FREE FLIGHT news

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FFn DIARY

February 8-11 Lost Hills, USA	Kiwi World Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q F1E. World Cup event. Contact: Roger Morell, tel: +1 310 483 8776 or +6427 3201 384, email: r_morrell@yahoo.com www.faifreeflight.org Fab Feb sign-up at https://forms.gle/eYWwE6Ds3xN435Jn9 info: http://sen.faifreeflight.org/index.php/fab-feb-2020-information
February 11 Lost Hills, USA	North American Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1Q. World Cup event. Contact: Tony Mathews, tel: +1 705 854 0698, email: tmathews180@gmail.com
February 13-17 Lost Hills, California, USA	Bob White Memorial Max Men International. F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q F1E F1H F1S F1G F1J. World Cup event. Contact: William Booth, tel: +1 760 889 3201, email: ffltarch@gmail.com
February 16 Nova Pazova, Serbia	11th Koplas Pro Cup. F1N . Contact: Martin Grubic, tel: +38 16 38 65 81 82, email: martin.grubic@yahoo.com
Feb 28- March 2 Peak District or near Melton Mowbray.	BMFA 2020 F1E Team Selection Trials. Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com Contact before February 25 to indicate participation
March 1 Area Venues	BMFA 1st Area event – Spring opener. CG, CR, CP, CE (Plugge), F1J (Plugge), P30 (Plugge), HLG/CLG. Contact: Area Comp Secs.
March 11-17 Peak District or near Melton Mowbray.	BMFA 2020 F1E team Selection Trials reserve dates, only to be used if necessary. Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com
March 13 Sakylan Pyhajarvi, Finland	Swedish Moose Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1Q. World Cup event. Contact: Per Findahl, tel: 46709226276,email per.findahl@gmail.com web: www.norbergsfk.se
March 14-15 Säkylä, Pori, Finland	Bear Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1Q. World Cup event. Contact: Kim Henriksson, tel: +358 50460 6393 kim.henriksson@vahanen.com web: http://www.lennokkipojat.fi
March 15 Area Venues	BMFA 2nd Area event – Gamage Day. CR (Gamage), F1A (SMAE), F1C (Halfax,Plugge), E36 (Plugge), Vint Glider (Plugge), P30, Tailless HLG/CLG. Contact: Area Comp Secs.
March 21-22 Raná u Loun, Czech Republic	2 F1E World Cup events. 21st Rana 1, 22nd Rana 2. Contact: Jiri Rudolf, tel: +420 6066 45618, email: jiri.rudolf@gmail.com web: www.technickyklub.cz
March 21-2 Kierz, Poland	2 World Cup events F1A F1B F1C F1Q.. 21st: KAR-TEL Cup, Pieter de Boer Memorial. 22nd: World Cup event. Contact: Allard van Wallene, tel: +31 6 137 48 459, avanwallene@ziggo.nl or s-kubit@wp.pl
March 26-29 Slanic, Romania	2020 F1D Indoor World Championships
March 28-29 Padule di Bientina, Italy	Coppa Volo Libero. F1A F1B F1C F1Q. World Cup event. Contact: Fabrizio Ceccarini, tel: +39 347 430 8840 / +39 335 587 4188, email: f_ceccarini@tin.it
March 29 Area Venues	BMFA 3rd Area event – Team Power Day. CG, CPTeam (Keil, Plugge), CE, F1B (Gutridge), F1Q (Plugge), Vint Rubber/Power (Plugge), Mini Vintage (Plugge), HLG/CLG. Contact: Area Comp Secs.
April 2-3 Narrandera, NSW, Australia	Widgiewa Cup. F1A F1B F1C. World Cup event. Contact: Phil Mitchell, tel: +61 41 94 14 653, email: filnoels@bigpond.net.au
April 4-8 Narrandera, NSW, Australia	Australian Free Flight Championships. F1A F1B F1C. World Cup event. Contact: Phil Mitchell, tel: +61 41 94 14 653, email: filnoels@bigpond.net.au
April 4-5 Deva, Romania	Harghita Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q F1H. World Cup event. Contact: Istvan Kiss, tel: +40 74 51 61 435, email: cc.cristur@gmail.com www.faif1abc.com
April 5 Deva, Romania	Budapest Cup of Hungary. F1A F1B F1C F1Q F1H. World Cup event. Contact: Laszlo Patocs mmpa@t-online.hu www.faif1abc.com

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CIAM CONTEST CALENDAR

There have been some changes of dates for World Cup events from the lists published in the December 2019 FFn:

The F1E events in Italy have moved from June to May 30-31.

