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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 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, 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.
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 21-22 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 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, CP Team (Keil, Plugge), CE, F1B (Gutridge), F1Q (Plugge), Vintage R/P (Plugge), Mini Vintage (Plugge), HLG/CLG.
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, cc.cristur@gmail.com web: 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
April 6-10 Nalchik, Russian Federation	Elbrus Cup 2020. F1A F1B F1C F1P. World Cup event. Contact: Nikolay Naloev, tel: +7 928 084 44 79, email: naloev@mail.ru
April 10-14 Nalchik, Russian Federation	Naloev Cup. F1A F1B F1C F1P. World Cup event. Contact: Nikolay Naloev, tel: +7 928 084 44 79, email: naloev@mail.ru
April 10 (Good Friday) Barkston Heath	BMFA Northern Gala. C/G (CMA), C/R (Caton), C/P (Hamley); [Club Champs] ,C/E, F1H, SLOP (Falcons), MiniVintage, P30, HLG/CLG. Contact: Colin Foster 01904 798253 katecol@mypostoffice.co.uk
April 11 (Saturday) Salisbury Plain	Croydon Wakefield Day. See FFn 2002. 4oz & 8oz Wakefield, F1B (in rounds), Marcus Lightweights (Dinahmite, Supa Dupa, RAFF V, Bazooka). Contact Ray Elliott tel 020 8997 7745 ray.elliott8@btinternet.com
April 11-13 West Wyalong, NSW, Australia	Southern Cross Cup. F1A F1B F1C. World Cup event. Contact: Roy Summersby, tel: +61 24341 0072, em: royd132@optusnet.com.au
April 18-19 Oberkotzau, Germany	2 F1E World Cup events. 18th:Otto Kuttler Cup, 19th: Fohrlberg Cup. Contact: Peter Kuttler, Germany, tel: +49 160 945 16 469, email: peter-kuttler@web.de

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LOST HILLS FAB FEB

Report by Ian Kaynes

February seemed a very quick return to Lost Hills after the long session in October for the World Championships. Obviously quite a few people found it difficult to attend again and the numbers were down from the usual February. Nobody from France or from several central European countries and fewer Australians. Furthermore the USA Chinese travel ban for Covid19 virus prevented any Chinese or Mongolians from attending.

Enes and Jasminka Pecenkovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina (MS)

There had been an FAI scare of suspended membership for countries including two with registered competitors at Lost Hills – Argentina and Bosnia Herzegovina. The former was resolved in January but Bosnia paid their FAI fees only just before the start of the contests.

All those absentees missed the best February Lost Hills weather ever – every day was sunny, warm during the day, very light winds – and there was short grass over all the field. Quite a contrast to the dusty October. *(As preparing this FFn I have heard that Salisbury Plain is difficult to access with a 4x4 and strong winds are forecast again. A good reason for going to LH)*

Kiwi Cup was the first event with all the large FAI classes flown on Saturday 9th. They followed the routine of the October contests in having the first two rounds flown to a four-minute maximum. Despite the apparently ideal weather of little wind and mainly sunny the air was quite difficult and a considerable number dropped flights. Although flyoff numbers were not large a surprise 4-minute max was set for the final round. However, only 2 F1B flyers spoilt their full scores in that round, and one of those dropped below three minutes. This left flyoffs of 12 in F1A, 16 in F1B, 8 in F1C and 3 in F1Q.

Shmulik Sitton waiting for F1Q flyoff

One flyoff round was flown to a 7-minute max with rather more wind (2 m/s) than earlier in the day. This produced a final result in F1Q with Omni Sirkis winning with the only max, the flyoff for the class having been flown with the energy reduced from 3J per g to 2J per g.

By contrast F1A B and C were flown, of course, to standard rules and had multiple maxes taking a few models into the orchards. These classes then had to wait to the following morning for a 10-minute flyoff.

There was very little wind. The top two times in F1A were very close with Jama Danier winning, but by contrast Bill Booth found some helpful air to win F1B by more than two minutes. Oleksandra Sasha Shapiro, Artem Babenko's daughter, beat all the F1C flyers, amongst whom World Champion Tarom Malkhasyan failed to get in a flight with a broken wing fold line.

