

BMFA NW Free Flight Gala Report 2015

On Saturday 21st February the fourth BMFA Northwest Free Flight Indoor Gala took place at the Velodrome in Manchester.

This was an all-day indoor free flight event run jointly by the BMFA's Indoor Technical Committee (ITC) and the BMFA's Scale Committee and was kindly sponsored by the Northwest Area BMFA.

The event catered for both duration and scale models.

The duration classes catered for were F1D, F1M, F1L, Penny Plane, Legal Eagle and No-Cal, with Bostonian added for the first time. The Scale competitions consisted of Open, Peanut and Pistachio classes. The Open Scale was judged on flying only, while the two smaller classes were judged and scored to the standard used at the Indoor Scale National competitions.

There were 18 entrants for this event, which doesn't have to be pre booked, coming from as far as Sheffield, Birmingham and East Anglia. Multiple entries were allowed and each competitor only paid one entry fee.

This year the event attracted a number of spectators, although not as many as last year and with helpers approx. 40 people attended the event.

An itinerary had been set through the day giving all competitors a chance to complete trimming or competition flights. This worked well and the day ran to schedule ending on time.

The most popular classes entered were, Penny Plane with 14 entered although only 10 posted flights, then Open Scale and Legal Eagle with 9 and 7 entries respectively.

It was very nice to see John Baker come along, helped by his family.

A complete list of results is attached, but some notable performances were:-

- Pete Woodhouse winning in Open Scale, in what I believe was his first indoor competition
- Tom Tomlinson winning F1D, Penny Plane and Bostonian.

The overall Champion was decided by ranking each event. As it's more difficult to win an event with say 8 entrants a reverse system was adopted, as such the winner of this event would get 8 points and the 8th placed entrant 1 point. However to make it fair if someone had entered the same event twice only their best finish counted. This resulted in the top three being:-

- 1st Tom Tomlinson
- 2nd Joe Heys
- 3rd Pete Woodhouse

Each Class winner received a pack of Balsa wood which was purchased from the sponsorship provided by the Northwest Area BMFA. Second place received an aircraft related picture, being provided by the Scale Committee and the overall champion a large bottle of wine courtesy of Mike Collin.

Sadly there was no media attendance this year.

The ITC and Scale committees would like to thank everyone for their help and support in making this a successful and enjoyable event.

Legal Eagle		Flight Times								Place	Points
Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
D. Horsefield	2.04	2.30	2.08	2.51						1	6
Tom Tomlinson	2.30	2.23								2	5
Tim Horne	1.52	2.03								3	4
J. Heys	2.03									4	3
J. Day	0.43	0.36	1.15							5	2
P. Dolby	0.51									6	1
Ken Bates										7	

No-Cal		Model Type Name	Flight Times						Place	Points
Name	1		2	3	4	5	6			
P. Dolby	Fike	1.59	2.49					1	4	
N. Stuart	Fike	2.11	2.27	2.46				2	3	
J. Heys	Farman F180	1.46	1.50	2.09				3	2	
Ken Bates	Ford Stout	0.57						4	1	

Scale Classes								
Pistachio		Model Type	Scale Points		Flight Scores		Place	Points
Name	1		2	1	2			
Reg Boor	Velot	54	1	27		1	2	
T Home	Screamin Meany	50	2	44		2	1	

Peanut		Model Type	Scale Points	Flight Scores					Place	Points
Name	1			2	3	4	5			
Bryan Lever	Tailwind	54	55	64	59			1	3	
Ian Lever	Lacey M10	50	31	28	18			2	2	
Pete Woodhouse	Piper Cub	48	46	41	42	44	42	3	1	
Dave Crompton	P51D Mustang	0								
Tim Milner	Piper Vagabond	0								

Open Scale		Model Type	Flight Scores				Highest Score	Place	Points
Name	1		2	3	4				
Pete Woodhouse	Nasmith Cougar	784.0	1642.0	1404.0	1138.0	1642.0	1	9	
J. Heyes	Lacey M10	842.0	798.0	1532.0	1256.0	1532.0	2	8	
Ian Lever	Puss Moth	1308.0	1134.0	1346.0	1468.0	1468.0	3	6	
Reg Boor	Araldo	1084.0	1348.0	1090.0	1402.0	1402.0	4	5	
Tim Horne	Hergt Monoplane	1048.0	732.0	1010.0	904.0	1048.0	5	4	
D. Crompton	Mitsabush Zero	1027.0	956.0			1027.0	6	3	
Bryan Lever	Tipsy Junior	740.0	830.0	932.0	928.0	932.0	7	2	
Ken Bates	Cessna	648.0	404.0			648.0	8	1	
Tim Milner	Eindecker						9		

Event Championship											
	No-Cal	Legal Eagle	Bostonion	Lim. Penny	F1M	F1L	F1D	Pistachio	Peanut	Open Scale	Total
Tom Tomlinson		5	4	13	2		2				26
J. Heyes	2	3		4		2				8	19
P. W. Woodhouse				5					1	9	15
P. Dolby	4	1		10							15
Neil Stewart	3			12							15
Dave Whitehouse			1	7	3						11
Tim Horne		4	2					1		4	11
Reg Boor					1	1	1	2		5	10
Dave Horsfield		6	3								9
I. Lever									2	6	8
R. Nall				8							8
A. Watson				6							6
B. Lever									3	2	5
Ken Bates	1			2						1	4
D. Crompton										3	3
J. Day		2		1							3