Kazakhstan FF Cup has moved to to June 26-27

Astana FF Cup has changed name to Eurasia Cup and the dates to June 28-29.

The FAI database calendar has a few errors in contact details, etc, which have not yet been corrected and the review of registration payment has not yet been completed for all events.

The following countries have had their FAI membership suspended following failure to pay their subscriptions for last year:-

Armenia
Bahrain
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Iraq
Morocco
Palestine.

The only one which impacts free flight with World Cup events and competitors is Bosnia & Herzegovina. I understand that they are about to pay their outstanding debts and the suspension will then be lifted

TUI CUP, CARTERON, NEW ZEALAND, JANUARY 2

A welcome return of a World Cup event flown in New Zealand, but with a disappointing lack of foreign visitors.

F1A 2 flew

1	R Wallace	NZL	905

F1B 4 flew

1	D Ackery	NZL	952
2	P Squires	NZL	951

FREE FLIGHT WORLD CUP

The 2019 Free Flight World Cup results were given in FFn last month. Full results for all years can be found on http://www.freeflightnews.org.uk/wcup/wcupmast.htm

The winner of F1A is Per Findahl of Sweden followed by Russians Mikhail Kosonozhkin and Anton Gorsky. The leader has three wins and a fifth place, the runner–up has one win and a second, third and fourth place. This shows the effect of the new rule system which rewards the high placings in large competitions with almost as many points as the winner. This is the 8th time that Per has won the F1A World Cup, equalling the other most prolific World Cup winner Alex Andriukov in F1B.

The winner of F1A-Junior is Vitek Rossler (CZE) followed by Filip Klobusicky (SVK) both with victories at four competitions. With fewer competitors at most junior competitions the points are more widely spaced below the winner. Third place went to Capucin Ragot (France).

Oleg Kulakovsky (Ukraine) has won the F1B World Cup for the third consecutive year. He had two wins and two second places in large competitions. Runner-up Adam Krawiec (Poland) had four wins and was followed by Mykola Kovalenko (Ukraine) with the top three within a range of only 19 points.

F1B Junior was won by Yuval Sarig (Israel) after taking the lead in the Negev Open, the final competition of the year. With that win he overtook two girls, who are now in second and third place: Kristina Ivanova (Bulgaria) and Zofia Zdancewicz (Poland). All three had a score made up by four wins.

Nikolay Rekhin of Russia won F1C. He was also last year's winner and was followed within 24 points by Mariusz Gasiorowski of Poland and Viacheslav Aleksandrov (Ukraine). Viacheslav moved on to the podium with a win at the Negev Open.

F1P Junior winner is Wenze Li of China followed by Vladislav Lipov of Russia.

The winer of F1Q is Franco Gradi (Italy) with second and third places taken by Andras Jancso (Hungary) and Olexander Maksymov (Ukraine).

Alexander Winker of Germany has retained the F1E World Cup after also winning it last year. Second place went to Marian Popescu (Romania) and the winner's son Florian Winker took third place. It is notable that both Winkers also took places on the 2019 World Championships podium, when Florian was second and Alexander third.

The winner of F1E Junior was Mihnea Prodanel (Romania) followed by Jakub Wisniewski (Poland) both with four wins and Dan-Adrian Vasilescu (Romania) had third place with two wins and a second and third place.

Organisation

The top three places in each event have been displayed on the FAI web site and updated frequently throughout the year at the address:

https://www.fai.org/world-cups/f1-free-flight

The detailed results have been uploaded to the coordinator's web site and there are links to this from the FAI web page for both the results of each class or the overall summary.

Three competitions were cancelled during the year for venue problems: 15th Philippe Legage (France), Trofeo Citta di Maniago (Italy) and Mostar Cup (Bosnia Herzegovina). The Niksic Cup organised by Montenegro was withdrawn when FAI membership of Montenegro was suspended. At the Hanukkah Open the weather limited the flying to just the F1A competition.

Almost all organisers have returned results promptly, but there were delays extending to months for Huron Cup (Canada) and Memorial Borslav Bardarov (Bulgaria).