The Kiwi Cup mini events were held on Sunday after the World Cup flyoffs in the same weather and more than half the entry reached the flyoff in each class. The first round had been timed to the ground and that produced flights up to 10 minutes. The extra time was used as a tiebreaker at the end of the day. One flyoff round was flown and the tiebreaker applied for F1H and F1J. Yuval Bichet won F1H by his 10 minute first flight, with Per Findahl and Jim Parker behind him.

The Mini events were followed by F1E on Monday which is reported below.

Tuesday was the day for the Canadian-organised North American Cup. This had been brought forward one day to make more space for flying on a later day if there was bad weather – which had been a problem last year but not needed this year. This added a physical scoreboard to augment the monitor and online results service driven by Lindy Murrell tirelessly entering the scores for all the major events. Started off with the expected two rounds flown to a 4-minute max but Tony then added round 3 to also be a 4- minute max. Rounds 3 and 4 are usually the most difficult rounds in this weather at Lost Hills, with it being a problem to locate clear thermals amongst various false indications. This long max caused the downfall of a number of flyers – Mike McKeever in F1A, Mike Woolner, Blake Jensen and Evgeny Gorban in F1B (dropping 5, 6 and 13 seconds respectively) and Aram Schlosberg in F1Q.

With only five rounds it still left 15 for the flyoff in F1A, 13 for F1B, 6 for F1C and 3 for F1Q. These were flown to an 8-minute max and produced wins for Yuri Grushkovskiy in F1A, Roy Summersby in F1C, and Shmulik Sitton in F1Q. F1B had to return the following morning when Alex Andrjukov made the best flight of almost 8 minutes.

Wednesday was a day off contest flying, with lots of practice flying including a good number flying F1E on the hill. The day also had the ladies' tea party and the evening meal at Gabby's restaurant in Lost Hills (a change from eating their good food at the field when their van came out at midday on major contest days).

Thursday was for flying F1E for the Californian Cup, then Friday was the start of the Bob White Memorial MaxMen event, starting with F1B and F1C. These were flown with the first two rounds on a 4-minute max followed by five 3-minute rounds. There were 13 in F1B and 8 in F1C flyoffs, These were flown to 6-minute and then 8-minute maxes and both produced final results that evening. Steffen Jensen won F1B just 8 seconds short of the final max. Again Roy Summersby won F1C followed by Babenko father and daughter.

Bill Booth waiting in first flyoff and then launching-

The MaxMen F1A and F1Q were flown on Saturday. F1A was flown with rounds one and two having 4-minute max. The other rounds and all 7 rounds of F1Q were flown to a 3-minute max. There was a typical number of 14 in the F1A flyoff but only 2 in F1Q. The latter was an all-USA event after both Israelis dropped time; Ben Tarcher had a clear win over Jack Murphy, again flying to the 2J reduced energy allocation. F1A went to 3 rounds to find the winner in a morning flyoff - Per Findahl with a magnificent flight in the morning. That meant that the F1A trophy could be awarded only that day, not at the MaxMen – America Cup dinner which had been held on Saturday night, in the Lost Hills community centre – a great building provided by the Wonderful Company, but a pity they did not spend a little more to improve the acoustics of the hall.

The final competition was the MaxMen Mini, again with a well supported F1J event. There were 6 full scores in F1G, F1H, and F1J and 5 in F1S. Per Findahl won F1H, which had 2 British flyers at the bottom of the full scores with Gary Madelin (attending just for this one event) ahead of Brian Lavis.

Ben Tarcher in F1Q flyoff

John Cooper – he made a wonderful flight in the first MaxMen flyoff -launching in the last minute into air that just held the model at constant height for the max

Jama Danier towing – winner of Kiwi Cup F1A

F1J flyers in Kiwi Cup

Evgeny Gorban launching F1E,winner of Kiwi Cup (PB)

F1E

The light winds that were marvellous on the flat field were not conducive to easy F1E flying. Waiting for a wind from a useful soaring direction yielded something that lasted for only a few seconds and followed by calm or different direction. Not helped by the drift often settling to north or north-west going across the hill. Both competitions had a good number of participants, made up by an enhanced USA participation The only international flyers were Shigeru Kanegawa from Japan and myself. Shigeru was flying F1J and F1E at Lost Hills after having been prevented from coming to Lost Hills in October as a jury member when Tokyo was hit by a typhoon.

