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Alan's "Annotations"

And so it was another success, Southern Expo raised another £5000.00 for St Francis Hospice, which goes towards over £30,000 raised since Southern Expo started. Wally thanked us for our assistance at the last monthly meeting. Attendance was a bit thin on the ground for an aircraft competition night, but I suppose a lot of you were "Expo'd" out, or you were under strict instructions not to leave the house on that night.

So, what did you miss, well yours truly announced that he would not be standing for club secretary at the AGM. Expo brought home the fact that Hornchurch is one of the healthiest clubs in Essex and that it requires a secretary who can be seen at the shows and is a known contact for other clubs. So it's on with the thinking caps and let's see who wants to give it a go.

Also tonight's meeting is early because Easter being when it is we had to bring our meeting forward.

For the AGM would the winners of last year's cups bring them in on May for the next winners.

The May show is falling into place, but unfortunately the Barking model rail display will not be with us and Paints by Post has cancelled. Hopefully Peter, Mick and I would have met before this meeting to tie some loose ends up.

The "Fort full of Models" organisers have sent us an invitation for their show in July.

It just leaves me to say may your seams all disappear and your decals snuggle down.

Alan

Peter's "Prattlings"

Hornchurch Model Show Tombolla Prizes Needed

Your model show needs you!

For next months Hornchurch Model Show we need some prizes to give away on the Tombolla stand. They can be anything you like either modelling related (kits or books) or slightly more domestic for example cakes or bottles of drink. If all the club members give at least one prize each we should be able to raise a reasonable amount of money for the charity. Last year I think we raised over £50.

Hannants Lowestoft Sale 24th May

Announced in Hannants weekly update.

"Following the cancellation of the Mildenhall Air Fete, due to have been held on Saturday May 24, we shall be holding a special Open Day at our Lowestoft Warehouse on that date.

We will be giving a 10% discount on ALL purchases on the day plus additional special offers, clearance lines etc. Book the date and bring the family for a day at the seaside or on the Broads. Watch this space for further details. Please note that this is at our Lowestoft warehouse and does not apply to our London shop which will be open as usual."

AGM

Don't forget this is your last chance to put something to the Committee for inclusion to the AGM next month.



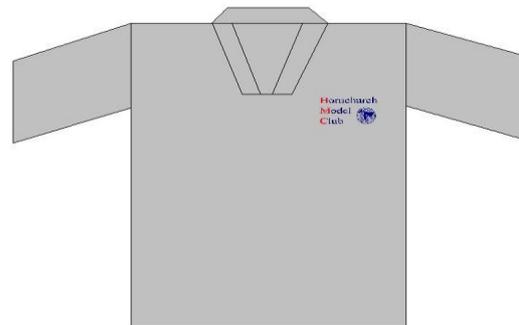
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Club Sweatshirt/Polo Shirt

Due to people not noticing, or lack of interest, when this first appeared in the December 2002 issue of Sticky Fingers I'm repeating this request.

There has been some discussion on the purchase of some club sweatshirts or polo shirts for members to wear when they attend model shows. With this in mind I've put a simple design together which we can hopefully turn into a design and can then be applied to the clothing of choice. My personal suggestion is for a mid/light grey colour as per the 2002 Southern Expo sweatshirt with red and/or blue lettering. The example below although printed in black and white has red capital letters and blue for all the others and the IPMS logo. Let us know what you think. Unless you let us know soon with any changes you would prefer we will go ahead and order the template for application to the clothing as shown below.



Mr. BitchyLetter

The letter below was posted on the HyperScale discussion site for use by some of those "modellers" who never seem happy to have their favourite plane kitted by any of the model manufacturers.

As part of our continuing service to the model-building community, we are pleased to provide you with Mr. Bitchyletter.

Now, instead of needing to spend hours posting until you get JUST the right tone to your complaining, just choose the appropriate option in each paragraph and send to the model or accessory company of choice! It couldn't be easier!

Mr. Bitchyletter is provided to you free of charge, designed specifically with the HyperScale contributor in mind.

This letter should NOT be confused with our Customer Service Request form, Mr. Bitchlikehellandaskforafreekit.

"Dear _____ (choose one or more options)

- A) Bottom-dwelling-scum-suckers
- B) B) Stupid anal sphincters
- C) C) Running dog lackeys of the capitalistic war mongers (for our readers in China and North Korea)
- D) D) Model company name (seldom used, but included for your amusement)

Are you people stupid, or what? Don't you ever listen to us? What EVER possessed you to produce a kit of _____ (product name here)?!!



