

SCALE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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This is a Good News newsletter! Not only will Stand-off Scale definitely be at next year's Nationals, but there is also a very good chance that a proper Scale RC event will return to Woodvale in 2012.

STAND-OFF SCALE

The Technical Committee have decided that there will be three Scale RC classes at the 2012 Nationals - Flying Only, Stand-off Scale and F4C. It is expected that the new class will attract a proportion of those entries who would otherwise have flown in F4C or Flying Only. There is unlikely to be any additional flight line available so the 'one class only' entry restriction will stay, as will the qualifying requirement for Flying Only.

The rules will be essentially the same as the provisional rules successfully tried out this year, with a few minor adjustments. The final version of the rules is included at the end of this newsletter. They will appear in the 2012 rule book, together with a comprehensive judges' guide which should be helpful to competitors. All this will also be on the website.

Stand-off Scale events will be included in next year's programme and I will circulate this in the next newsletter, when Dave has finalised the calendar.



*Nice shot of Mike Goldby's Dolphin from Bob Fletcher.
Being flown at the Nationals by Ian Pallister*

WOODVALE

The Scale contests at Woodvale used to be one of the highlights of our contest season, but they gradually faded, possibly because our events became side-lined by the sheer scale of the whole Woodvale jamboree. John Wheeler from the Liverpool club is very keen to get the events going again, and is intending to run Stand-off Scale and Flying Only on two flightlines next August. He urgently needs to have an indication of likely support so if you would be likely to compete please send an e-mail to him at whealthcare@blueyonder.co.uk Or write to him; John Wheeler, 25 Park Road North, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside, WA 12 9TF

John Wheeler writes.....

Scale is coming back to Woodvale .

After a short absence, **Radio Scale will again be taking place at Woodvale over the weekend of 4th and 5th August 2012.** The intention is to run two events using two flight lines and will be an opportunity to showcase the new BMFA Standoff Scale Rules. In addition there will be a Flying Only competition run to the current BMFA rules.

This of course can only happen with sufficient interest from the Aeromodelling fraternity.

The initial thoughts are to hold the events over the above two days, although there is the possibility to add a third day on Friday 3rd August if there is sufficient interest. There will be a minimal entry fee which will include your camping, weekend entry passes and competition entry. Two attractive Trophies will be available to be won.

I need to get an initial idea of interest and ask that, if you are interested please contact me by e-mail preferably indicating which event(s) you are likely to enter and your views on having the extra day on the Friday.

It is essential that I have your input by no later than 15th December 2011. If there is insufficient response the event will not take place.

NB: Whilst this event has the full support of the BMFA Scale Tech Committee it is not a 'centralised' BMFA event but is being organized by the LADMAS to BMFA Rules. Results will not count towards UK Team Selection or qualification for Flying Only at the August Nats.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

Both the World Championships and the European Championships need as many entries as possible to make them financially viable. Various other classes have been tried in addition to F4C, and at the moment we have F4G and F4H. Neither of these has met with widespread acceptance. We are submitting proposals for alternatives to CIAM, and those of you who are interested in competing at International events need to make your views known as soon as possible. Chris Allen explains.....

The Scale Technical Committee has put forward two proposals for consideration by the CIAM at the 2012 Plenary Meeting next April.

The first of these is to replace the existing FAI Class F4H rules with the new BMFA Stand-Off Scale Rules and the second is to change the current FAI Class F4G to a Flying Only class, based on the BMFA Flying Only rules. Both of these classes will remain Provisional Classes, i.e. they will not be World Championship classes.

The STC considers that there should be little UK objection to changing the F4H rules, but the proposed change to F4G is a bit of a 'shot in the dark' so to speak and we need to know if the UK 'Lords of Scale' have any serious concerns over such a move. We retain the option of withdrawing the proposal if you feel this would not be in the best interest of UK International Competitors.

Please forward any comment or refer any queries on these proposals as soon as possible to Chris Allen c.allen134@btinternet.com

STAND-OFF SCALE RULES FOR 2012

Here is the final version of the rules, which will be in the rule book as section 6.12.

6.12.1 Contest Rules

The General Characteristics of the model and the Flying Schedule shall be the same as F4C. (6.3 refers) The Static Judging requirements are as shown below.

6.12.2 Scoring

One third of the marks are available for Static, two thirds for Flight.

Normally two rounds will be flown and the final score will be the sum of the two flight scores and the static score. If one round is flown the flight score will be doubled, if three rounds are flown the best two flight scores will be used.

6.12.3 Eligibility

The minimum requirement is that the surface finish (colour and markings) on the model must have been applied by the competitor. The requirement for the competitor to have constructed his own model (rule 6.1.9.4.e) is not applicable to Stand-Off Scale.

6.12.4 Declaration

The competitor must complete and sign the Stand-Off Scale Declaration Form at ANNEX 6E.3 certifying that he has applied the surface finish (colour and markings) to the model. The declaration also includes a questionnaire which is used by the Static Judges to assess how much the competitor contributed to the Scale Accuracy. If an incorrect declaration is subsequently revealed, the competitor may be disqualified from the contest. The competitor may also use photographs or sample material in support of the declaration.

6.12.5 Static Judging

A minimum of two Static Judges shall be appointed. The final static score shall be the average of the individual judges marks.

All static judging is carried out at a distance of 5 metres. This is measured from the centre line of the model to the judges seating position.

The format for the static Score sheet is at ANNEX 6J