The Kiwi Cup on Monday started to a 150 max but 4 out of the 9 competitors made this max so it was increased to 180for round 2 and left at that for the remaining rounds. Jack Greening was flying very well but was overtaken by a last round max by Evgeny Gorban by a small margin of 6.11%. Interesting to note that if the max had been left at 150 seconds then these two would have been tied on exactly the same score.

The other F1E action was the Californian Cup on Thursday. This is the event associated with the MaxMen contest. Unusually for F1E it is flown to a seven round format. In very similar conditions to the \kiwi Cup, it sensibly stayed with 150 second max for the first five rounds then the last two were flown to 180. This time Jack Greening maxed the last five rounds and was clear winner. On the day the second place was taken by Kurt Van Nest just ahead of Shigeru Kanegawa, but he was without an FAI licence and so was eliminated from the results for the World Cup.

Shigeru Kanegawa F1E launch (PB)

Lost Hills photos: I Kaynes except MS=Merry Smith, PB+ Peter Brocks.

KIWI WORLD CUP, LOST HILLS, February 8-9

F1A 38 flew

1	J Danier	CAN	1440	+420	+414
2	Y Grushkovskiy	UKR	1440	+420	+410
3	P Findahl	SWE	1440	+420	+357
4	S Rosenzweig	USA	1440	+420	+258
5	A Balassiano	ISR	1440	+420	+254
6	Y Bichet	ISR	1440	+420	+220
7	K Bauer	USA	1440	+420	
8	J Parker	USA	1440	+318	
9	C Bachmann	SUI	1440	+308	
10	E Pecenkovic	BIH	1440	+198	
11	R Puhakka	USA	1440	+193	
12	A Studnik	ISR	1440	+25	
13	E Gerber	ISR	1435		
14	A Starikov	RUS	1430		
15	B Van Nest	USA	1428		
16	K Jones	USA	1427		
17	A Arigos	ARG	1426		
18	A Fathers	AUS	1416		
19	J Cooper	GBR	1415		

F1A-Junior 1 flew

1	N Goldstein	USA	766

F1B 38 flew

1	W Booth	USA	1440	+420	+566
2	S Stefanchuk	UKR	1440	+420	+399
3	M Seifert	GER	1440	+420	+385
4	S Malkhasyan	USA	1440	+420	+345
5	C Hemsworth	AUS	1440	+420	+320
6	V Morgan	AUS	1440	+420	+318
7	M Kovalenko	UKR	1440	+376	
8	A Andriukov	USA	1440	+338	
9	D Larsen	NOR	1440	+324	
10	B Jensen	USA	1440	+310	
11	T Odell	USA	1440	+299	
12	J Fitch	USA	1440	+289	
13	L Horak	CAN	1440	+277	
14	W Ghio	USA	1440	+261	
15	T Mathews	CAN	1440	+256	
16	M Woolner	GBR	1440	+226	
17	E Gorban	UKR	1438		
18	M Davis	USA	1435		
19	G Hagay	ISR	1426		

F1C 12 flew 8 full scores

1	O Shapiro	UKR	1440	+420	+423
2	R Summersby	AUS	1440	+420	+361
3	E Carroll	USA	1440	+420	+272
4	L Savukhina	RUS	1440	+420	+237
5	T Malkhasyan	USA	1440	+420	
6	D Chesson	USA	1440	+382	

F1Q 5 flew 3 full scores

1	O Sirkis	ISR	1440	+420
2	B Tarcher	USA	1440	+330

F1G 14 flew 8 full scores

1	T O'Dell	USA	600	224
2	M Richardson	USA	600	196
3	L Horak	CAN	600	133
4	T Mathews	CAN	600	111
5	K Brocks	USA	600	104
6	G Jones	USA	600	54
7	T Fibish	ISR	600	6
8	B Guest	GBR	600	0

F1H 8 flew

1	Y Bichet	ISR	600	240	600
2	P Findahl	SWE	600	240	202
3	J Parker	USA	600	240	142
4	B Lavis	GBR	600	197	
5	B Jensen	USA	583		