A system has been established this year for a validity check on the FAI licence of every person on the results list. When there are people without valid licences the results have been posted initially with this indicated. After a short time allowed for administrative updates of licences to work into the system, the results have been re-processed and flyers without valid licences removed.

Statistics

There have been 61 competitions in F1A F1B F1C F1P F1Q and 24 in F1E with a total 4467 entries in these competitions.

Number of competitors per country, those scoring points in 1 or more events

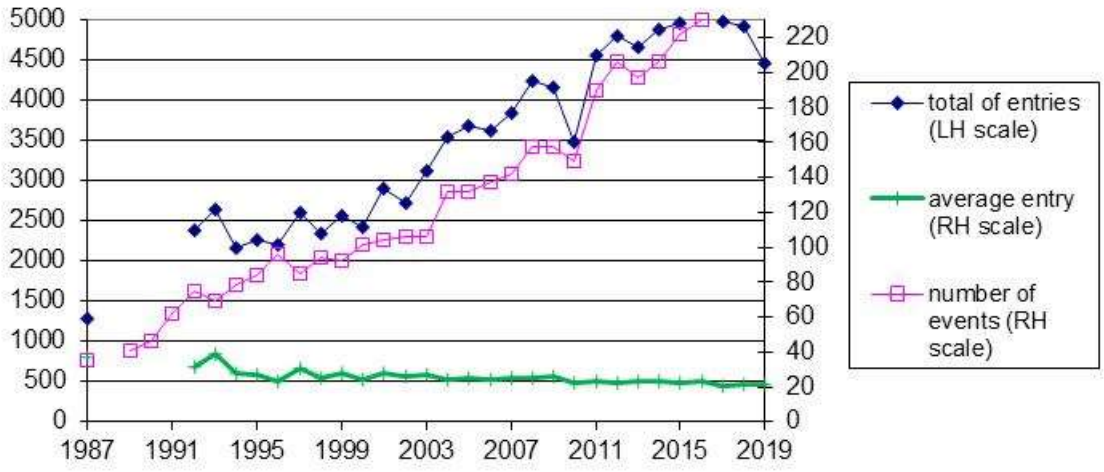
The "All" column in the second table is the number of people over all classes, including allowance for some people having flown in more than one class.

F1A		F1A Junior		F1B		F1B Junior		F1C		F1P Junior		F1Q		F1E		F1E Junior		All	
RUS	64	RUS	19	RUS	51	RUS	12	RUS	23	RUS	7	GER	6	ROU	21	ROU	9	RUS	153
GER	26	FRA	5	USA	16	BUL	3	UKR	7	UKR	2	HUN	5	FRA	20	POL	7	GER	58
ISR	25	ISR	5	UKR	15	CHN	3	USA	7	BUL	1	USA	5	POL	20	CZE	6	POL	55
FRA	17	POL	5	FRA	14	POL	3	MGL	5	CHN	1	GBR	4	CZE	17	FRA	4	FRA	53
POL	17	SVK	5	GER	13	GER	2	AUS	4	POL	1	UKR	4	ITA	14	ITA	3	UKR	42
FIN	16	SLO	5	CZE	9	ISR	2	FRA	4			DEN	3	GER	13	GER	2	CZE	41
CZE	14	BUL	4	ISR	9	UKR	2	GBR	4			ISR	3	SUI	5	BUL	1	ISR	40
HUN	13	CZE	4	MGL	8	FRA	1	POL	4			ITA	3	USA	5	SVK	1	USA	40
SVK	12	FIN	4	POL	8	ITA	1	EST	3			POL	3	AUT	4			ROU	31
SLO	12	GER	4	GBR	7	MKD	1	ISR	3			FIN	1	BUL	4			ITA	24
BIH	10	HUN	3	AUS	6	USA	1	ITA	3					SVK	4			FIN	22
USA	10	MKD	3	CRO	5	SRB	1	ARG	2					GBR	2			GBR	22
ROU	9	MGL	2	NED	5			AUT	2					UKR	2			HUN	22
MGL	8	ROU	2	SRB	5			BUL	2					JPN	1			MGL	21
NED	8	UKR	2	BIH	4			CHN	2									BUL	17
UKR	8	BIH	1	BUL	4			CRO	2									SVK	17
DEN	7	CRO	1	CHN	4			FIN	2									SLO	15
SRB	7	DEN	1	ITA	4			GER	2									BIH	14
ARG	6	ITA	1	JPN	4			KAZ	2									AUS	13
AUT	6	USA	1	NZL	4			BLR	1									CRO	13
BUL	6			TUR	4			CAN	1									NED	13
GBR	6			CAN	3			HUN	1									DEN	12
MKD	6			DEN	3			LTU	1									SRB	12
SWE	6			FIN	3			MKD	1									AUT	11
TUR	6			ROU	3			SLO	1									MKD	11
CRO	5			SVK	3			SWE	1									CHN	10
CAN	4			SWE	3			SRB	1									SWE	10
SUI	4			HUN	2													TUR	10
AUS	3			MKD	2													ARG	9
BLR	3			NOR	2													CAN	8
ITA	2			SLO	2													SUI	8
LAT	2			SUI	2													NZL	6
LTU	2			ARG	1													EST	5
NZL	2			AUT	1													JPN	5
BEL	1			EST	1													BLR	4
CHN	1			KOR	1													LTU	4
EST	1			LAT	1													KAZ	3
KAZ	1			LTU	1													LAT	3
KOR	1																	NOR	3
NOR	1																	KOR	2
ESP	1																	BEL	1
																		ESP	1

