



Invicta Model Flyers

July 2025 Bulletin

Hi everyone,

Phew - Its 31 degree C outside, far too hot to play in the workshop so sheltering inside and decided to update you on a few items.

Kent Interclub Competitions

Due to a number of competitions being cancelled and rescheduled, I have appended the updated Kent Interclub calendar. This includes a brief explanation of event.

Events coming up in the next month include our increasingly popular F4A (Free for All) bunfights. So, feel free to have a go, or just come along to see what goes on.

- July 26/27 Electric 2 (F5J event) at Invicta-Sutton Valence.
- Aug 3 Glider 4 at Sittingbourne
- Aug 9 Free-4-All at Invicta Sutton Valence (Saturday comp)

Apologies, the fields at Sutton Valence will be not available on the July 26/7 and Aug 8 dates.

Interglide 2025

We have just had another successful Interglide event down at Ashford. We had 41 competitors from a host of different nations including a team from Turkey. This thermal duration event is flown to F5J rules which can seem complex, but are not in reality. The 41 contestants fly against each other in 9 rounds over the weekend. Each round is split up into 5 groups of 9 pilots. Now that I have scribbled that down, it does actually sound rather complicated.

To make it all simple, we use a free-to-use computer program called Gliderscore (created and maintained by Gerry Carter in Australia). We feed in 41 names and a few button presses later we get a complete matrix of who is flying when – simple

Gliderscore is also used in all of the KIC Glider and electric comps to both define the matrix and also calculate all the score then 'run' the competition via a built-in timer program. At the beginning of the competition, each pilot gets a printed sheet that shows which group and round they are in. Once you have flown, you can enter your score via a simple app on your phone. Gliderscore then computes the data and spits out the results. Really great, labour-saving piece of software for running *most* competitions.

However, Interglide is part of the F5J Eurotour which has slightly different rules; one rule effectively states we cannot use mobile devices, therefore all of the automatic scoring is for the birds. So, every one of the $41 \times 9 = 369$ individual scores has to be compiled onto a piece of paper and then entered onto the computer by hand.

Terry Letchford (Invicta club member) and Nick Jackson (Canterbury Pilgrims club) spend most of the weekend in a hot test entering all of this information – Well done Terry & Nick.

Independent Timers - As for running the competition, Eurotour also requires independent timers for each of the 9 or so pilots in each group.

The following Invicta club members stepped up to support this event: Bob Dacey, Tim Billings, Norman Turner, Allan Bowen, Bob Ryan, David Taylor, David Ashby – Well done team and many thanks from the Interglide team. See – photo with most of the team in shot



Results - How did Invicta members fair?

Mike VanErp and Keith Fisher came 10th & 11th just missing out on a place in the 9-man flyoff which was eventually won by Philip Kolb. Garry Mathews managed 16th and I came 21st. Well done Invicta.

The event full results and photos etc can be found here:

<https://www.interglide.co.uk/interglide-2025/>

<https://www.barcs.co.uk/forums/forum/112-interglide-2025/>

Items for Newsletters

Reminder if anyone has any items they would like to share via either our website or the next bulletin, please let me know.

Richard Harris

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Kent Interclub Competition dates - 2025