F1J 7 flew 5 full scores

1	R Summersby	AUS	600	240	550
2	F Parker	USA	600	240	360
3	S Kanegawa	JPN	600	240	325
4	K Faux	GBR	600	148	
5	G Menanno	USA	600	100	

F1S 9 flew 5 full scores

1	J Murphy	USA	600	110
2	D DeLoach	USA	600	86
3	R Donnelly	USA	600	73
4	J Parker	USA	600	68
5	L Norvall	USA	600	62

NORTH AMERICAN CUP, LOST HILLS, FEBRUARY 11

F1A 31 flew

1	Y Grushkovskiy	UKR	1080	+454	
2	L Arigos	ARG	1080	+396	
3	A Arigos	ARG	1080	+386	
4	J Danier	CAN	1080	+374	
5	E Gerber	ISR	1080	+358	
6	L Malila	SUI	1080	+346	
7	J Parker	USA	1080	+329	
8	Y Bichet	ISR	1080	+328	
9	A Persson	SWE	1080	+304	
10	P Findahl	SWE	1080	+298	
11	B Van Nest	USA	1080	+280	
12	A Studnik	ISR	1080	+258	
13	S Sitton	ISR	1080	+241	
14	E Pecenkovic	BIH	1080	+234	
15	A Balassiano	ISR	1080	+217	
16	J Abad	ESP	1077		

F1B 35 flew

1	A Andriukov	USA	1080	+480	+462
2	S Stefanchuk	UKR	1080	+480	+423
3	M Kovalenko	UKR	1080	+480	+409
4	A Schlosberg	USA	1080	+480	+405
5	W Booth	USA	1080	+480	+382
6	G Hagay	ISR	1080	+480	+372
7	W Ghio	USA	1080	+480	+349
8	T Obligenarz	USA	1080	+418	
9	T Matsuo	JPN	1080	+383	
10	M Seifert	GER	1080	+323	
11	S Jensen	DEN	1080	+286	
12	I Blazhevych	UKR	1080	+282	
13	D Larsen	NOR	1080	+258	
14	M Woolner	GBR	1075		
15	B Jensen	USA	1074		
16	A Baruch	ISR	1069		
17	E Gorban	UKR	1067		
18	L Horak	CAN	1066		

F1C 12 flew 6 full scores

1	R Summersby	AUS	1080	+471
2	Y Shvedenkov	CAN	1080	+464
3	D Chesson	USA	1080	+440
4	O Shapiro	UKR	1080	+424
5	F Parker	USA	1080	+372
6	M Roberts	USA	1080	+350

F1Q 7 flew

1	S Sitton	ISR	1080	+340
2	T Ioerger	USA	1080	+248
3	O Sirkis	ISR	1080	+218
4	B Tarcher	USA	1033	

BOB WHITE MEMORIAL MAX MEN INTERNATIONAL, Lost Hills, February 13-17

F1A 40 flew

1	P Findahl	SWE	1380	+360	+480	+500
2	A Arigos	ARG	1380	+360	+480	+364
3	J Farmer	USA	1380	+360	+480	+340
4	Y Bichet	ISR	1380	+360	+480	+337
5	A Persson	SWE	1380	+360	+480	+266
6	Y Grushkovskiy	UKR	1380	+360	+480	+258
7	A Studnik	ISR	1380	+360	+416	
8	J Danier	CAN	1380	+360	+359	
9	J Cooper	GBR	1380	+360	+347	
10	J Parker	USA	1380	+360	+325	
11	E Pecenkovic	BIH	1380	+287		
12	A Balassiano	ISR	1380	+270		
13	K Bauer	USA	1380	+254		
14	B Van Nest	USA	1380	+246		
15	A Baruch	ISR	1379			
16	S Jensen	DEN	1378			
17	A Barron	USA	1361			
18	I Fradkin	USA	1360			
19	A Fathers	AUS	1324			
20	E Gerber	ISR	1320			

