDs, Roger and Ray, had set a 1:30 max for 3 flights without rounds, to avoid models going as far as the main road. My first flight got away for a good climb and a nice glide, landing on a hillside across a track to the north. Unfortunately, Martin Stagg had a bit of a disaster when launching for his first flight, catching his hand in the prop and, in the unforgiving wind, the model broke in several places. Ben Hobb's model was off trim and somehow climbed straight, drifting backwards, and then came back down fairly quickly, straight into wind. Meanwhile Dusan Jiricny put in two maxes. On winding for my second flight a strand broke, so yet another motor change before getting away for another max. The model flew a long way in 90 seconds and landed*

within 75yds of the road, encountering rather turbulent, but generally helpful air. Unfortunately, when I reached it, I discovered that the port tip had parted company with the rest of wing. I suppose I should have got out a spare model, but decided not to risk it and opted for a picnic lunch instead. Dusan bravely made a third flight. Personally, I was happy to settle for second place which was enough for me to collect the Southern Coupe League trophy for the second year running. In Vintage Coupe, Tony Shepherd did two maxes, but returned from the second with a broken wing.

Benn Hobbs in third place comments -

*The Met Office was spot on with their 10-15 mph breeze, plus gusts up to 25, and my lack of windy flying practice showed as I gave the coupe a hefty chuck. The flight got away reasonably well, only to return to earth at a 30 degree angle in a down draft. More flights seemed futile, and I did not want to break the model.*

*Hopefully, North Luffenham will have weather that tempts us to travel the distance.*

Martin Stagg, hors de combat, explains -

*It would take more than print to vent my frustration!*

*There is not much I can say about the Coupe Europa day. I got there in good time and was pleased to see that the comp had been reduced to three flights, no rounds, 1.5 min max. as it was already quite breezy.*

*Alan got away doing what he does best, i.e. a nice max though it went quite a long way in spite of the shortened max. I fuffed around as usual and finally got my usual model ready, started to wind then, ping! broken strand. More fuffing around to change the motor. Wound up and launched, only for the propeller to catch on my sleeve which somehow caused the model to jerk round and break the fuselage where the boom joins, as well damaging the propeller. Oh well, end of days (potential) flying. By now the wind was gusting something like 20mph.*

*Alan did another flight, another max of course, but the model blew over on the ground and broke a wing tip. Alan decided to call it a day, leaving Dusan, our Czechoslovakian friend, needing only to make a token flight to win as he and Alan were the only ones with two maxes. So that was that. End (for me) of another pleasant but frustrating day.*

*Slightly worrying was that I heard of two flights going over the road. We need to be careful, if we lost the use of Salisbury plain it would be catastrophic.*

Next season opens, as is the tradition, with the 8th Grande Coupe de Birmingham at North Luffenham. So Dusan won't have so far to travel. Participation in the League has held up well this year and no doubt will improve further as more and more fliers come to realise that the coupe class is the perfect specification for the current constraints and opportunities of free flight. Yes, we all know the weather is the dominant factor and you hear very little discussion about design at events. We must change this. Next season I'm going to ask our correspondents to reveal their secrets.

*Ed: This report was preceded by the publication last month of the Coupe Europa League scores and the final positions in the Southern League 2022*

## **F1Q, MÜHLETHURNEN, SWITZERLAND, OCTOBER 29-30**

Ian Kaynes

This was a special event for F1Q only between the usual 2-year spaced F1ABCQ event.

One World Cup event was flown on each day. It was remarkable weather, dry, mainly sunny and wind hardly above 1 m/s. In contrast to the normal practice of parking one side of the road and walking some distance to the other side of the road to fly, a flying area was established beside the cars, making for a very easy day. As usual in Switzerland there must be something different from the Sporting Code and in this case it was flying from a box instead of a starting line, but it was expanded to a line for the flyoffs.

Power was reduced to 2J for all flights and energy testing was carried on the practice day, at random during each contest day, and at the time of the flyoffs. There was a 240s max on the first two flights and 180 for the remaining three. This did little to reduce the number of full scores, with 13 in the flyoff on Saturday and 11 on Sunday. There was very little lift at the time of the flyoffs and both were won with times of over six minutes.

