

## Scale Free Flight Brief 105 December 2025

### Sopwith Santa



**Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a flyable New Year 2026  
Mike Smith.**

Not a lot has happened during November, you've not missed out as no Brief published.

Conversely, it is all happening in December from an administrative point of view.

The 2026 Scale Rule Book has been agreed by the STC and will appear in due course via the STC and BMFA website.

There's not a lot of changes for 2026, mostly clarifications.

If you need any info on the rules prior to publication do get in touch.

The STC has applied to Technical Council to amend the Scale Free Flight Nationals trophies awards for 2026 onwards.

This is due to the reorganisation of the FF1 and FF2 classes that worked well in 2025.

As now the Super Scale trophy will be awarded for the overall winner of the FF1 Super Scale contest at the Nationals. Additionally, the STC will award trophies in a similar manner to that of the Eddie Riding contests. It is expected that trophies will be awarded for each of the different powers. I/C, Rubber and Co2/Electric/Reaction.

The Model Flyer trophy will be awarded to the winner of the FF2 Scale Free Flight contest at the Nationals. This brings us into line with other disciplines in that we have a senior formal contest and an award for those modellers wishing to compete without the formal static judging.



Blast from the past. Mike's Rover Turbine Curry Wot

The Scale Free Flight Calendar is now ready to circulate. This may change as time goes by but I am confident it is accurate at the time of publishing.

We are going to be very busy. As I have mentioned previously in an email the emphasis is on all-day meetings in 2026, as opposed to the evening sessions. We will still have the Buckminster options with the STC and SAM35 events.

The Scale Free Flight Nats and the EJR contest will be held at MOD Sculthorpe, Norfolk in collaboration with the FFTC. A bit out of the way but our experience at this venue during 2025 proved it to be very large and flyable with long grass and a runway for the "enthusiast".



The Steering Committee of the World Championships 2026 have approved the proposal for a Scale Free Flight "Stand-Off" contest at the event based on the BMFA Outdoor Scale Free Flight rules. The "hard men" of scale can demonstrate to the international attendees how we roll. No pun intended. Details will follow.





The Scale Indoor Nationals' organisation is moving along at a pace and as far as we can tell well ahead of schedule. Famous last Words. Looking positive and it will be very busy again.

Any donated raffle prizes will be welcome to help fund the event.

A museum visit and evening meal socials are now a well established as part of the event.

Details to follow.

Come and join in.



Derek and Marilyn Knight, 2023. Caption of the month. Now, how does this winder work?

That's it for now. Have a good 2026.

Mike