

Scale Free Flight Brief 87 December 2024

Sopwith Santa



**Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a flyable New Year 2025
Mike Smith.**

Paper Plane Nationals

I received this from Andy Green

"The exciting new Peterborough MFC Paper Plane Nationals will take place at Bushfield Sports Centre 10 Bushfield Peterborough PE2 5RG on the 2nd March 2025. The competition is for Scale and Duration FF Rubber. For full details go to <https://peterboroughmfc.org> and follow the links to Indoor Paper Aircraft. Please use the pre-registration form available on the site to help PMFC assess the numbers in each class and better manage the event on the day"

Indoor Scale Nats newsletter

Please see the attachment for the first Indoor Scale Nationals Newsletter written by Paul Rich.

Scale Free Flight WhatsApp

This group, that was set up a few weeks ago, is proving to be very useful and informative. To join in the conversation kindly let me have your mobile phone number and I will add you. What are you building for next season? Tips, general chit chat and a bit of non-woke banter. You do not have to add anything, but join in if you want, or just keep yourself informed

Richard Crossley has been building and flying free flight scale models for many years. He is probably best known for his indoor scale models, and in particular his lightweight competition models, with which he has won many National and International prizes. Richard is a graphic designer and illustrator by trade, working digitally on an Apple computer for a multitude of clients, but he also uses his graphic art skills to draw his model aircraft plans. Although digitally drawn, Richard endeavours to capture the style and character of pre-computer, hand-drawn plans that so many of us grew up with.

You can now buy a selection of Richard's plans direct from him on his newly launched website. As well as some old favourites, Richard has a number of exciting new scale plans nearing completion, and his latest release, a Polikarpov I-16 'Rata' to 1/14th scale looks very attractive indeed. For more information, email Richard direct at richardcrossley1967@gmail.com, or visit his website: www.flightscale.co.uk

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Free Flight Nationals (outdoor) Scale and Bowden

I am currently in discussion with the FFTC to establish if it is possible to run Scale Free Flight contests at the Free Flight Nationals in August at Sculthorpe, similar to how we have run contests at North Luffenham in the past. It is hoped that we can run an FF2 Scale Free Flight contest for the Selby Trophy and a FF3 Rubber Precision contest. I am aware that the Bowden contest is also being run and the scale contests may be run on the day that the Bowden is not being run, probably on Saturday. This will avoid any clash of contests and make it possible for scale fliers to have a go in the Bowden.

Watch this space.

Its scale boys but not as we know it

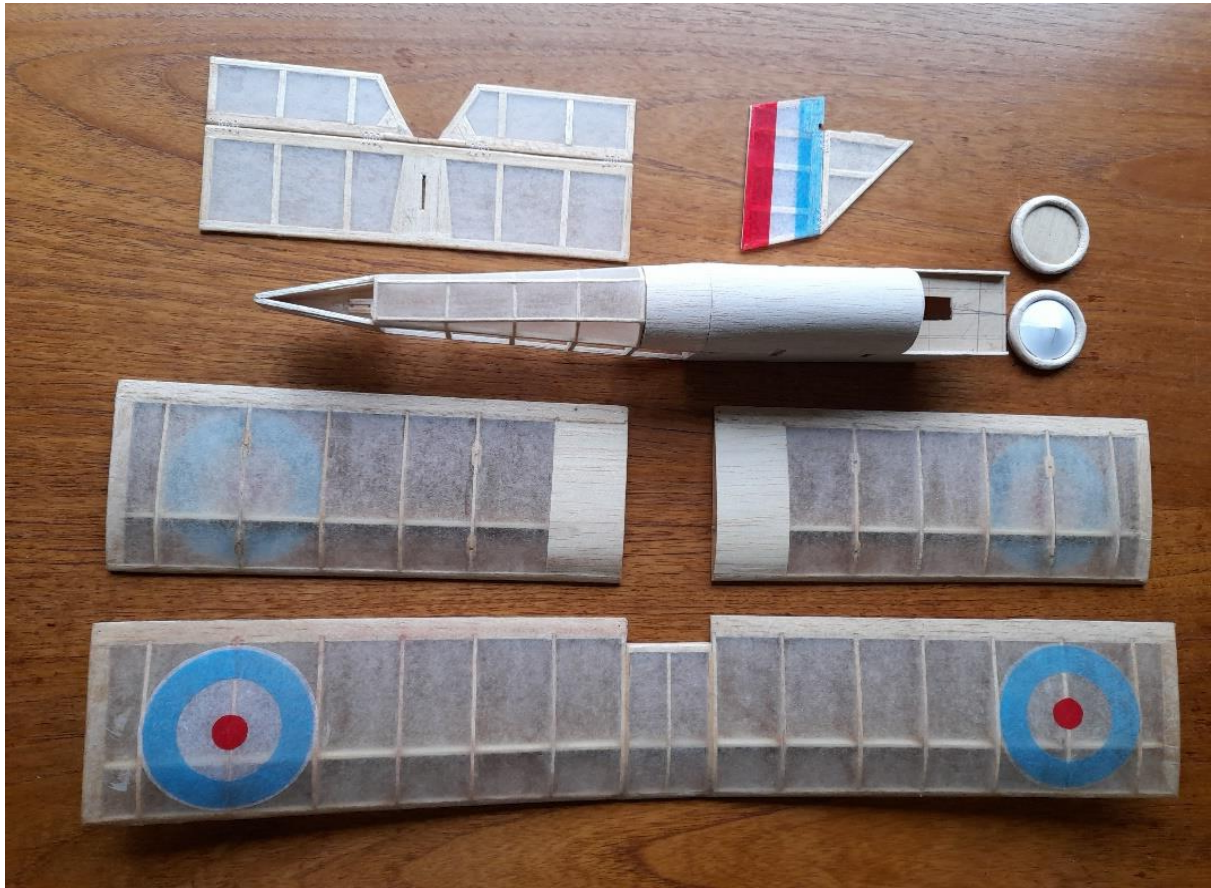
I have been in touch with Andy Bowman of RC Scale fame who is updating his workshop with this custom-made step ladder. If you were wondering why there is a shortage of balsa, this is why.



Anyone out there know what it is? No prizes.

Hand launch is not an option for this behemoth.





This is a bit more up our street. Andy's Indoor RC DH6, 22" span, for the indoor Nats 2025.

One extreme to another!

Scale Rules for 2025

The Scale Rules for 2025 have now been agreed by the STC.

There are some fundamental changes in the way Free Flight classes have been organised.

To summarise:

The outdoor open classes have been amalgamated into one Superscale class.

The outdoor Flying Only class, now called Scale Free Flight, will now have a minimal preflight assessment for realism and craftsmanship.

A new provisional class, Assisted Free Flight, for radio assist and/or gyro guided "free Flight" models.

A new provisional indoor class. Flying only.

The Eddie Riding contests are now all to run to the FF2 Scale Free Flight rules.

If you have any enquiry about how the new rules may affect your current or planned Scale Free Flight project prior to the BMFA publishing the rules please email me.

Mike