

Indoor Scale Nationals News

Keeping you informed with the planning and progress for
the 2025 BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals



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By Paul Rich

BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals regulars will be very aware of the excellent work undertaken by Danny Fenton in establishing the Scale Indoor Nationals in their current format, bringing the Scale Indoor RC and Scale Indoor FF Nationals together into a single, two-day event.

Regrettably, Danny decided that 2024 would be his last year as Contest Director for the Scale Indoor Nationals. Danny leaves a legacy of success and a firm business model, which we can continue to develop.

Whilst Danny leaves a huge gap, I am delighted to announce we have two new volunteers to organise the Scale Indoor RC Nationals on Saturday 26th April. Meet them inside this Newsletter...

The Chris Strachan Trophy Update

By Paul Rich

Last month we announced the addition of the Chris Strachan Trophy to our STC Trophy portfolio.

Chris's friend Gordon Hannah has provided a photograph of the new trophy, which is published below.



To be in with a chance of winning this beautiful trophy it will be awarded to the, "Highest placed Scale racing aircraft in all BMFA Scale free flight classes at the Indoor Nationals"

Below is a photograph of Chris's expertly built "Coonley Special" racer to inspire you to get building in time for April!



News from the flightline and more

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Meet Brian and Mathew

The Scale Indoor Nationals are very pleased to welcome to our membership **Brian Seymour** and **Mathew Dawson** who volunteered to succeed Danny Fenton at Scale Indoor RC Nationals Contest Directors,

Brian and Mathew are regular competitors at the Scale Indoor RC Nationals and our Outdoor RC Scale Competitions.

Both Brian and Mathew represented the U.K as part of 2024 F4 Scale RC Team and attended the World Championships in Romania as Team Manager and Competitor respectively.

Brian is also a Non-Executive Director of the BMFA and South Midland Area Delegate, as well as organiser for the BMFA Indoor Flying Extravaganza, held annually at High Wycombe Leisure Centre.

Brian and Mathew bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the role and provide the safe pair of hands required to carry on the excellent work started by Danny Fenton.

Welcome to the Team Brian and Mathew!

New Indoor Scale Competition – Manchester Velodrome

A new Scale Indoor Competition is taking place on **1st February at Manchester Velodrome, Stuart Street, Manchester, M11 4DQ.**

Starting at 11:00 through to 16:00hrs, the day will see Kit Scale, Peanut and Pistachio competitions taking place to BMFA rules, providing an excellent opportunity to fly your model before April!

Contact the event CD, Martyn Kinder, at martyn@czd.org.uk for further details.

The RAF Museum, Midlands.

Within a short journey from Walsall, you will find the RAF Museum Midlands located at RAF Cosford.

[RAF Museum Midlands | Aircraft Museum | Free Admission](#)

As one of the premier aircraft museums in the U.K. the RAF Museum, Midlands boasts a collection of unique and historical airframes on display, including the worlds oldest Spitfire.

From the Sopwith Pup from World War 1 to the mighty Avro Vulcan from the Cold War Period, a visit to the RAF Museum, Midlands provides a insight into the development of British Military Aviation right up to the present day.

The indoor Scale National Organising Team will be visiting the Museum on Friday 25th April. If you would be interested in joining us for what will be a fantastic day out and a great start to our Scale Indoor Nationals Weekend please register your interest at enquiriesbmfascale@yahoo.com



An EE/BAC Lightning fighter dramatically displayed in the Cold War Hangar at the RAF Museum, Midlands



YouTube Technique video of the month:

This month's video is from Tom Hallman's YouTube channel and demonstrates how he uses clear heat shrink to create canopies for his excellent Scale Free Flight models. It is well worth watching and hopefully will inspire you to give this innovative technique a go!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FF9r5gnsfjM>



Flight Scale – a new Scale Model Aircraft plans website.

Richard Crossley is a multiple Scale Indoor Nationals winner and has achieved this building models that are expertly detailed and characterful, as well as flying superbly.

Richard has now launched a new website called [Flight Scale](#) selling copies of plans of his own scale FF designs.

The plans packages can be purchased as a hard copy or digital download and come as a complete package with build instructions, colour construction photographs, trimming advice and paper printwood templates.

Also easily convertible to RC, Richard's plans provide you with an opportunity to build a model that is a proven winner!