

Indoor Scale Nationals News

Keeping you informed with the planning and progress for the 2026 BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals



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Thanks to Richard Crossley for designing our splendid event poster!

Notes from the Organising Team

By Paul Rich



The BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals are scheduled to take place over the weekend of **Saturday 25th (Radio Control) and Sunday 26th (Free Flight) April 2026** at our traditional home of Wolverhampton University, Walsall Sports Centre, WS1 3TA.

This occasional Newsletter has been designed to keep you up to date with our plans for 2026 along with, (hopefully), providing some inspiration and ideas to encourage you to join in.

The entry form for entering the Scale Indoor Nationals is now live at: [BMFA 2026 Scale Indoor Nationals Entry Form](#)

For further details and news on the BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals keep an eye on the BMFA Scale Technical Committee, (STC) website at:

<https://scale.bmfa.org/>

News from the flightline.

2025 BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals in pictures. Thanks to Nigel Nixon, Mike Stuart, Colin Sharman and Danny Fenton for permission to reproduce their photographs here.



News from the flightline (continued)



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Sponsors for the 2025 Scale Indoor Nationals

A huge thank you to the following traders and businesses for supporting the Scale Indoor Nationals last year, we hope we can maintain our working relationship with you in 2026!

- Southern Modelcraft – www.southernmodelcraft.co.uk
- Nexus Modelling Supplies – <https://nexusmodels.co.uk>
- SLEC Manufacturing – SLEC UK Ltd
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- Model Fixings.co.uk – <https://www.modelfixings.co.uk/>
- Wheelspin Models and Hobbies – <https://wheelspinmodels.co.uk/>
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- Aeromodeller – <http://aero-modeller.com/>
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- FlightScale Plan Shop – www.flightscale.co.uk
- Model Shop Leeds – Model Shop Leeds
- A Plane Old Bargain, (APOB) – APOBenquiries@yahoo.com
- Power and Sailplanes International – <https://www.powerandsailplanesinternational.co.uk>

A massive thank you to John Bristow and the Team at Deluxe Materials- www.deluxematerials.com for their support at the 11th hour in replacing raffle prizes that had been stolen from one of the Organising Teams motor vehicles the night before the Scale Indoor Nationals began!

Also mentioned in dispatches is Roger Warman, who provided replacement competition banners that had also been stolen from the same vehicle.

And last, but certainly no least, a huge thank you to Hadi from Vintage Model Company, (VMC) www.vintagemodelcompany.com and Microaces , www.microaces.com for providing a trade presence over the weekend.

Please support all our sponsors by making them your “go to” providers for all your aeromodelling needs.

Looking for somewhere to stay?

Many modellers make a weekend of visiting the Scale Indoor Nationals.

There are several hotels in and around the Walsall area that you can choose to stay at.

Some of the more popular hotels are:

<https://www.lyndonhousehotel.com/>

The Lyndon House is situated in Walsall Town Centre and has a reputation for offering value for money as well as excellent breakfast and range of real ales in the bar!

[Premier Inn, Bentley Bridge, Walsall.](#)

Part of the Premier Inn Hotel chain, it is located a short drive away from the University and is easily accessible from Junction 10 of the M6 Motorway. Parking onsite is also available,

[Holiday Inn Express, Walsall.](#)

Again, easily accessible from the M6 Motorway and only a short drive to the University. Breakfast is part of your booking and onsite parking is also available.

There are also lots of other hotels available in the surrounding West Midlands area within easy travelling distance of Wolverhampton University. [Trip Advisor - Walsall West Midlands](#)



YouTube Video of the Month

2026 is the centenary year for the Guillows Model Company, which was founded in 1926 by Paul K Guillow in Wakefield, Massachusetts. To celebrate this amazing achievement the Flying Aces Club, (FAC), in the USA are holding a Guillows free flight flying scale model mass launch competition at their own Nationals event later in the year. Models must be built using the supplied kit wood, which can be lightly sanded, and the modellers can supply their own rubber to power the model.

Master modeller Tom Hallman has recently posted a video on his YouTube channel, Maxifliart, which demonstrates him building his Grumman F6F Hellcat from a die cut Guillows kit in which he shares some of his methods to improve the flight performance of his model. It is well worth watching!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nzfx8byA9Nk>

Thanks for reading our newsletter, the next edition, with more 2026 Scale Indoor Nationals news will be published in February!