### **F1Q-Eurofly, October 29, 22 flew 13 full scores**

|    |             |     |      |      |
|----|-------------|-----|------|------|
| 1  | A Banci     | ITA | 1020 | +395 |
| 2  | T Wiesiolek | GER | 1020 | +377 |
| 3  | C Gianni    | ITA | 1020 | +373 |
| 4  | M Varadi    | HUN | 1020 | +365 |
| 5  | A Lindner   | GER | 1020 | +356 |
| 6  | D Seren     | GER | 1020 | +352 |
| 7  | F Gradi     | ITA | 1020 | +338 |
| 8  | D Barberis  | FRA | 1020 | +334 |
| 9  | U Schaller  | ITA | 1020 | +329 |
| 10 | P Seren     | GER | 1020 | +324 |
| 11 | D Paff      | GER | 1020 | +322 |

### **F1Q-Junior 1 flew**

|   |         |     |     |
|---|---------|-----|-----|
| 1 | B Csaba | HUN | 729 |
|---|---------|-----|-----|

### **F1Q Alpen Cup, October 30, 21 flew 11 full scores**

|    |               |     |      |      |
|----|---------------|-----|------|------|
| 1  | M Varadi      | HUN | 1020 | +380 |
| 2  | A Banci       | ITA | 1020 | +359 |
| 3  | B Andras      | HUN | 1020 | +350 |
| 4  | V Fodor Imoia | HUN | 1020 | +319 |
| 5  | T Wiesiolek   | GER | 1020 | +307 |
| 6  | C Gianni      | ITA | 1020 | +268 |
| 7  | P Seren       | GER | 1020 | +266 |
| 8  | F Gradi       | ITA | 1020 | +265 |
| 9  | D Seren -     | GER | 1020 | +258 |
| 10 | J Drapeau     | FRA | 1020 | +254 |
| 11 | D Barberis    | FRA | 1020 | +232 |

### **F1Q-Junior 1 flew**

|   |                |     |     |
|---|----------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | B Andras Csaba | HUN | 788 |
|---|----------------|-----|-----|



*Before the start of Saturday's flyoff*





*Daniela Seren launching*



*Fodor Imoia Varadine's model, another of the 3 lady flyers*



*Jean Luc Drapeau and Didier Barberis waiting in flyoff*

## BMFA 7TH AREA MEETING, OCTOBER 2

### Classic Rubber/Power (Plugge) 11 flew

|   |           |            |      |       |
|---|-----------|------------|------|-------|
| 1 | C Redrup  | Crookham   | 7.30 | +9.57 |
| 2 | P Watson  | Birmingham | 7.30 | +3.45 |
| 3 | D Powis   | CVA        | 7.30 | +1.49 |
| 4 | M Chapman | Grantham   | 7.16 |       |
| 5 | R Garner  | Birmingham | 6.59 |       |
| 6 | S Willis  | Croydon    | 6.19 |       |

### Combined Glider 7 flew

|   |             |          |      |
|---|-------------|----------|------|
| 1 | J Carter    | Grantham | 7.15 |
| 2 | A Moorhouse | Vikings  | 7.04 |
| 3 | D Oldfield  | Vikings  | 5.44 |
| 4 | G Peck      | C/M      | 5.29 |

### Combined Rubber for Team Farrow 18 flew

|   |           |            |      |       |
|---|-----------|------------|------|-------|
| 1 | I Davitt  | Morley     | 7.30 | +6.00 |
| 2 | R Marking | CVA        | 7.30 | +4.29 |
| 3 | I Taylor  | Birmingham | 7.30 | +3.53 |
| 4 | W Butler  | Crookham   | 7.30 | +3.49 |
| 5 | R Jack    | Birmingham | 7.30 | +3.47 |
| 6 | S Darmon  | Birmingham | 7.30 | +3.10 |
| 7 | A Jack    | Birmingham | 7.30 | +2.38 |
| 8 | C Foster  | Morley     | 7.30 |       |
| 8 | C Redrup  | Crookham   | 7.30 |       |
| 8 | P Hall    | Crookham   | 7.30 |       |

### Team Rubber – Farrow, 5 teams flew

|   |                                 |              |       |       |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | I Taylor, A Jack, R Jack        | Birmingham A | 22.30 | 10.18 |
| 2 | W Butler, C Redrup, P Hall      | CrookhamA    | 22.30 | 3.49  |
| 3 | I Davitt, G Warburton, C Foster | Morley A     | 20.48 |       |

### Combined Electric 3 flew

|   |              |              |      |
|---|--------------|--------------|------|
| 1 | J Cooper     | Biggles      | 7.26 |
| 2 | G Williamson | Peterborough | 6.17 |

### Classic Glider (Plugge) 9 flew

|   |             |            |      |       |
|---|-------------|------------|------|-------|
| 1 | D Ertherton | Crookham   | 7.30 | +6.48 |
| 2 | S Bowles    | Vikings    | 7.30 | +2.13 |
| 3 | M Edwards   | Nottingham | 7.30 |       |
| 4 | K Best      | Birmingham | 6.38 |       |
| 5 | G Smith     | Crookham   | 6.33 |       |

