

Interglide 2023

Interglide is a well-established Contest Eurotour F5J competition, this year taking place 1-2 July at Hamilton Farm (near Ashford, Kent, England).

Hamilton Farm is a fantastic location on a private airfield only a few miles from Dover and the Tunnel. EU fliers standardly do not require a visa and there are no longer any COVID-19 test requirements or formalities, regardless of your vaccination status. And this year we offer ...

- 'Interfeast' inaugural professionally-catered 'Interfeast' Event Meal (preceded by a reception – see 'Catering Spotlight - updated' below).
- Full-size aerobatic display by airfield owner Richard Thomas
- **Improved booking arrangements** to help pilots who may be affected by minimumnumber requirements for national team selection.

Come and join us!



What's new?

since the first bulletin, in March ...

- Interglide CD Peter Allen wins Radioglide (first of the UK season's big three F5J competitions – Interglide is the second). Best congratulations to Peter (and don't worry about competition from him at Interglide – where he is CDing and not flying!)
- All the UK F5J team signed up for Interglide All the pilots in the 2023 UK F5J team for the World Championship in Bulgaria will be flying at Interglide – Steve Hayley, Simon Hayley and Alex Maxfield ...
- Team raffle ... and talking of the 2023 UK F5J team, Team Manager Neil Jones is running a big raffle to support the team's expenses. We'll remind you at Interglide but you can buy a ticket before then:

https://www.barcs.co.uk/forums/topic/12076-the-great-%C2%A31k-f5j-raffle/



Peter Allen receives the trophy from 2023 Radioglide organiser Steve Knowles

(Neil is also the owner of Flightech, a frequent interglide sponsor).

- Free Interglide? Still plenty of room for more pilots and plenty of time to sign up. You can register until midnight Monday 19 June (and withdraw for a full refund until midnight Friday 23 June). But ...
 - to encourage people not to leave registration to the last moment, we're launching an early-bird draw: everyone signed up by midnight Saturday 10 June will automatically be entered. The winner will have their entry fee¹ reimbursed free Interglide!
- Catering developments. All is on course for a great inaugural Saturday-night Interfeast and for top quality lunches see 'Focus on catering updated', p8-9 below.

¹ Entry fee - you'll still pay for the catering.

The details

WEBSITE for more information and for entry: https://www.interglide.co.uk

ORGANISERS: British Association of Radio Control Soarers. (BARCS is a Specialist Body of the British Model Flying Association.)

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CATEGORY: FAI F5J Thermal Duration Gliders

RULES: the competition will be run according to the <u>F5J rules in the 2023 FAI Sporting Code</u> Volume F5 Radio Control Electric Powered Model Aircraft. All AMRT devices must conform to the specifications published in the F5J Altimeter/Motor Run Timer Technical Documentation. This means that AMRT devices must be set to either the FAI setting or the setting that permits an emergency motor re-start but then records a zero flight score. UK Variants shall not apply.

JURY: Members of the Jury will be chosen nearer the time, according to the FAI rules.

LANGUAGES: English



Steve Haley, Roman Gallet, Cengiz Philcox - 2022 winners

LOCATION: The Hamilton Farm Airstrip, Bilsington, Ashford Kent, TN25 7JJ. Wonderful location with a choice of basic or deluxe camping available (see below).

Website for more information: https://www.hamiltonfarm-cl.co.uk/



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Caravan Club site entrance
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ENTRY DATES: Closing date for entries is Monday 19 June (unless we are full earlier).

NUMBERS: Entries are limited to a maximum of 60 and booking will close before 19 June if the maximum is reached earlier. In this case, any further entries will be kept on a reserve list in sequence and allocated places if any competitor withdraws. The current number of registrations, updated in real time, is available at https://www.interglide.co.uk/pilots/

REFUNDS: In the event of a withdrawal a full refund of entry fees and of any catering bookings will be given if notification is received on or before 23 June.

We are very aware that some countries now impose a minimum number of pilots in a contest for results to count towards national F5J team selection. We hope these revised arrangements allow pilots potentially affected to book for Interglide with confidence.

ENTRY FORM: Enter online using the website:

https://www.interglide.co.uk/online-entry-form

Seniors £45 Juniors £20

(If online entry is a problem, please do contact contest organiser Nick Jackson (details above).