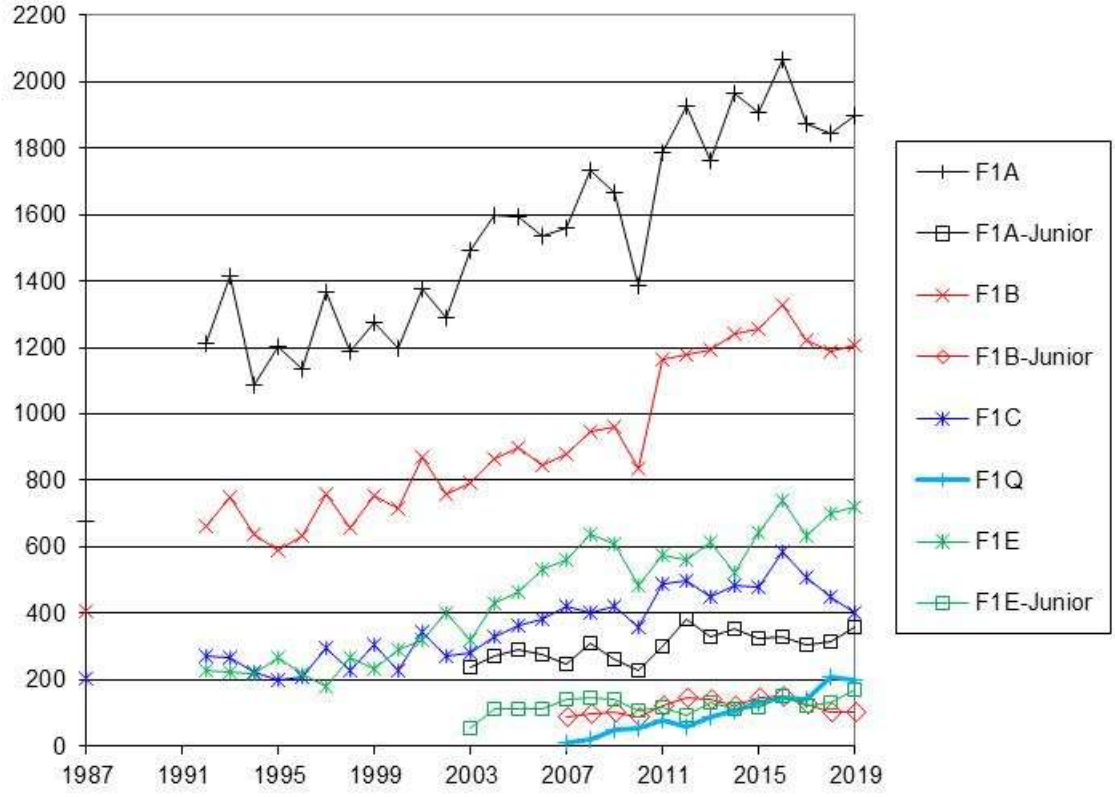
	F1A	F1A-J	F1B	F1B-J	F1C	F1P-J	F1Q	F1E	F1E-J
Number of competitions	61	48	60	33	56	15	33	24	21
Total number of entries	1898	358	1208	105	404	37	199	721	172
Number of competitors scoring points:									
in 1 event	141	30	86	17	34	6	13	58	14
in 2 events	80	22	70	6	32	2	4	25	8
in 3 events	60	12	30	6	11	3	9	12	4
in 4 events	27	6	12	2	4	1	4	11	1
in 5 events	16	4	12	1	4	0	3	7	2
in 6 events	10	0	6	0	0	0	1	7	0
in 7 events	7	0	5	0	3	0	1	4	1
in 8 events	7	0	5	0	1	0	1	4	2
in 9 events	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1
in 10 events	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
in 11 events	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 12 events	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
in 13 events	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
in 14 events	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 15 events	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 16 events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 17 events	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
in 18 events	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of competitors scoring World Cup points	359	77	233	32	91	12	37	132	33

