

SCALE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BMFA SCALE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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2012 SCALE RC PROGRAMME

The dates for this year have now been fixed and they are as follows:

25 th March	Osbournby	Stand-off and Flying Only
15 th April	Pontefract	Flying Only
6 th May	Rolleston (near Stonehenge)	Flying Only
20 th May	Sussex RFC	Flying Only
2 nd June 3 rd June	Church Fenton	Team Training Flying Only and RC Scale
10 th June	Barkston Heath	Flying Only, and RC Scale for the Ripmax Trophy
1 st July	Merryfield	Flying Only
8 th July	Warboys	Stand-off and Flying only
22 nd July	Osbournby	Stand-off and Flying only
4 th /5 th August	Woodvale	Stand-off and Flying only (not run by BMFA)
25 th - 27 th August Nationals	Barkston Heath	F4C, Stand-off and Flying Only
9 th September	Merryfield	Flying Only
15 th /16 th September	Scottish Nationals	
22 nd /23 rd September	Team Trials (if needed)	

STAND-OFF SCALE ELIGIBILITY.

Chris Allen has now clarified Rule 6.12.3. No model that has placed in the top three of an F4C competition (i.e. the Nationals or the Team Trials) may be entered in the Stand-off Scale class. This includes repaints and rebuilds. This will apply at the Nationals and at Sunday events.



Mike Trew's Vega Gull. Some time ago, but one of his best.

At the Nationals this year everybody will be restricted to just one class, because of numbers. There will probably also be a requirement to reach a qualifying standard for Flying Only, as last year. This will be sorted out at the next Technical Committee meeting.

JUDGES

As you can see, Dave has responded to requests and included several events with static judging this year. As well as the Ripmax Trophy at Barkston on 10th June there are four Sunday competitions with Stand-off Scale along side Flying Only. So **static judges are urgently needed**. Realistically, the only way we are going to have enough judges is for people entering Flying Only to volunteer to do the static judging for Stand-off. Come on – give it a go! No previous experience necessary; have a look at the list of events and put your name in to Dave. dave.knott@btinternet.com or ring 01903 501462

SCALE C CERTIFICATE

You may have seen the announcement of the Scale C Certificate from The Achievement Committee. There has been a feeling in some quarters that there should be something for ordinary club fliers who build scale models to progress to, after the B Certificate. The Scale C schedule is basically our normal contest flight schedule, and is therefore no harder than the B, but a more realistic style of flying is required.

From our point of view it should encourage more club fliers into competition scale. If you are lucky, you are in a club with active competition fliers who can give you help and guidance, but otherwise the thought of coming to a competition can be quite daunting. The idea is that you try the Scale C Certificate first on your own home field and get used to flying the schedule in front of a man with a clipboard. Then come along to competitions confident that your flying will be no worse than most of the rest of us! My only quibble is with the name, which makes it sound comparable with the amazingly advanced Aerobatic C Certificate, which it certainly is not!

SCALE AT WOODVALE AUGUST 2012

John Wheeler writes.....

Due to an excellent response to the initial publicity probe, I can confirm that the scale events at Woodvale will go ahead as planned on August 4th & 5th August.

Response to the idea of having the Friday as part of the competition was mixed and therefore it has been decided that the airfield will be made available from 13.00 hrs Friday 3rd for practice flights and social flying with entrants being given preference.

The event itself will take place on 4th and 5th August mornings using two flight lines.

Anybody that is interested in entering is asked to make contact via e-mail to the address given below.

Any one that has already responded to the previous article need take no further action, entry packs will be sent out via e-mail in the first quarter of 2012.

The deadline for response to this article is February 28th 2012.

Contact details. John Wheeler mailto:whealthcare@blueyonder.co.uk

SCALE INDOOR

Now Andy Sephton has taken over the Indoor portfolio on the Committee he has really got the bit between his teeth. He will be running a Free Flight Scale event at the Manchester Velodrome on 18th February (combined classes), as well as the Nationals at Nottingham University Gymnasium on 29th April. Judges and helpers are needed at Nottingham. If you have not been before contact Andy and volunteer – it's a great day out and the flying of some of the FF models is amazing. Sad to say some of them fly more realistically than our radio models! Encourage clubmates along as well – spectators all help cover the cost of the venue. Prizes for the giant raffle will also be very welcome. Ring Andy on 07872 625279 or andrewjsephton@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

The Royal Aeronautical Club has awarded the prestigious Prince of Wales Cup to our 2010 F4C team who won the World Championships in that year. The cup is awarded annually for the most meritorious performance, feat or event by a team or group. It was a great result against strong opposition, and the award is very well deserved. Well done Pete McDermott, Mick Henderson and Dave Knott .

Dave Knott has been in hospital for some fairly serious heart surgery. Everybody is wishing you a speedy recovery, Dave!



Gone but not forgotten! Terry Manley's Blackburn Kangaroo