

Scale Free Flight Brief 84 September 2024



Scale Nationals

The Eddie Riding contests took place on the Saturday of the Nats. Static judging during the day and the flying in the late four rounds and complete the contest as the weather forecast for Sunday was not as good and most people would have gone home after the main prizegiving.

As previously mentioned the EJR contests were run to try and establish if it would be viable to put the free flight Nats contests back with RC and CL as they were pre-covid. I was concerned that there would not be enough time and or daylight to be able to run the contests. I need not have worried as there was plenty of time and we were finished flying with plenty of daylight left.

I have proposed that the FF disciplines be returned to the Scale Nationals where they should be. The EJR contests can be moved to the festival of scale at the end of June.

A report from Pete Fardell on the Scale Free Flight Nats will appear in Aeromodeller in due course. Result sheet attached to email.

Outdoor Scale Rules

There has been a lot of discussion about the current Outdoor Scale Free Flight rules. There is now a movement among the regular competitors towards a radical change to ensure the rules are modernised and appropriate for our needs and future.

These changes are being considered as a consultation by the regulars and it is anticipated that the consultation will be broadened to interested modellers on my Brief email list, over 100. Once there a consensus of opinion among the main players I will promulgate the proposed changes to you for constructive comment.

Peterborough MFC

Brian Waterland has been in contact with regard to events the PMFC are organising. We are both trying to avoid the unavoidable clashes we had this year.

The Flying Aces event is hoped to take place on Saturday 6th September. This is yet to be confirmed.

See below an excerpt from Brian's email.

"Now, back to thinking about the Rubber Powered Paper Plane Event and our indoor meetings at the Bushfield Sports Hall. This is 33 metre square (100 feet for those over 50 years of age!) and has a flat ceiling with no protruding steel work. We have flying meetings there on Oct 19; Nov.9; Dec 8; Jan 11; Feb 9 to which all are invited, and possibly test their paper plane creations? The **Grand Paper Plane Final** is on **Sunday March 2nd**

(All details are on the club website. <https://peterboroughmfc.org>) “

Thanks Brian.

Model Repair

During the EJR contests my DH4 broke its rudder. One too many flip overs onto its back. I managed to bodge the rudder back into shape and fly again but it has to be replaced. I cut the rudder away from the fin and studied where the weak points are. The sandwich core replacement has a 1mm aluminium tube surround. The top of the rudder has an insert of ply to resist impact. The hinge post will extend to the top of the rudder this time with a length of carbon rod to strengthen the weak points. Just the balsa ribs to fit and sand to shape. Double cover in tissue etc. Rattle can silver paint. Good job I kept the markings on my computer. They will be printed onto waterslide transfers.



That's all for now.

Mike