### Combined HLG/CLG 5 flew

|   |          |                |      |
|---|----------|----------------|------|
| 1 | K Taylor | East Grinstead | 5.22 |
| 2 | M Cook   | Crawley        | 4.10 |
| 3 | N Botham | Morley         | 3.31 |

### BMFA 1/2A Power 1 flew

|   |         |      |      |
|---|---------|------|------|
| 1 | D Ginns | MHMF | 4.31 |
|---|---------|------|------|

### E36 6 flew

|   |          |         |      |       |
|---|----------|---------|------|-------|
| 1 | M Cook   | Crawley | 6.00 | +2.00 |
| 2 | N Botham | Morley  | 5.50 |       |
| 3 | C Foster | Morley  | 5.11 |       |

### F1C Buskell 1 flew

|   |        |            |       |       |
|---|--------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | A Jack | Birmingham | 12.30 | +6.05 |
|---|--------|------------|-------|-------|

## BMFA 8TH AREA MEETING, OCTOBER 16

### Combined Glider 25 flew

|    |             |                |      |       |
|----|-------------|----------------|------|-------|
| 1  | R Jack      | Birmingham     | 7.30 | +7.53 |
| 2  | J Carter    | Grantham       | 7.30 | +6.15 |
| 3  | P Woodhouse | Morley         | 7.30 | +4.34 |
| 4  | J Williams  | Birmingham     | 7.30 | +3.44 |
| 5  | S Bowles    | Vikings        | 7.30 | +2.52 |
| 6  | C Parry     | Biggles        | 7.30 | +2.30 |
| 7  | S Darmon    | Birmingham     | 7.30 | +1.58 |
| 7  | K Taylor    | East Grinstead | 7.30 | +1.58 |
| 9  | J Northrop  | Morley         | 7.13 |       |
| 10 | D Cox       | Crookham       | 6.59 |       |
| 11 | J Cooper    | Biggles        | 6.52 |       |
| 12 | M Cook      | Crawley        | 6.42 |       |
| 13 | A Cameron   | Crawley        | 6.20 |       |

### Team Glider - Model Engineer, 9 teams flew

|   |                                  |            |             |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | R Jack, J Williams, S Darmon     | Birmingham | 22.30+13.35 |
| 2 | M Cook, A Cameron, G Oulds       | Crawley    | 19.17       |
| 3 | D Cox, D Etherton, C Redrup      | Crookham   | 18.02       |
| 4 | S Bowles, A Moorhouse, B Halford | Vikings    | 16.29       |

### F1B Duce (Plugge) 6 flew

|   |             |            |       |       |
|---|-------------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | R Peers     | Grantham   | 12.30 | +2.37 |
| 2 | M Woodhouse | Vikings    | 11.53 |       |
| 3 | W Colledge  | Birmingham | 8.55  |       |
| 4 | A Jack      | Birmingham | 8.43  |       |

**Slow Open Power Frog Senior (Plugge) 10 flew**

|   |          |          |      |       |
|---|----------|----------|------|-------|
| 1 | S Barnes | Morley   | 7.30 | +3.10 |
| 2 | P Ball   | Grantham | 7.30 | +1.39 |
| 3 | R Vaughn | Crookham | 7.30 |       |
| 4 | D Ginns  | MHMF     | 6.41 |       |
| 5 | D Cox    | Crookham | 6.02 |       |

**Mini Vintage 9 flew**

|   |          |          |      |       |
|---|----------|----------|------|-------|
| 1 | C Foster | Morley   | 6.00 | +0.23 |
| 2 | P Ball   | Grantham | 5.45 |       |
| 3 | S Willis | Croydon  | 5.38 |       |
| 4 | N Botham | Morley   | 5.26 |       |

**E30 3 flew**

|   |           |              |      |
|---|-----------|--------------|------|
| 1 | P Gibbons | Peterborough | 5.47 |
| 2 | T Grey    | Crookham     | 5.10 |

**F1J 1 flew**

|   |         |            |      |
|---|---------|------------|------|
| 1 | S Dixon | Birmingham | 7.22 |
|---|---------|------------|------|

**Combined HLG/CLG 8 flew**

|   |          |                |      |
|---|----------|----------------|------|
| 1 | M Cook   | Crawley        | 5.59 |
| 2 | P Ball   | Grantham       | 5.17 |
| 3 | K Taylor | East Grinstead | 3.37 |
| 4 | R Seal   | East Grinstead | 3.31 |

**P30 3 flew**

|   |          |         |      |
|---|----------|---------|------|
| 1 | S Willis | Croydon | 4.33 |
| 2 | R Willis | Crawley | 2.42 |