F1A-Junior 1 flew

1	N Goldstein	USA	938

F1B 37 flew

1	S Jensen	DEN	1380	+360	+472	
2	B Eimar	SWE	1380	+360	+442	
3	O Sirkis	ISR	1380	+360	+429	
4	C Hemsworth	AUS	1380	+360	+418	
5	G Hagay	ISR	1380	+360	+377	
5	B Jensen	USA	1380	+360	+377	
7	M Seifert	GER	1380	+360	+360	
8	L Horak	CAN	1380	+360	+356	
9	S Stefanchuk	UKR	1380	+360	+329	
10	T O'Dell	USA	1380	+360	+278	
11	I Blazhevych	UKR	1380	+326		
12	E Gorban	UKR	1380	+319		
13	C Jones	USA	1380	+155		
14	R Felix	USA	1377			
15	W Ghio	USA	1376			
16	A Andriukov	USA	1374			
17	M Kovalenko	UKR	1373			
18	A Baruch	ISR	1370			

F1B-Junior 1 flew

1	S Donnelly	USA	796

F1C 15 flew 8 full scores

1	R Summersby	AUS	1380	+360	+341	
2	A Babenko	UKR	1380	+360	+320	
3	O Shapiro	UKR	1380	+360	+300	
4	A Jack	GBR	1380	+360	+272	
5	J Ellington	USA	1380	+316		
6	D Chesson	USA	1380	+237		
7	G Menanno	USA	1380	+223		
8	F Parker	USA	1380	+187		

F1Q 7 flew

1	B Tarcher	USA	1260	+236		
2	J Murphy	USA	1260	+87		
3	A Schlosberg	USA	1242			
4	T Ioerger	USA	1221			

F1G 16 flew

1	B Guest	GBR	600	240	360	311
2	T O'Dell	USA	600	240	360	274
3	J Fitch	USA	600	240	360	264
4	E Gorban	UKR	600	240	360	250
5	J Clapp	USA	600	240	360	215
6	M Richardson	USA	600	240	360	0
7	A Baruch	ISR	588			
8	T Fibish	ISR	579			

F1H 8 flew, 6 full scores

1	P Findahl	SWE	600	240	240
2	B Van Nest	USA	600	240	195
3	S Sitton	ISR	600	240	188
4	J Parker	USA	600	240	127
5	G Madelin	GBR	600	204	
6	B Lavis	GBR	600	120	

F1J 9 flew, 6 full scores

1	F Parker	USA	600	240	360
2	R Susmmersby	AUS	600	240	319
3	T Kerger	USA	600	240	281
4	G Menanno	USA	600	240	277
5	M McKeever	USA	600	240	216
6	K Faux	GBR	600	240	209

F1S 8 flew. 5 full scores

1	M Achterberg	USA	600	120	180
2	J Murphy	USA	600	120	178
3	S Sitton	ISR	600	120	121
4	J Parker	USA	600	120	98

KIWI WORLD CUP F1E, LOST HILLS, FEBRUARY 10

F1E 9 flew

1	E Gorban	UKR	447.22
2	J Greening	USA	441.11
3	D Parson	USA	392.78
4	M Richardson	USA	385.56
5	S Kanegawa	JPN	335.44

CALIFORNIA CUP F1E, LOST HILLS, FEBRUARY 13

F1E 9 flew

1	J Greening	USA	687.19
2	S Kanegawa	JPN	607.38
3	M Richardson	USA	585.73
4	F Terzian	USA	572.87
5	I Kaynes	GBR	571.55

LOST HILLS TAILPIECE

Found in FFn May 1983 on the MaxMen 37 years ago:-

MAX MEN'S FAI CONTEST Taft, February 19th and 20th

We have received this report from Toni White:

No one would have bet two cents that the weather would be all right for a good long weekend of flying, especially when the wind was blowing at 50 mph on Friday as the storm came through. But, come Saturday, the storm was gone and the clouds that remained soon disappeared, replaced by sunshine, warmer calmer air and pleased looks on the faces of 55 contestants. Two competitors came from Canada (Peter Allnutt and Doug Rowsell) and other long distance visitors included Joe Friebis from New York, Bill Gibnons from Colorado and ex-Californian Matt Gewain from Florida.

The weather was great all Saturday. In the evening quite a good number of flyers were enticed to participate in the Champagne fly-off. It would seem that this fun event has done a great deal to improve the individual performance of those flying it, especially when it may be necessary to make 5 or 6 minutes in a contest fly-off. 10 of 15 Wakefield flyers scored better than 5 minutes and 5 bettered 6 minutes! Walt Ghio won with an amazing 423 sec.

