

Scale Free Flight Brief 101 September 2025

Superscale at the Nationals

Once again the Scale fraternity gathered at the BMFA National Centre, Buckminster for the Scale Nationals. All went well but for the windy weather. On Saturday evening once the radio boys had finished, we gathered up wind-wind in the lee of the hedge. We had the option of flying six rounds. This was the first running of the Superscale class where all the power types are in one class, Two I/C and two Rubber. I think it worked well with a meagre four entries. Just as well we had more than the three required entries or we would not have a National Champion two years on the trot. It was a lottery in the wind but three of us managed a qualifying flight. My one qualifying flight, with my DH4 Mailplane, was more by luck than judgment, but I got away with it. Andrew Hewitt failed to qualify with his Dyott Monoplane but scored 10 out of 10 for persistence in my eyes.

A full report will appear in the Aeromodeller in due course by our esteemed scale scribe Pete Fardell.

National Championships
Buckminster



FF1 Superscale Results 2025



Name	BMFA	Model	Flight Bonus %	FLT 1	FT 2	FLT 3	FLT 4	FLT 5	FLT 6	Static Score +	Best Flight	= Total	Place
Mike Smith	66560	DH4 Mailplane	x		1450					1895	1450	3345	1
Peter Fardell	176387	Dewoitine D500	x		1210		1170			1330	1210	2540	2
Martin Pike	111094	Pilatus PC-6	x	920	980		820			1400	980	2380	3
Andrew Hewitt	42798	Dyott Monoplane	x							1790	DNQ		
Class FF5 Assisted Scale Free Flight received one entry and therefore was not contested.													
Thanks to the Static Judges, Doug Hunt and Nigel Monk and to the Flight Judges, Gareth Tilston and Brian Waterland Scorer Steve Kessel, Graham Kennedy, Nats CD Monz Lyons, Free Flight CD Mike Smith													
Weather conditions were very windy and turbulent and this is reflected in the lack of qualifying flights. However, we got it done. It is doable.													

Scale Free Flight at Oxford MFC

An FF2 Scale Free Flight contest that has been arranged to be flown at the Oxford MFC Port Meadow venue. Thanks to the Oxford MFC for making this venue available. Again, this will be the first running of the FF2 class as a National Championship class. An updated "flying only" class with a modest pre-flight assessment for realism and craftsmanship.

Saturday September 27th

Start time will be relatively early and is scheduled for 9.30 at present (could be earlier). This time is weather dependant and a go / no go and time decision will be made on Thursday.

Due to the fact that this contest is a Championship class the BMFA fee to enter will be £10.00.

The carpark now has fees for parking. Beware. Machine is adjacent to the toilets.

It is possible that a car shuttle service will be available to get to the flight line. We are not getting any younger.

Details <https://oxfordmfc.bmfa.club/club-events/>



BMFA Scale Free Flight OMFC Competitions & Fun-fly



Sat 27th September

BMFA FF2 Scale Free Flight
National Championship Competition
CD Mike Smith

OMFC Scale Rubber Duration
Hi-Start Scale Glider
Free Flight Fun-fly

9:30am Start

All flyers must be BMFA members and abide by the OMFC club rules
which can be downloaded at oxfordmfc.bmfa.club/membership-information/
Full details - oxfordmfc.bmfa.club/club-events/



Photo - Andy Blackburn

See you there.

Mike