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Are you so ignorant of your market that you don't realize we are all dying for a kit of

-
- A) Another Me-109
 - B) Polish between-the-war-ultralight-flying-submarines
 - C) Another Me-109
 - D) Percival Pussmoth
 - E) Another P-51
 - F) Another Me-109
 - G) 1/24th scale C-5A Galaxy
 - H) _____ (Your choice here, being careful to name only subjects that cost a fortune and have no chance of selling)

If your choice of _____(product name here) wasn't bad enough, you got it TOTALLY WRONG!! The kit is _____(choose one or more options)

- A) The wrong colour plastic
- B) Two scale millimetres too long/short/tall/round/square
- C) Spelled wrong
- D) Sprue is too thick/too thin
- E) Wrapped with too much shrink-wrap
- F) Impossible for a moron to complete
- G) Actually requires thought and effort to build
- H) _____(your choice here, being careful to invent something totally unreasonable)!!!

"I think (not likely, but maybe they'll buy it....) everyone in the world should _____

- A) Burn down your factory
- B) Never buy another of your products again
- C) Constantly criticize you, your company and ALL your products for even the slightest infraction, real or imagined
- D) A and B
- E) A and C
- F) B and C
- G) A, B and C
- H) _____(Your choice here)

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- A) Up yours
 - B) Drop dead
 - C) Ingest fecal matter and suffer a sudden demise
 - D) Be smitten by the wrath of God
 - E) _____(Your choice of closings here)

_____ (Your name or the name of your choice)



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Airshow News

RAF Cosford Airshow Cancelled

Not surprisingly based on the current events in Iraq the RAF Cosford Airshow has been cancelled.

Spitfire Day at Duxford

Duxford are holding a Spitfire day on June 15th. Bomber Command veterans will be at Duxford's Spitfire Day to launch two fascinating new books. The presence of the veterans is an added bonus at the Spitfire Day, which as well as commemorating the legendary fighter, will also have another great British design classic present in the shape of the Aston Martin Lagonda as these prestige cars rally at Duxford to add to the atmosphere of the event.

Peter

Ricky's "Ramblings"

Well that's another Expo done and dusted until next year. Most everyone I spoke to whilst on the door was pleased with the two day event. One person even wanted us to hold the event twice yearly. However it does show you that you can never foretell how it will turn out as overall we were about 60 people down on last years figures. Yet the weather was superb to bring people out. Talking to one trader after, who was very pleased with his two days, he mentioned that there are not too many 2 day events during the year so maybe we might have to go to a one day event. Still lets see what happens next year.

Making your own decals

If it were that easy, companies would have been out of business long ago. In fact, there are quality decals coming from more sources around the world than any time previously. You can find markings for just about any subject you can think of.

Every now and then, you find yourself with a project that either has no decals (other than what's perhaps provided in the box) or the markings are not for the subject that you want to build. Consequently, the project usually gets tabled until some future opportunity arises to either obtain the markings you want or your interests have shifted toward those markings that are available. This is where the SuperCal system from Micro Format Inc. saves the day.

The Project

As an example to create decals for a desk model of the US Air Forces' new E-10A, the so-called Multi-Sensor Command & Control Aircraft (MC2A). The airframe is based on the new Boeing 767-400ER and sports a canoe (radome) under the forward fuselage ala JSTARS.

Step One was to obtain the requisite markings and stencilling for a USAF 767-400 in 1/200 scale. Obviously there are no such decals on the market though some of the existing decals available could be adapted. This is a key point for any future project that you may have - if the decals exist in another scale, you can scan and resize them to meet your needs; or, if the decals do exist in the correct scale, but they're old and may disintegrate in water, you can keep the sheet as a master and scan and re-print them as required. This is especially relevant as many decal companies do not offer their full range of decals all of the time. While some subjects may be periodically re-issued, most are one-time productions and you must get them whilst you can. Lastly, you can scan bits and pieces from a variety of existing decal sheets to obtain the markings you need and minimizing any new artwork that might be required.

Creating the Artwork

If you can find some of what you want but not exactly how you want them scan the decals into Paint Shop Pro at 600 dpi (dots per inch). As you know, inkjet printers will print blue, but not white – if the background of your decals is blue this must be eliminated after scanning in the background must be white for this to work properly. With some decal artwork, you'll need to maintain at least 256 colours or you will lose too much of the original colouring. You'll have to experiment with this on a case-by-case basis.



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Using the 'Edit Palette' option, change all of the background colours (the decal backing) to white also touching up the 'scan noise' in the image.