MEALS: These meals may be booked when registering: buffet lunch Sat and Sun: £8 person per day; 'Interfeast' Event Meal Sat evening: £15. (More in the 'Catering Spotlight - updated' below.)

CAMPING: Two sorts of camping are available:

- Free basic facilities will be available on the field, in the area outside of the fenced off Caravan Club site. These consist of a fresh water supply and portable toilets. They do not include use of the Caravan Club site showers or toilets. To book, just let us know on the online entry form.
- Full facilities are available on the Caravan Club site. These need to be booked separately, with the site owners:

www.hamiltonfarm-cl.co.uk

+44 (0)1233 720829

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OTHER ACCOMMODATION: Details of local hotels and bed & breakfast can be found on the Interglide website - https://www.interglide.co.uk/accommodation/

CAA: CAA (UK Civil Aviation Authority) requires the operators of pilotless aircraft to register and to pass a competency test. All entrants are required to be able to prove that they are certified pilots of pilotless aircraft and to display their registration number on some part of their models. The organisers will supply a valid registration number where necessary.

INSURANCE: UK fliers must show proof of BMFA insurance or equivalent cover. Non-UK fliers will if necessary be covered by BMFA contest insurance.

COVID-19: The UK government has now removed all requirements for entry to the country (no test result, proof of vaccination status or location form needed). And has removed all restrictions once in the country. No new requirements or guidance are likely. But if any are issued before Interglide, the organisers will follow them and inform competitors. Overseas competitors should check for themselves any requirements applying in their home country or in transit having left the UK.

FREQUENCIES: Frequencies allowed in the UK are 35Mhz and 2.4Ghz.

LIABILITY: The CD, organisers and organising body take no responsibility for any losses made by pilots or by anyone else, except where (and to the extent that) is not permitted or not reasonable to exclude or limit liability.



The schedule

Campsite open from Midday Thursday 29 June (unless arrangements have been made before then with the Caravan Club site owners).

No Flying on the Field before Friday.

Friday 30 June: Practice day (Frequency control is at your own risk) **Saturday 1 July**: Briefing 09:15, Flying starts 09:30 (Rounds 1-6)

Sunday 2 July: Briefing 09.15, Flying starts 09:30 (Rounds 7-9 + 3 Rounds Fly Off). Prize

giving after the contest, departure.

Campsite must be vacated by Midday Monday 3 July

The flying schedule is subject to change according to weather conditions and the number of entrants.



Spotlight on catering - updated



Hamilton Airfield Tea Room² is a new catering enterprise based on the airfield (the clue's in the name). It's run by Anastasia Thomas and partner Klaudia Beresova - both of them qualified chefs. They now have professional catering gear ready to rock (including some very fancy barbecuing equipment). It's great that they have agreed to cater Interglide, allowing us to offer for the first time a proper event meal on the Saturday evening, as well as giving a big boost to the quality of our lunches.





² https://www.facebook.com/Hamilton-Airfield-Tea-Room-104442379174410/

Interfeast Event Meal. Do join us for this BBQ-based dinner, and please bring any family or friends too. Book for the meal when you register (or you are welcome to contact whitstable.nick@outlook.com to add Interfeast if you did not book it when registering originally). The £15 per person cost is food only and the airfield is not yet licensed so don't forget bring a bottles / cans if you want alcohol with your meal (no corkage charged).

[Menu here is indicative – Stacey and Klaudia will be using local ingredients where possible and detail depends on availability]

Intention is to eat al fresco – it's BBQ. But hangar-based Plan B is also in place in the unlikely event of rain.

Oak Smoked Pulled Pork Burger Beef Burger Vegan & Veggie Burger Pork Sausages

Grilled corn on the cob
Potato Salad
Three Bean Salad
Garden Salad
Coleslaw
Mediterranean Cous Cous
Cornbread

Triple Chocolate brownies

Drinks reception. To launch this very first

Interfeast, BARCS are kindly sponsoring a short drinks reception before the meal. *Reception is free and everyone at the competition and any accompanying family or friends are welcome, whether or not you are booked to stay on for the meal.* The reception will show what we can do in the South-East: English sparkling wine (has recently won awards in France) and local beers (some of the best in the country).

We look forward to working with the Tea Room this year and in the future, especially on an annual Interfeast. We hope this will help make Interglide a proper international social event as well as a great competition.