Statistics over all years of World Cup

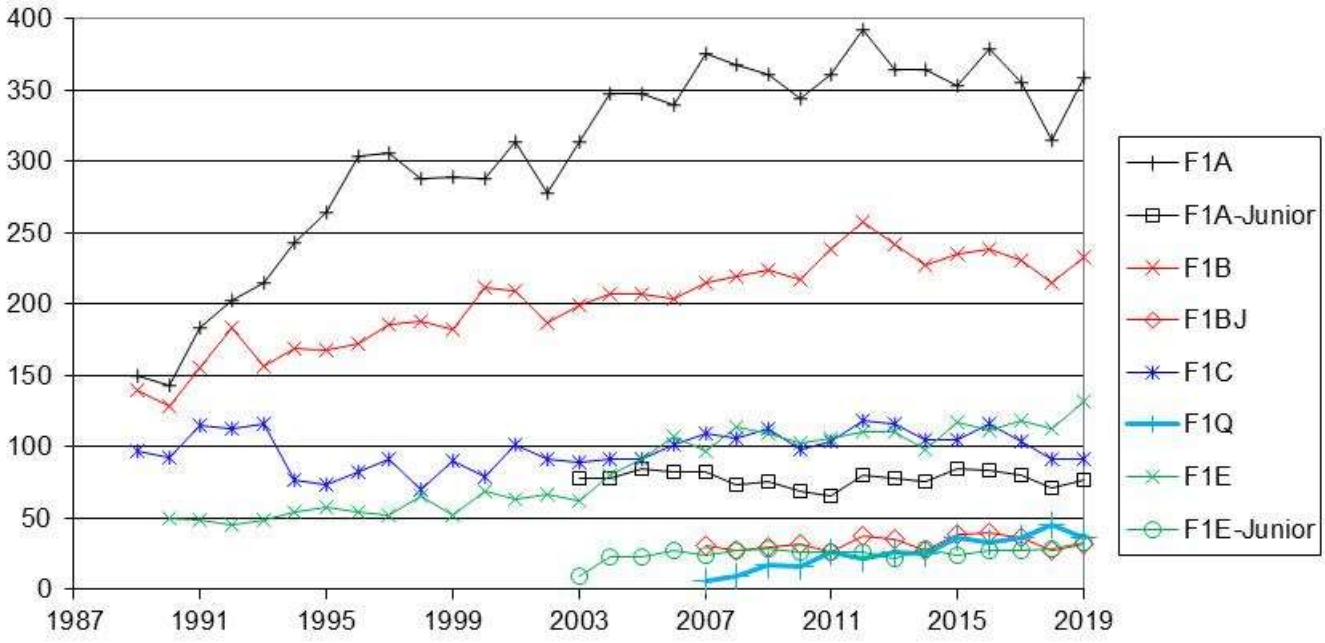
The following plot shows the steady increase in the number of competitions and the total entries over the years since the Free Flight World Cup started in 1987. The very similar growth in both of those numbers balances out to give a very nearly constant of 20 competitors per competition over all the classes F1A F1B F1C F1Q and F1E. It is the overall number of competitors, excluding the junior sub-classifications. The detailed number of entries were not readily available for the years 1988 to 1991.



The next chart shows the breakdown of the total number of entries split into individual classes.