**Plugge final positions**

|   |                |      |    |                |     |
|---|----------------|------|----|----------------|-----|
| 1 | Birmingham     | 2717 | 10 | Bristol & West | 360 |
| 2 | Crookham       | 2344 | 11 | Crawley        | 351 |
| 3 | Morley         | 1841 | 12 | MHMAC          | 326 |
| 4 | Grantham       | 853  | 13 | Peterborough   | 299 |
| 5 | CVA            | 759  | 14 | Scotia         | 201 |
| 6 | East Grinstead | 615  | 15 | Impington      | 120 |
| 7 | Vikings        | 462  | 16 | Oxford         | 95  |
| 8 | Biggles        | 410  | 17 | Nottingham     | 89  |
| 9 | Croydon        | 400  |    |                |     |

Ed: Note that the above is the official BMFA table including its inaccurate rounding but the totals have been modified for CVA (5<sup>th</sup> Area F1H points missing in final table), Peterborough (1<sup>st</sup> Area CE and P30 points not awarded) and Impington (7<sup>th</sup> Area Classic G points missing in final table) – but none of these change the order in the results.

**BMFA F1ABC TEAM SELECTION, SEPT 24-25****F1A 5 flew**

|   |            |            |      |
|---|------------|------------|------|
| 1 | J Carter   | Grantham   | 1195 |
| 2 | C Edge     | Scotia     | 1122 |
| 3 | S Darmon   | Birmingham | 1073 |
| 4 | J Williams | Birmingham | 1013 |

**F1B 7 flew**

|   |             |              |      |
|---|-------------|--------------|------|
| 1 | M Woolner   | CM           | 1260 |
| 2 | M Benns     | Peterborough | 1260 |
| 3 | P Brown     | CM           | 1260 |
| 4 | P Ball      | Grantham     | 1213 |
| 5 | M Woodhouse | Vikings      | 1193 |

**F1C 4 flew**

|   |         |            |      |
|---|---------|------------|------|
| 1 | N Allen | Crawley    | 1080 |
| 2 | K Faux  | Vikings    | 1029 |
| 3 | S Dixon | Birmingham | 1013 |
| 4 | A Jack  | Birmingham | 783  |

**HEREND CUP, TAPOLCA, HUNGARY, NOVEMBER 5-6****F1A 24 flew 5 full scores**

|   |            |     |     |      |
|---|------------|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | J Vosejpka | CZE | 960 | +401 |
| 2 | L VERNYIK  | HUN | 960 | +397 |
| 3 | I Bezak    | SVK | 960 | +311 |
| 4 | D Fric     | CZE | 960 | +270 |
| 5 | R Guti (J) | HUN | 960 | +230 |

**F1A-Junior 6 flew**

|   |          |     |     |      |
|---|----------|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | R Guti   | HUN | 960 | +230 |
| 2 | I Csikar | HUN | 909 |      |

**F1B 7 flew**

|   |               |     |     |      |
|---|---------------|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | D Larsen      | NOR | 960 | +462 |
| 2 | O Starov      | UKR | 960 | +388 |
| 3 | V Tomljanovic | CRO | 933 |      |

**F1B-Junior 1 flew**

|   |              |     |     |  |
|---|--------------|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | F Cabaravdic | BIH | 892 |  |
|---|--------------|-----|-----|--|

**F1C 3 flew 2 full scores**

|   |           |     |     |      |
|---|-----------|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | S Bauer   | HUN | 960 | +374 |
| 2 | A Sarkany | HUN | 960 | +286 |

**F1Q 6 flew 3 full scores**

|   |           |     |     |      |
|---|-----------|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | G Kertesz | HUN | 960 | +388 |
| 2 | A Buzas   | HUN | 960 | +318 |
| 3 | M Varadi  | HUN | 960 | +285 |

**DON THOMSON**

By Ray Elliott

Don, a long time member of Croydon DMAC, passed away on the 11<sup>th</sup> November after a short illness.

He started modelling when he was at school in Blackpool and continued with the hobby for the rest of his life. On leaving university he worked in Bristol for a few years, joining the Bristol and West club during that time. He went with the club to the World Championships at Wiener Neustadt in 1969 as a supporter and helper for his fellow club member, Elton Drew, who was crowned A2 world champion. At that time Don was primarily a glider flyer.



