

Free Flight plans for the second half of lockdown year, 2020 .

I am hoping to run the following events, but they must be subject to the Covid regulations as they apply at the time, plus any further precautions required by the BMFA in addition to Buckminster rules or Shuttleworth regulations as appropriate. These dates must be regarded as provisional although confirmation can be obtained from me just prior to the due date.

I hope that we shall see a real resurgence of activity in Free Flight, whether among competitors, sports flyers or spectators who would just like to see models flying again. All who attend will be asked to conform to the necessary Covid precautions.

I hope to have awards for these contests, but if that is not possible, event entry will be free.

The dates are:

Monday August 24th. Buckminster: Ajax, Achilles and “Cloud Tramp and Friends.”
(rules on website. “...and Friends” means sheet models with stick fuselages, 8” prop, as per Cloud Tramp.)

Saturday September 19th, Old Warden: “The Rubber Bowden Precision Contest” Classes for high wing and low wing/biplanes, also this year an invitation class for Classic Wakefields. I hope this will be the biggest event of our year. Bring a cabin or cockpit model with at least a two wheel undercarriage. Scale models welcome. Rules on website. Target time, chosen on the day, will be 25, 30, 35 or 40 seconds depending on windspeed.

Saturday or Sunday or Monday 3 or 4 or 5th October: the Buckminster Gala.

Currently under preparation, Scale events tba, P20 and E20 run by PMFC, Vintage Coupe/P30, Classic A/1, Classic Glider, E36, HLG, run by BMFA.

I, on behalf of SAM 35, will run a “Rubber Ratio” event for any recognised design over 23” span. Two separate entries per person. Divide time in seconds by span in inches. Bonus for cabin models. Rules on website. This is a new innovation, please support it!

(The actual date will be agreed among the Contest Directors and made available on the Thursday evening prior to the weekend. It can be found on the Buckminster website or by telephoning a CD.

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