The previous plots have considered the total numbers of entries in all competitions. A view of the number of people involved is given in the next plot by the number who have scored points during the year. This has an additional variable from involving the rule changes that influence the number receiving points. 2019 was the first year of the recent points change which gave points to all people in the top half of the results irrespective of the size of the entry. This increased the number receiving points in all events with 50 or more competitors. It is seen that there is a slight upward movement resulting from this change, offsetting the reduction seen the previous year. The numbers are showing only modest increases during the last 15 years, so when considered alongside the increase in overall entries this suggests that people are flying in more events each year than they had been 15 years ago. Another aspect of the statistics to investigate in future.



CIAM SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient of the annual scholarship will be announced at the Plenary meeting after selection against defined criteria.by a panel from the CIAM Education Committee under Per Findahl's chairmanship using marking. The applicants for this year are:

Kristina Ivanova of Bulgaria currently aged 17. Has flown F1A F1B F1H since 2012 and also Space Models. Last year she had a good day at the Borislav Baradov Memorial World Cup in her home country winning F1B and third place in F1A. Academic interests are language and science.

Karl Mannik from Estonia flies F1A and F1B. In the 2018 Junior World Championships he achieved second place in F1A and won F1B to become World Champion. He is now aged 19 and so will not be able to defend his title this year, but will be able to compete as a defending champion in the 2021 senior World Champs. He is currently studying in the UK at Coventry and plans to bring his models to the UK in his second year at the university.

A space model flyer from Poland, Wokciech Koszelski is aged 17. He started flying in the space model championships in 2015 and has competed in the championships every year since then.

Michal Žitňan from Slovakia is another space model flyer and has also flown in every championship since 2015.

The final applicant is well away from our field of interest, Mykola Zabara of Ukraine is a control line flyer and Junior European Champion in team race.

1917

The movie 1917 was released in UK during January. This was filmed mainly on Salisbury Plain last year, which limited our use of Training Area 8 and caused the Stonehenge and Equinox Cup to be postponed. It has already received awards and nominated for more for a good story even if lacking in realism in story or details of settings. this presents some comments on its use of our site.

One of the acclaimed features of Same Mendes' direction has been the long continuous shooting, but what was notable to me was the smooth progression from normal Salisbury Plain into the film set and a very different environment. The Plain appeared representing a number of different locations in the story and a common feature was the contrast between the clean undamaged green grass and the muddy chaos of some of the battlefield scenes supposedly very nearby. It certainly made the flying site look a very pleasant piece of countryside, even though some scenes showed the grass or trees waving in a strong wind. It included the typical site hazards - cutting hands on barbed wire and getting vehicles stuck in the mud! Remarkably, the only significant remaining sign of the film on Training Area 8 is the improved access road.

Some scenes of the muddier battlefields were filmed on Hinkley Common, a piece of Surrey Heathland south of Farnham, and showing general similarities to Chobham Common. The only non-flying locations were some docks near Glasgow and the rocky fast flowing river that was totally out of keeping with the supposed northern France setting.

LODGE FARM

The farmer currently has lots of sheep about to lamb on this trimming site. The farmer does not want us to fly on site till end of February. Conact Walter Hodkinson to confirm availability.

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SOUTHERN COUPE LEAGUE 2020

The latest schedule of events counting toward the Southern Coupe League is as follows. The loss of the First Area meeting means there is a gap until the next event in April, plenty of time to get your models trimmed.

01/12/19	Coupe de Brum	N Luffenham
26/04/20	London Gala	Salisbury Plain
14/06/20	Oxford Gala	Port Meadow
28/06/20	4th Area	Area venues
23/08/20	Southern Gala	Salisbury Plain
13/09/20	Crookham Gala	Salisbury Plain
17/10/20	Coupe Europa	Salisbury Plain

UK COMPETITIONS NEWS

CROYDON WAKEFIELD DAY 11th April (Saturday) Salisbury Plain Area 8. Events are 4oz and 8oz Wakefield, F1B (in rounds), Marcus Lightweights (RAFF V, Bazooka, Dinahmite, Supa Dupa). For further information please contact Ray Elliott tel 020 8997 7745, email ray.elliott8@btinternet.com

CROYDON COUPE EUROPA 17th October(Saturday) Salisbury Plain Area 8. Events are F1G (in rounds), Vintage Coupe. Flitehook trophy for F1G teams. Start 10am. Entrance to Area 8 is approximately 2 miles west of Shrewton on B390 to Chitterne. For further information please contact Ray Elliott, tel 020 8997 7745, email ray.elliott8@btinternet.com