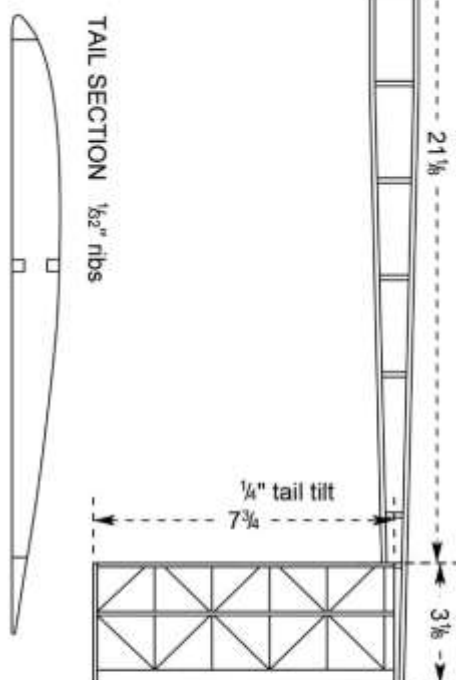
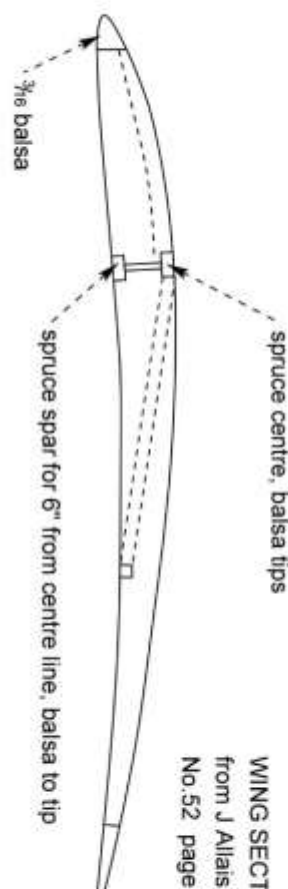
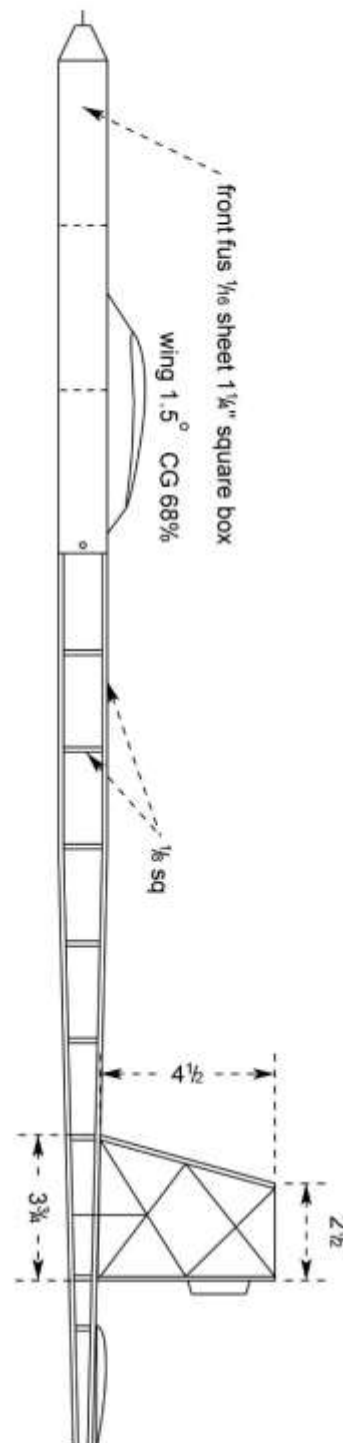
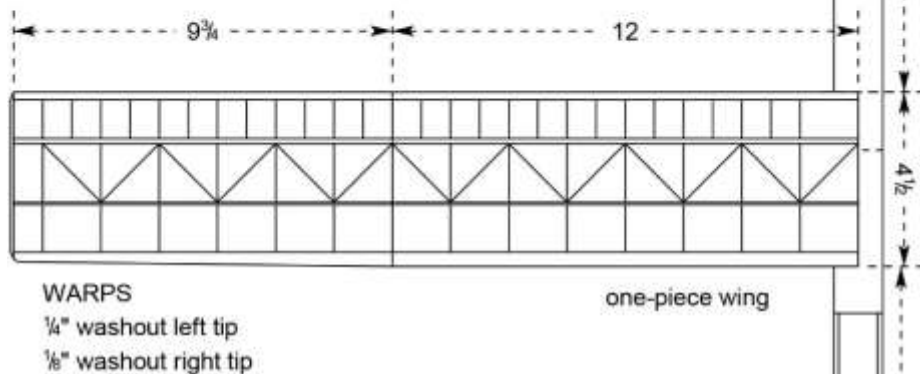
In the early 70's Don moved to London and joined the Croydon club. He continued to be mainly a glider flyer, both A2 and A1, although around 1977 he issued me with a challenge that if I built an A2 then he would build a Wakefield (my favoured class at the time). I duly built a model based on Elton's Lively Lady but can't remember Don ever finishing the Wake. I still have my model, it being my one and only A2.