Sunday was a duplicate of Saturday weatherwise. There was a fly-off in each event. In past years it had been considered quite an accomplishment if one flyer managed 14 maxes in any of the three events; in 1982 there had been several max-out in power and Wake.

Contest 14 x 180

F1A Glider 19 flew

1	M Gewain	2520	+240	+300	+360
2	L Hines	2520	+240	+300	+188
3	B Isaacson	2520	+240	+150	

F1B Wakefield 23 flew

1	J Foster	2520	+240	+290
2	R White	2520	+240	+249
3	W Ghio	2520	+134	

F1C Power 14 flew

1	D Galbreath	2520	+240	+203
2	K Oliver	2520	+240	+146
3	D Anderson	2520	+169	

Champagne Flyoff

F1A 12 flew

1	D Zink	387
2	R Weiler	302
3	M McKeever	282

F1B 15 flew

1	W Ghio	423
2	R Rohrke	420
3	E Boteler	396

F1C 8 flew

1	D Galbreath	383
2	R Simpson	378
3	K Happersett	320

GEOFF STRINGER

Geoff Stringer passed away during February after suffering with oesophageal cancer. Geoff was long time rubber flyer with East Grinstead club flying F1B for many years.

During the nineties there was a lot family championships action in F1B with son Adam flying in the 1992 and 1996 Junior World Championships and Geoff flying in the 1999 World Championships and 2000 European Championships. In Israel 1999 he dropped one flight but he made the flyoff in Romania in 2000. After maxing the first flyoff, in the second flyoff he was only 41 seconds short of the 7-minute max and finished fifth.

Sincere condolences to his family.

Plan below is F1B NO. 8 by Geoff Stringer from FFn May 2001
This is the model flown at the 2000 European Championships

CRANFIELD 60 AT THE 2020 NATIONALS

From Simon Dixon

A reminder that there will be a special one off event on the Saturday at the 2020 Free Flight Nationals to celebrate 60 year anniversary of the 1960 Cranfield World Championships where we had 5 equal winners. It will be flown to BMFA classic power rules BUT only for the 5 model designs. Pre entry will be required in the usual way via the Nationals entry form when it is released and there will be medals for the winners. You must build to a publicised plan - Zaic yearbook and Aeromodeller published them all. (Lucky Lindy must be the mark 3 version).

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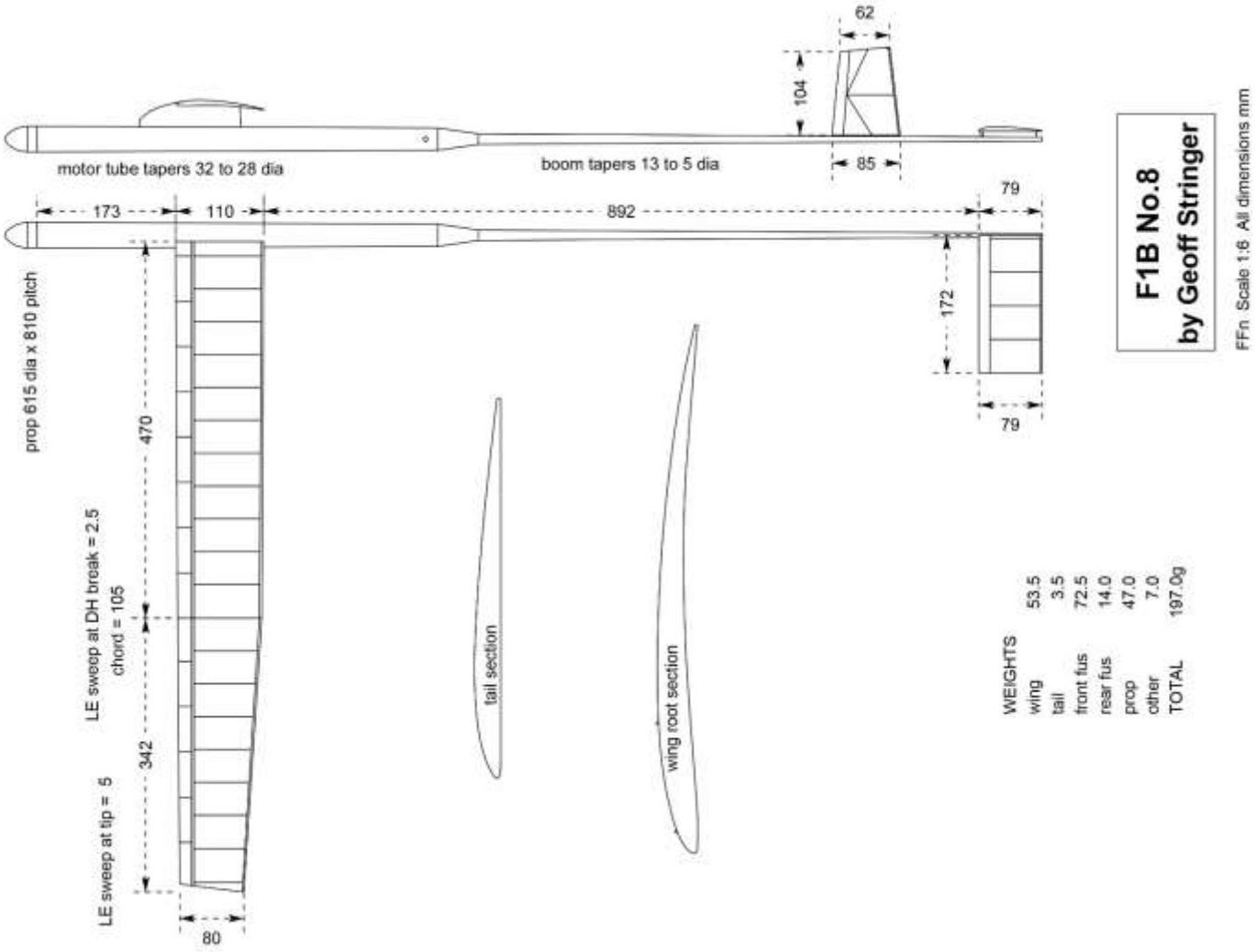
Photo of all 5 models made by Allan Brown:



MIKE EVATT 1942-2020

By Martin Dilly

Mike Evatt started his career in competitive free-flight in 1957 when he won the Golden Wings contest for under-16s, organised by Aeromodeller magazine. He was a member of the Northampton club then, along with people like Jaguar designer Ted Evans, Bert Revell and one time Aeromodeller editor and F1C team member Martyn Cowley. Trevor Payne recalls that he and Mike first joined the Northampton MAC when they were 16; the club had a basement meeting room in Kingsthorpe Hall which was in Thorntons Park in Northampton. They met every Friday, when Mike flew his Cox TeeDee 020 round the pole model with Trevor holding the pole. In the summer the club used to meet on the racecourse to fly free-flight models.

In 1975 Mike was a founder member of the Biggles Free Flight Team, which gathered up former Northampton members when that club's main interest became RC. Building and then trimming for maximum performance something that he had designed himself launched him on a lifetime's interest in engineering and design as well as a parallel involvement with competitive free-flight.

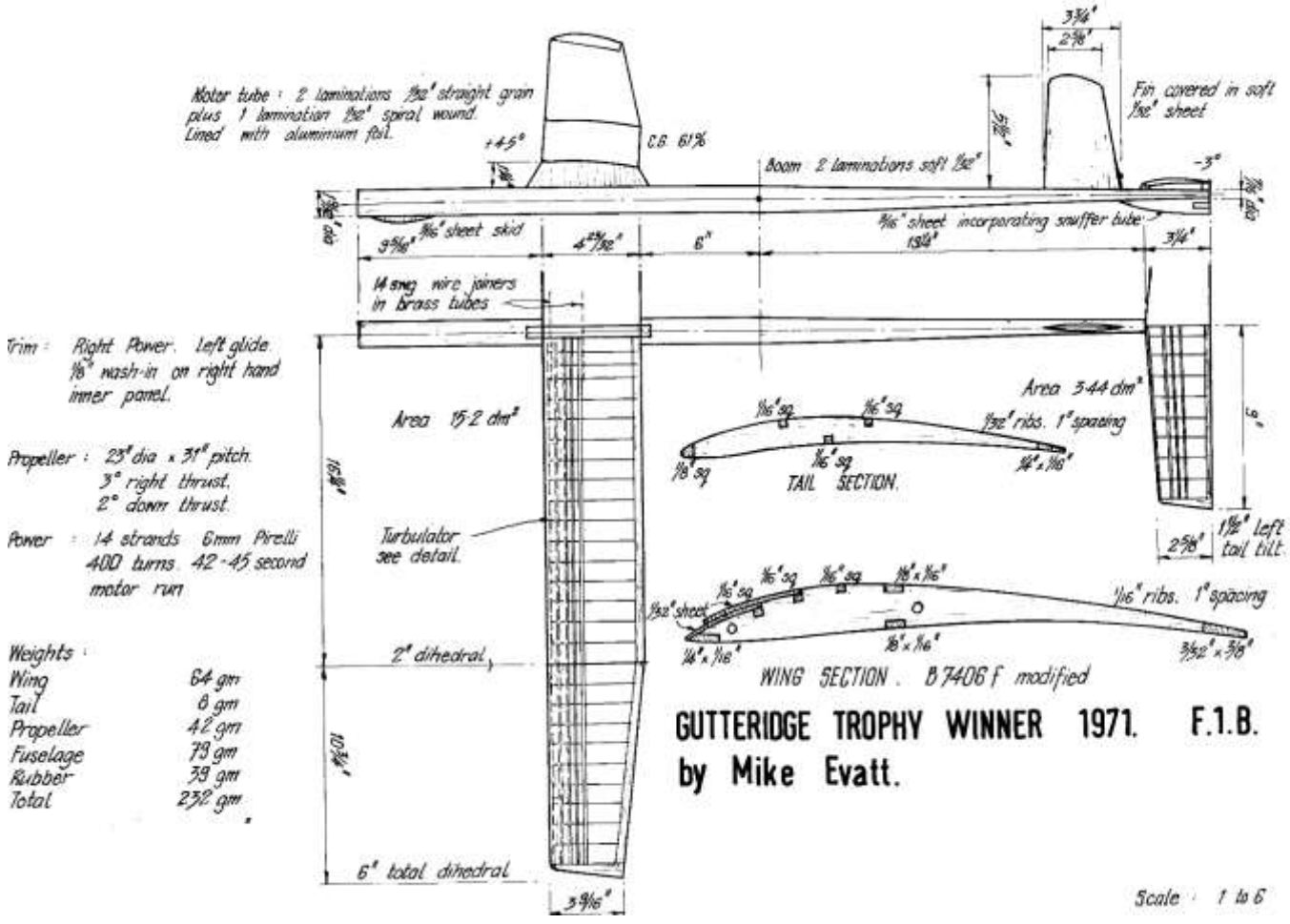
Mike was a member of the bronze medal winning F1B team at the European Championships in Germany in 1972 and his prime interest has always been in the international FAI classes, rather than the umpteen domestic events which seem to fill the British contest calendar. As a *bon viveur* who appreciated good food and wine this gave him a good reason to travel in his red camper van to numerous World Cup contests in France, Germany, Switzerland and Hungary. He wrote a column on free-flight in AMI and Aeromodeller magazines, as well as reports on contests all over Europe; well-written and accurately captioned, they were obviously written by someone with the ability to put his ideas clearly into an English sentence, not all that common today.

Mike chaired the Free Flight Forums for the past 20 years and helped me with the organization, suggesting topics and people to present papers. He chaired the 2019 Forum at Daventry but sadly died on Feb. 10th before the Forum Report which contained the papers presented there was published.

He was a man of many talents; he lectured on engineering design at Coventry University, and taught at the Open University. He was a competent watercolourist, as anyone who received one of his Christmas cards, usually featuring the family cat, will know. He was a talented baritone and directed and starred in several Gilbert & Sullivan productions in Northampton.

Recently he had some mobility problems which made retrieving models from a mile or so downwind a problem but he was determined to continue flying as long as possible, with his wife Maggie providing vital retrieving help all the time. His clubmate, John Cooper, described him very well, saying he was such a nice guy and did things quietly without making a fuss. That summed him up to a tee, and he will be very much missed by the free-flight community, whose sincere condolences go to Maggie.

CIAM PLENARY MEETING

The agenda has now been published for the Plenary meeting on April 3 and 4th. All of the items relevant to free flight were described in the January FFn. The full agenda may be downloaded from

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