



Interglide 2024

Interglide is an established CONTEST Eurotour F5J / FAI World Cup competition, this year taking place 29-30 June 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. This year, as before, we offer ...

- **'Interfeast'** – gourmet BBQ Event Meal
- **Full-size aerobatic display** – by airfield owner Richard Thomas
(see the updated 'Hamilton Farm spotlight' below)
- **Tailored booking arrangements** to help pilots who may be affected by minimum-number requirements for national team selection.

Come and join us!



What's new?

Since the first bulletin in March ...

- **We have our sponsors in place** - many thanks to them all:
 - **Flightech** has been the mainstay of BARCS in providing prizes for Interglide for a number of years and is continuing to support us again in 2024. We're very grateful.
<https://www.flightech.co.uk/>
 - **Jeti UK / Esoaring Gadgets** - Bernie Jones is a returning sponsor and is generously supplying the excellent GliderCG balancer which will be our First Prize.
<https://esoaringgadgets.co.uk/>
 - **Sky High RC** is Steve Haley's new enterprise and is also a new sponsor. Many thanks to Steve for providing several prizes from his laser-cut range – likely to include a Miles competition 2m RES wing rib set.
<https://skyhighrc.co.uk/>

Sponsoring Interglide 2024



- **Registration is going nicely** Keep track of the up-to-date position online at <https://www.interglide.co.uk/pilots/> At the time of writing (31 May) we have 36 signed up, including Bulgarian, Dutch, French, and Turkish registrations (great to see international participation increasing again). Domestic competitors include the top three pilots at Radioglide (the previous Team Selection competition), all the last GBR World Championship Team and 2/3 the coming European Championship Team).
- **Developments on the catering front** are detailed below in the updated Hamilton Farm Spotlight.



The one to beat? Steve Haley receiving the Radioglide Victor Ludorum Trophy from Steve Knowles. Steve won both F5J and F5L.

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 [F5J rules in the 2024 FAI Sporting Code 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



Interglide 2023 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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COSTS AND REFUNDS: Entry fees for 2024 have been reduced:

- Seniors £35 | Juniors £15

Final date for entries is Monday 17 June (unless we are full earlier). In the event of a withdrawal just email whitstable.nick@outlook.com. A full and prompt refund of entry fees and of any catering bookings will be given if notification is received on or before Monday 24 June.

We're 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 arrangements allow pilots potentially affected to book for Interglide with confidence – you've the option to withdraw later.

Let's keep the smaller Eurotours thriving.

NUMBERS: Entries are limited to a maximum of 60 and booking will close before 17 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/>

ENTRY FORM: Please enter online using the website:

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

Any problem with online entry, please do contact Nick Jackson (details above).

MEALS: These meals may be booked when registering: buffet lunch Sat and Sun: £9 person per day; 'Interfeast' Event Meal Sat evening: £18. (More in the updated 'Hamilton Farm Spotlight' below.)

CAMPING: Two sorts of camping are available:

- 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. *Please camp well away from the boundary fence of the Caravan Club area.*

This year, there is a small charge for basic camping - £5 per unit per night.

- 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/>

FAI SPORTING LICENCE: Because this is a Eurotour / World Cup competition, all fliers must have an FAI sporting licence. UK competitor with no licence? No problem. You'll be contacted by Interglide organisers and there's a short online form. You pay £10 for a one-year licence (or £30 for a five-year).

CAA: CAA (UK Civil Aviation Authority) has two requirements to fly a model in the UK:

- Display an Operator ID – the organisers will supply a valid registration number on a small slip of paper for non-UK pilots. This can be carried in the cockpit or taped to the model.
- Obtain a Flyer ID – simple online test (free and no-stress¹)

<https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/individual/prepare-for-the-drone-theory-test>

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

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.

¹ You are welcome to use the CAA guidance when doing the test. No time-limit. No limit on retakes.

Schedule

Campsite open from Midday Thursday 27 June (unless arrangements have been made before then with the Caravan Club site owners). **No Flying on the Field before Friday.**

- **Friday 28 June:** Practice day (Frequency control is at your own risk)
- **Saturday 29 June:** Briefing 09:15, Flying starts 09:30 (Rounds 1-6)
- **Sunday 30 June:** 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 1 July**
The flying schedule is subject to change according to weather conditions and the number of entrants.



Improving arrangements

We've made a number of detailed improvements over the last few years - many of them in response to feedback from fliers. For example: full random draw – no 'teams'; grass will be cut short and cleared; portable toilet available next to the flightline; high-quality wireless PA with full flightline and pits coverage; full independent timing for the fly-off and extensive independent monitoring of score for the preliminary rounds; real-time results published online end of each round.

Give us another try in 2024 if you have been put off by problems with any of these in the past!

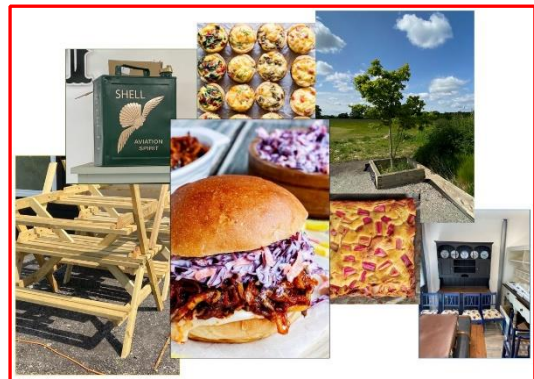
Hamilton Farm Spotlight (update)

The airfield is a lovely venue – plenty of space for a max-60 competition; a fascinating spot for anyone interested in aviation; a great atmosphere. Richard Thomas puts on a fine aerobatic display before the event meal and there are lots more full-size machines to look at – in the air when we're not flying and on the ground. A really nice Caravan Club site with full facilities – or basic camping on the flying-field site.



Hamilton Airfield Tea Room² was just getting going in 2023 but already everyone was very impressed with Stacey and Klaudia's excellent catering. One discriminating Interglide attendee's review complemented them like this:

'It was AMAZING food....served very efficiently and so much detail in everything that was presented . It made it one of the best and memorable Interglide competitions because we were very well catered for. Thank you'



This year again top-quality packed lunches are available on the Saturday and the Sunday (£9). And the 'Interfeast' event meal will be held on the Saturday night (£18 - below). We hope to be eating al fresco on the patio area, but indoors if wet. Book lunches and Interfeast when you register for the competition – or email whitstable.nick@outlook.com if you want to eat but have already registered.

In addition to the dedicated provision for Interglide, family and spectators will be pleased to know that the Tearooms will be open for business as normal Friday and Saturday 9-4 and Sunday 10-4. Their (growing) menu is at <https://www.hamiltonairfieldtearoom.co.uk/menu>

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

Interfeast The event meal on the Saturday after the flying will be a must. As last year, it promises to be a great evening, ensuring that Interglide is a proper international social event as well as a great F5J competition. The £18 cost is for the food, with the first drink free. And this year for the first time, BARCS has a drinks licence for the event. It would be great if people could please use the cash bar: drink prices will be very modest and profits will be split between the Tea Room and BARCS' support of the GBR Team at the F5J World Championship in Argentina and of other aspects of UK soaring.

MENU

- Cheeseburgers with crispy onion topping
 - 8 hours smoked pulled pork on apple wood and with apple sauce
 - Butchers Cumberland sausages
 - Homemade coleslaw and garden salad
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- Triple chocolate brownie

DRINKS PRICING

- 300ml Budweiser ~£1
- 500ml Bishop's Finger ~£3
- Wine ~£12 bottle / £4 glass

(Indicative prices)

See you there!