An important aspect of Don's flying activities from his earliest days with Croydon were trips to fly in French contests. He was not alone in this, of course, as a number of club members were in on the act, as well as other UK flyers. Whilst the primary purpose of these trips was to participate in the contests it was also important to experience the cultural and culinary delights of France (naturellement).

Prop 18" dia x 20" pitch, tension stop  
no downthrust, 2.5° right thrust

DIHEDRAL  
Inner panels flat  
Tips 4"

Motor 6 strands  $\frac{3}{16}$ " FAI  
Trim right-right



WING SECTION 1/16" ribs  
from J Allais, Vol Libre  
No.52 page 3233.

WEIGHTS  
wing 26  
tail 6  
fuselage 27  
prop 16  
sundries 4  
TOTAL

79g

PASCAL  
F1G by Don Thomson

FFn Scale 1:5 All dimensions ins

For the first few years Don travelled with the rest of us but after getting married in 1978 he and Anne- Marie travelled under their own steam. They continued to go to the Moncontour / Poitou contests up to 2018, staying at the "Chapeau Rouge" in St Loup. Additionally for several years in the 90's Don with Peter Jellis and me went to the excellent comp at Cambrai. Early ferry Saturday morning, mini events in the afternoon, slap up dinner at a restaurant in the evening, Wake etc Sunday, late ferry back in the evening – perfect.

From the early 80's Don began to take an increasing interest in flying Coupe (F1G) and this soon became his primary class. He was never a prolific builder but was very meticulous. Over the years he built a number of deceptively simple no frills models ( he eschewed gadgets ) with which he had considerable success. One particular result that comes to mind was coming first in the fly-off at Moncontour in 2006. He also built a couple of Vintage Coupes, a George Batiuk 60's Coupe, a few P30's and recently

finished a La Mouette to fly in Classic A1. He came 4<sup>th</sup> earlier this year in the HPA worldwide postal comp for 60's Coupes.

As well as being an active contest flyer he was Croydon's Secretary and Treasurer for nearly 50 years, a role he carried out in his usual calm manner without any fuss. For many years Don and Anne-Marie hosted the club's AGM with Anne-Marie providing a delicious buffet supper.

Don will be remembered for his easy going, unflappable nature and wry sense of humour.

RIP Don.

## PIM RUYTER

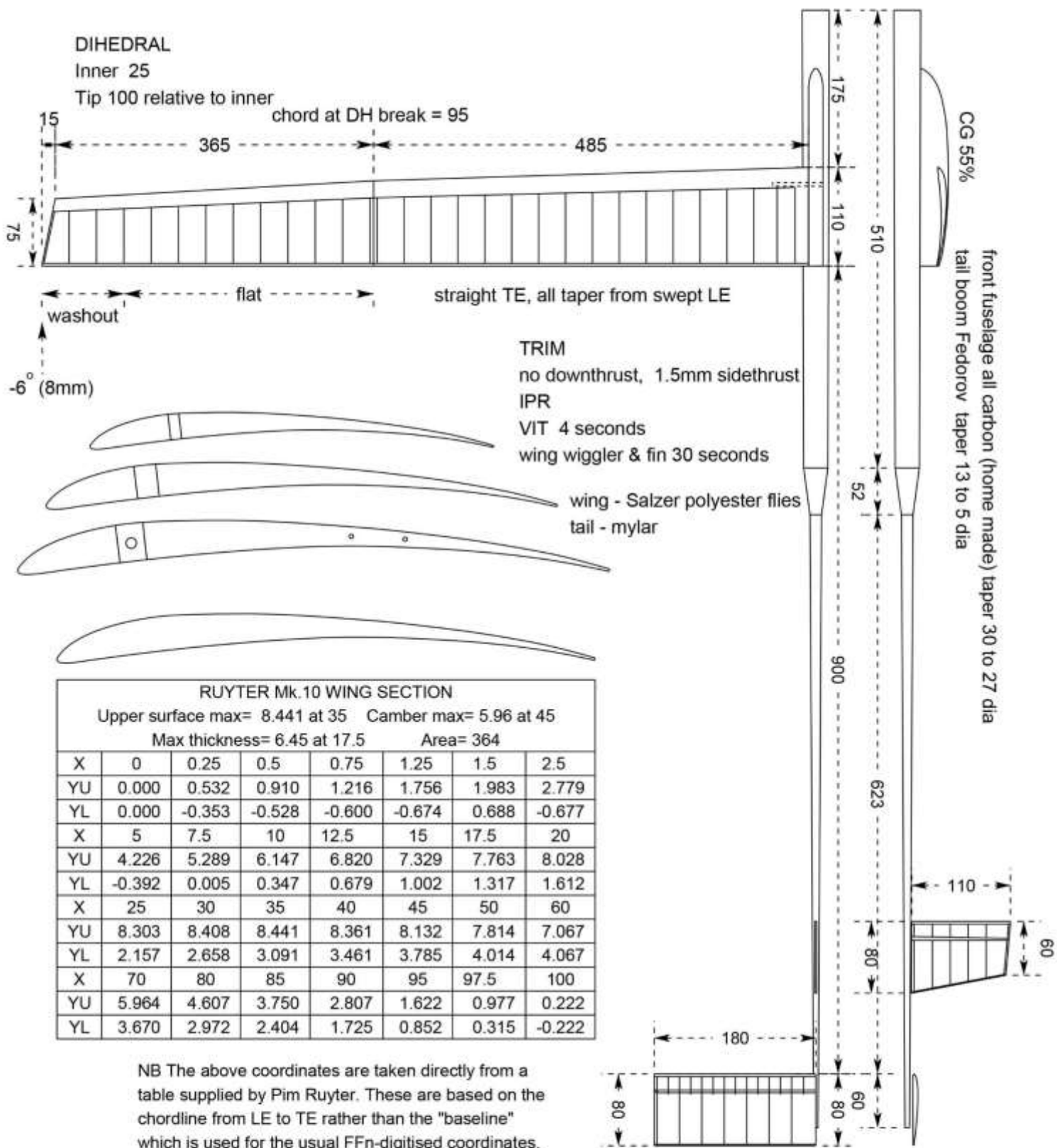
On November 10<sup>th</sup> Pim Ruyter died aged 84. He was a well known F1B flyer having represented the Netherlands in more than 20 World and European Championships. He was also a valuable supplier of radio trackers. The Dutch Threat 10 plan shown here was first published in the March 1995 FFN.