Date	KI Event & location (+other local competitions)	Organising Club	C D	Gs & Backup	Notes and Other Events
March 30					<i>Mother's Day</i>
April 5	Free-4-All 1 at Invicta	Invicta	KF	N/A	SATURDAY COMP
April 13	Electric 1- F5J at Gravesend	Bloobirds	BR	RH/TL	SATURDAY COMP
April 20					Easter Sunday
April 26	Glider 1 at Invicta	Invicta	RH	RH/TL	SATURDAY COMP
May 4	<i>Reserve Electric/Glider 1</i>				<i>Bank Holiday 5th May</i>
May 10/11	(F5J at Horsham)				
May 17/18	Bickley Glider Event* Free-4-All on Sat & Sunday	Bickley/Bromley	BR	N/A	
May 25	Fun Fly- Month 1				<i>Holiday 26th May (Radioglide)</i>
May 31/1	Glider 2 at Sittingbourne	SADMAC	LT	IN/TL	
Jun 7/8					<i>Bromley/Bickley scale day</i>
Jun 14/15	(F5J Tonbridge)				<i>Father's Day</i>
Jun 21/22					
Jun 28/29	(Interglide)				
July 6	Bickley FunFly (Open to KIC) Fun Fly Month 2	Bickley	BR	N/A	Ashford Scale Day (Open to KIC) <i>Loire F5J</i>
July 12/13	Glider 3 at Tonbridge	Tonbridge	BH	NJ/TL	
July 20					
July 26/27	Electric 2 F5J at Invicta	Canterbury	NJ	IN/RH	
Aug 3	Glider 4 at Sittingbourne	SADMAC	TL	RH/NJ	
Aug 9	Free-4-All at Invicta	Invicta		N/A	SATURDAY COMP
Aug 16	Free-4-All 4 at Sittingbourne	Ashford	DT	N/A	<i>Manston Air Show</i>
Aug 24					<i>Bank Holiday BMFA Nats</i>
Aug 31					<i>Southern Model Show</i>
Sept 6/7	Kent Cup at Gravesend	Bickley/Bromley	BR	NJ/RH	Ashford Scale Day (Open to KIC)
Sept 14					
Sept 20/21	(F5J Tonbridge)				
Sept 27/28					
Oct 4/5	(F5J Towner Trophy)	Tonbridge			Likely to be earlier date
Oct 12					

Note1: Glider events will be run to Multi-Launch rules. Electric events will be F5J competitions

Note2. Saturday/Sunday events: The preferred day is the Sunday, but nif the weather forecast is bad and the Saturday looks better, then the comp will be on the Saturday. Decision made on the Thursday before.

Organisers, Contest Directors (CD) & Gliderscore (Gs) Coordinators. BH=Bob Hope DP=Derek Price
 NJ=Nick Jackson IN=Ian Nicholls TL=Terry Letchford KF=Keith Fisher RH=Richard Harris BR=Bob Ryan DA= David Ashby

Version: 2025 Issue6: Ashford Scale days added – open to KIC members. F4A now at Invicta on 9 Aug, Electric 2 moved to 26/7 July

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Kent Interclub Competitions Explained

Kent Interclub has now been running for 50 years. We are a group of Kentish clubs (or maybe clubs of Kent?) that get together for silent-flight competitions throughout the year.

The attached Contest Calendar for 2025 includes a varied range of competitions and events around the county.

The competitions are free to enter for clubs who subscribe to Kent Interclub. We do however welcome entries from non-KIC flyers and make a small charge on the day.

In squeezing all the events onto a single page calendar, the events have been somewhat coded – we know what we mean but it is a barrier. To help with some understanding, I have included a brief description of our main events.

Multi-Launch competitions (Glider 1 – 4 & Kent Cup)

These competitions were originally pure glider competitions and when electric powered gliders became more common, the format evolved to be more inclusive Multi-launch events.

In essence flights are organized into 4 or 5 rounds. Each round comprises a number of groups of around 5 flyers competing against each other in a 10-minute period with variable points for landings. Launching is by winch for the gliders or electric power – the launch height is set for 175m to give a level playing field.

We fly 5 Multi-launch events throughout the year which attracts a wide range of gliders and electric models. You do not need expensive moulded models to compete, we have foamie models, built-up models including 100s as well as a range of moulded models all competing together.

As the contest is primarily a relaxed club-team event, you will find help and support to guide you to get the best out of your model.

Electric Competitions F5J

These are flown to F5J rules – the only real difference to the multi-launch rules is the launch height. For F5J, there is no set launch height as such: The higher you launch, the more penalty points you get. So, if you sense there is good low-down lift, you can switch the motor off and thermal away and lower penalty point gives you an advantage.

Model formats – again, we see the same mix of moulded, built-up and foamie electric models.

2m Free-4-All Competitions

This is a “for fun” challenge with the aim of expanding interest in silent flight and to help pilots improve their thermal soaring skills.

Format is aimed at 2m model class for all built-up and foamie models. However, if your model is a bit bigger than 2m, we may be able to work something out

This is a very relaxed way to spend 4 hours. There are no specific timed slots. When you feel the conditions are right, off you go and try to fly for 6 minutes and then land in a large landing area.

Entries to the competitions is via posts on this forum. If you are interested, come and join us.