

BARCS F3K e-Newsletter – September 2007

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F3K Eurotour event, Delmenhorst, Germany

The summer is coming to end (and haven't we had a glorious one this year...) with four remaining UK F3K events still to run.

Sat 8th Sept – Stadhampton (Flying Sparkes 1 re-run)

Sat 22nd Sept – Twyell (Mike Lucas 2)

Sat 29th Sept – Pocklington (new contest)

Sat 6th Oct – Stadhampton (Flying Sparkes 4)

As always F3K pilots old and new are very welcome, especially if you are a new hand to F3K contests. Please do come along and join us if you haven't participated yet.

General News

Mike Fantham won this year's BMFA F3K Nationals near Grantham, well done Mike ! With four events left to go Richard Swindells is leading the UK league, with Mike Stern and Mike Fantham in 2nd/3rd... with one month left to go how will the year's league placings end? More details at www.f3k.co.uk

6 UK pilots attended the F3K Eurotour event at Delmenhorst earlier this month, Richard achieved a strong 4th place and a good time was had by all, more info at www.flyquiet.co.uk

FAI CIAM News

A draft proposal is in the process of being submitted to FAI CIAM by UK to re-word the F3K rule regarding what constitutes a valid landing. If accepted, this will remove ambiguity regarding what happens when/if a model lands just outside the start/landing box but can still be reached by the pilot. The new re-wording should also clarify that a pilot who attempts to catch a model, which then actually lands outside the start/landing box is not considered a valid landing.

If accepted by CIAM, this should be effective for next years' flying season. Following discussion with the German FAI representative, Germany has also indicated support for this rule change/clarification.

UK BMFA F3K league

After a lot of healthy debate and hard work, a series of documents have now been submitted to the BMFA SFTC (silent flight tech committee) to enable

- a new BMFA F3K rulebook section to be published, as part of the upcoming BMFA 2008 rule book.
- BMFA F3K league proposal
- BMFA F3K league 2008 contest calendar.

The end result of this should be, following SFTC review and approval, that a new BMFA F3K league is run in 2008.

As well as forming the basis of an exciting new UK F3K contest calendar for 2008, it will also form the basis for a formal UK F3K team selection process, so that (pending contest announcements) we have a UK F3K team ready for any international events in 2009. With F3K becoming a formal FAI class next year, with the new BMFA league framework being implemented and UK F3K team places up for grabs, it looks like 2008 will be an exciting one for F3K in UK.

We would like to encourage participation in the new league by all UK F3K pilots, both old and new. So if you haven't yet participated in a F3K contest, please do come along and join in, a warm friendly welcome awaits.

This new BMFA F3K league will be run year on year, with a new UK F3K team selected at the end of each calendar year. You will be able to see the BMFA rules and basis for the league and team selection in the 2008 BMFA rules handbook when published in early 2008.

It is probable that other F3K events will also be held in UK in 2008, in addition to the BMFA league events, although they will form no part of the BMFA league and results. Although the league will form the basis of much of the 2008 UK contest calendar in UK, it should not preclude any additional UK F3K events being held, as events in their own right (eg, F3K events held at short notice, to take advantage of good weather etc)

A draft BMFA F3K league contest calendar for 2008 is being reviewed by SFTC. We have tried to avoid clashes with known major international F3K events wherever possible, but pending approval, currently is;

DRAFT - 2008 BMFA F3K league calendar

Date	Venue	Organiser
Sat 12 th April 2008	Twywell, Northants,	Tony Beckett
Sat 10 th May 2008	Stadhampton, Oxfordshire	Hailey Hawes
Sat 21 st June 2008	Pocklington, Yorks	Chris Gibbs
Sat 28 th June 2008	Reserve date, Venue tba,	tba
Sat 5 th July 2008	Stadhampton, Oxfordshire	Hailey Hawes
Sat 19 th July 2008	Stadhampton, Oxfordshire	Hailey Hawes
Sat 24 th Aug 2008	Stadhampton, Oxfordshire	Hailey Hawes
Sun 25 th Aug 2008	Stadhampton, Oxfordshire	Hailey Hawes
Sat 6 th Sept 2008	Stadhampton, Oxfordshire	Hailey Hawes
Sat 27 th Sept 2008	Twywell, Northants,	Tony Beckett
Sat 4 th October 2008	Reserve date, Venue tba,	tba

Please note that this calendar is draft only, pending SFTC approval and is subject to change. A final, formally approved BMFA F3K league calendar will be published by BMFA in early 2008, prior to the flying season starting in April.

International News

Although it is still provisional and yet to be officially confirmed, it is likely that the German Open F3K contest for 2008 will be held on 25th – 27th July 2008. Confirmation and venue details to follow in due course.