## FREE FLIGHT RANKING

These are the rankings on November 1. For more details see <https://www.freeflightnews.org.uk/ranking/latest.htm>

|            |                     |     | Changes since September 1 |        |                           |   |  |  |
|------------|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|--|--|
|            |                     |     | places                    | points | Results since September 1 |   |  |  |
| <b>F1A</b> |                     |     |                           |        |                           |   |  |  |
| 1          | Bertrand Pouzet     | FRA | 3428                      | 2      | 281                       | PS22=591 ZA22=442-13 HO22=69-66               |  |  |
| 2          | Per Findahl         | SWE | 3347                      | -1     | 30                        | WB22=584 SB22=517-3                           |  |  |
| 3          | Emmanuel Ragot      | FRA | 3292                      | -1     | 79                        | PL22=589                                      |  |  |
| 4          | Jama Danier         | CAN | 3287                      | 0      | 182                       | SB22=593+3 ZA22=567 HO22=116-56 WB22=0-20     |  |  |
| 5          | Bostjan Bagari      | SLO | 2880                      | 0      | -4                        | ZA22=517 KC22=262-30 HC22=225-23 HO22=176-43  |  |  |
| 6          | Michal Sliwinski    | POL | 2855                      | 0      | 7                         | ZA22=417-6 HO22=93-53                         |  |  |
| 7          | Matija Hrast        | SLO | 2841                      | 0      | 17                        | KC22=557                                      |  |  |
| 8          | Dusan Fric          | CZE | 2806                      | 3      | 90                        | HO22=618+16 KC22=420-6 HC22=395-6 ZA22=244-23 |  |  |
| 9          | Tomasz Jeziorny     | POL | 2769                      | 16     | 454                       | HO22=521+30 ZA22=194-10                       |  |  |
| 10         | Allard van Wallene  | NED | 2767                      | -1     | 5                         | PL22=501 SB22=314-3                           |  |  |
| 11         | Jan Vosejpka        | CZE | 2765                      | 8      | 330                       | ZA22=616+26 HC22=598+6 HO22=377+3 SB22=0-40   |  |  |
|            |                     |     |                           |        |                           | KC22=0-46                                     |  |  |
| 12         | Jaroslav Jeziorny   | POL | 2761                      | 12     | 418                       | HO22=460+23 ZA22=95-26                        |  |  |
| <b>F1B</b> |                     |     |                           |        |                           |   |  |  |
| 1          | Stepan Stefanchuk   | UKR | 3276                      | 4      | 319                       | KC22=587+3 WB22=576 CF22=431-3 SB22=257-6     |  |  |
|            |                     |     |                           |        |                           | HO22=56-26 ZA22=0-26                          |  |  |
| 2          | Michael Seifert     | GER | 3162                      | -1     | -31                       |   |  |  |
| 3          | Sevak Malkhasyan    | USA | 3125                      | 0      | 89                        | SR22=592                                      |  |  |
| 4          | Adam Krawiec        | POL | 3069                      | -2     | -60                       | SB22=367-6 ZA22=161-23 HC22=128-10 KC22=0-30  |  |  |
|            |                     |     |                           |        |                           | HO22=0-53                                     |  |  |
| 5          | Leszek Kryszczuk    | POL | 3018                      | -1     | -13                       | HO22=335-10 ZA22=110-23                       |  |  |
| 6          | Dag Edvard Larsen   | NOR | 2956                      | 3      | 269                       | HC22=581+6 ZA22=517+10 HO22=102-16            |  |  |
| 7          | Bojan Gostojic      | SRB | 2917                      | 20     | 997                       | IK22=584+3 MD22=582 MS22=477                  |  |  |
| 8          | Jerry Fitch         | USA | 2796                      | -1     | 41                        | SR22=0-36                                     |  |  |
