

Scale Free Flight Brief 99 August 2025 (One more to go)



East Anglia Gala

The build up to the Gala looked very promising, and so it was. The FFTC chose Sunday because of the better weather and thanks to them for the opportunity to have a scale competition

What a day it was!



Richard Crossley's "bag of air" electric powered Short Shetland.

+		Scale Free Flight Results Record (2025) East Anglia Gala	
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Name	BMFA	Model	Power, Kit, Plan, Own Design	Pre-flight Assessment	Best Flight	Total	Place
Class FF2 Free Flight Scale (Amended Flying Only class with a pre-flight assessment for Realism and Craftsmanship)							
Peter Fardell		Bleriot XI	O/D, Rubber	75	760	835	1
Peter Fardell		Stinson Sentinal	Kit Plan, Rubber	45	755	800	Double entry
Richard Crossley		Piper Pawnee	O/D, Rubber	85	725	810	2
Richard Crossley		Short Shetland	O/D, Electric	85	660	745	Double entry
Dan Rickstraw		FW Flitzer	Reaction, Kit	40	675	715	3
Contest Director and Flight Judge Mike Smith							

Reports will be published in the usual media.

RAF Sculthorpe

I wanted to extol the virtues of the site at RAF Sculthorpe. Yes, it is way out East in Norfolk and, bar a few, requires a lengthy journey for most of us and even a stop-over for some to attend. But the site is huge, one can fly almost as far as the eye can see, as the photo shows.

The site is used for grazing livestock and is partitioned by electric fencing but this has not been a problem because of the size of the place. Livestock need grass and there is plenty of that and it is long enough to cushion model arrival.

Right through the middle is a long usable runway, and we have not had one of those for some time.

There are no facilities on site but there is a loo provided.

As with all sites for the “hard men of scale” it all depends on the weather.

23rd 24th 25th August. Free Flight Nationals

RAF Sculthorpe. Norfolk. NR21 7RF.

Directions. A148 then B1454. Entrance 100mtr on right.

No camping on site. Toilet on site but no other facilities.

Absolutely no dogs. No retrieval by motor car.

Make sure you have proof of BMFA Membership.

Duration, Contact Mike Woodhouse 01603 457754 michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com

Saturday 23rd

It is anticipated, weather permitting, that the Rubber Precision will run from 12.00 and the Scale Free Flight from 2.00.

FF3 Rubber Precision contest for the Rubber Precision Trophy

FF2 Scale Free Flight contest for the Selby Trophy

Medals and certificates will also be awarded.

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Sunday 24th

Fly your I/C powered scale model in the Bowden competition.



See you there.

Mike