| 9          | Alexander Andriukov | USA | 2584                      | -3     | -195                      | SR22=0-36                                     |  |  |
| 10         | Mickael Rigault     | FRA | 2571                      | 1      | 149                       | PL22=587                                      |  |  |
| 11         | Vladislav Urban     | CZE | 2547                      | 2      | 184                       | SB22=585+6 ZA22=441+10 HO22=0-30              |  |  |
| <b>F1C</b> |                     |     |                           |        |                           |   |  |  |
| 1          | Artem Babenko       | UKR | 3141                      | 0      | 227                       | PS22=578                                      |  |  |
| 2          | Darijo Jermol       | CRO | 2679                      | 0      | -219                      | HO22=387-3 ZA22=0-6                           |  |  |
| 3          | Ziva Kovacki        | SRB | 2343                      | 0      | -112                      |   |  |  |
| 4          | Marek Roman         | POL | 2246                      | 1      | -43                       |   |  |  |
| 5          | Yury Shvedenkov     | CAN | 2112                      | -1     | -318                      |   |  |  |
| 6          | Balazs Bauer        | HUN | 2108                      | 23     | 1015                      | HO22=579+6 ZA22=577+3 KC22=0-6                |  |  |
| 7          | Soma Bauer          | HUN | 2072                      | 6      | 362                       | HC22=577 KC22=0-10 HO22=0-10                  |  |  |
| 8          | Gauthier Briere     | FRA | 2063                      | 2      | 159                       | KC22=431-3 CF22=0-10                          |  |  |
| 9          | Guy Menanno         | USA | 2043                      | 24     | 1135                      | SR22=577+6 KU22=575                           |  |  |
| 10         | Edward Burek        | POL | 2023                      | -4     | -39                       |   |  |  |
| <b>F1E</b> |                     |     |                           |        |                           |   |  |  |
| 1          | Alexander Winker    | GER | 3068                      | 4      | 684                       | PM22=604+6 PE22=549+3                         |  |  |
| 2          | Mihnea Prodanel     | ROU | 2935                      | 8      | 805                       | BG22=600+6 PA22=540+3 PM22=486+3 PE22=0-50    |  |  |
| 3          | Velizar Vladev      | BUL | 2623                      | 5      | 418                       | PA22=478-3 BG22=170-26                        |  |  |
| 4          | Jean-Luc Drapeau    | FRA | 2520                      | -3     | -244                      | PE22=306-23 PM22=152-36                       |  |  |
| 5          | Eugeny Gorban       | UKR | 2495                      | -3     | -140                      |   |  |  |
| 6          | Florian Draghici    | ROU | 2452                      | 0      | 126                       | BG22=368-13 PA22=306-20                       |  |  |
| 7          | Pavlova Eleonora    | BUL | 2401                      | 10     | 685                       | PA22=601+10 BG22=249-13                       |  |  |
| 8          | Tom Ioerger         | USA | 2354                      | -5     | -182                      | SI22=0-26 KO22=0-26                           |  |  |
| 9          | Marta Vysoka        | CZE | 2290                      | -2     | 1                         |   |  |  |
| 10         | Andre Trachez       | FRA | 2210                      | -6     | -241                      | PM22=117-36 PE22=0-60                         |  |  |





**WEIGHTS g & AREA dm<sup>2</sup>**

|                  |              |              |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| front fuselage   | 73.0         |              |
| rear fuselage    | 15.0         |              |
| wing             | 50.0         | 16.05        |
| tailplane        | 4.0          | 2.88         |
| propeller        | 45.0         |              |
| various hardware | 3.0          |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>190.0</b> | <b>18.93</b> |

**DUTCH T(H)REAT Mk.10**  
**F1B by Pim Ruyter**

FFn Scale 1:6 All dimensions mm