After accumulating a number of images, it is time to create a decal master. First create a blank image with a white background that is about twice as large as the 767 stencil sheet. Into this blank paste the stencils and various other bits and pieces that had been scanned and altered. Use Paint Shop Pro's text creator to create the lettering required using the correct font. Sometimes it is better to create several sizes, just in case. Once they are all laid out, as you want them, these can be pasted into the master decal image

Printing

Now comes the interesting part – printing the correct size/scale. As those of you know who've poked around computers a bit, there are no standards in the PC world for size and colour from your scanner to your printer.

Do you need a photo printer for printing decals? Not at all, this process should work with any inkjet printer). Scale the new image to fit in roughly the same area using the scaling settings in the printer control panel. After a few test prints and size adjustments you will be able to get the stencils to print out at the same size as the original artwork (about 13% of the original scan size). Place a sheet of clear SuperCal decal film into the inkjet printer and out will come a nice clear decal sheet. Do not touch the images until the ink has had a few minutes to dry. The final step is to spray the decal sheet with the clear sealant per the instructions.

Conclusions

Some points to consider before doing this yourself:

- Don't waste space on your blank decal sheet. Fill up the sheet with as much artwork as possible so you're not wasting your resources. Be mindful of white/light-collared backgrounds everything you create here will be based on CYMK (cyan, yellow and magenta) as the basic colours.
- The Supernal decal film comes in clear and white backgrounds both being able to be used, but the problem with the white background is that all backgrounds will be white and the white will need to be trimmed away where not wanted.
- Scan the original images in at high (600 dpi) resolution. This gives some clear artwork to start with. By the time you've manipulated the image and downsized it again, this may be a waste of time and energy. You can experiment with various combinations of resolution settings in your scanners and printers to see what works best.
- Experiment with printing the decals at different resolutions you may find your printer will print the 360 dpi decals as clearly as the 720 dpi and 1440 dpi settings.
- While these techniques for creating your own decals will be useful for those occasional project challenges, don't use this technique to simply replicate and distribute decals that are currently available. You'll find that not only will this pose more problems with regards to the white background issue, it is also stealing. All of the original artwork you're dealing with is someone else's labour and is copyright protected. Copyright laws do permit you to do what I've described above for your own personal uses only.



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Resources

If you have access to the Internet you may find these online sources useful to find just about anything you'll need for virtually any unusual project

[SuperCal \(www.supercaldecals.com\)](http://www.supercaldecals.com)

[Meteor Productions \(www.meteorprod.com\)](http://www.meteorprod.com)

[Roll Models \(www.rollmodels.com\)](http://www.rollmodels.com)

[VLS \(www.modelmecca.com\)](http://www.modelmecca.com)

[Squadron Mail Order \(www.squadron.com\)](http://www.squadron.com)

[HobbyLink Japan \(www.hlj.com\)](http://www.hlj.com)

[Flight Miniatures \(www.flightminiatures.com\)](http://www.flightminiatures.com)

[Hannants \(www.hannants.co.uk\)](http://www.hannants.co.uk)

[eBay \(www.ebay.com\)](http://www.ebay.com)

You can obtain JASC outstanding Paint Shop Pro from your local computer store or directly from their website at www.jasc.com.

Ya Gotta Laugh

Did you here about the fella who put an advert in his local paper offering a £200 reward for the return of his wife's cat, no questions asked.

"That's a big reward for a cat" said the clerk "You're very generous".

"Not for this cat" replied the man "I drowned it yesterday".

"I know you wish I was dead" said the mother in law "so you can dance on my grave"

"Not me" said her son in law "I hate standing in queues"

Definition of mixed emotions.... A man seeing his mother in law backing over a cliff in his new car.

Anybody out there like to write a brief resume on how to build resin models ?

Ricky



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Wrighty's "References"

Hello again, after a few months break since Christmas I have had time to think about magazine articles and in view of Alan Carrs' comments in last months Sticky Fingers have come up with a few new ideas.

With the Luftwaffe serialisation of the "Downward Spiral" which ran for 14 months, I realise if you are not an ardent fanatic of this subject it could be a "big bore" for over a year, but to those and there are quite a few "fans" who found the 100 pages with 244 side views and photos a great addition to their reference collection, and a seventh heaven, I know I did as I discovered many of the drawings and photos. This reference covers every fighter unit in the Luftwaffe from May 1944 to May 1945 and you can even have the maps showing the positions in Germany of all the bases mentioned in the text, I would welcome your comments on the above work.

New Projects

I have a similar series of the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm squadrons, giving history during W.W. II, the carriers served aboard, shore bases used and major operations they took part in. However the fighter squadrons alone cover 32 A4 pages of text, allow at least another 12 pages of side view profiles, that's 44 pages at say 5 pages a month, 9 months magazine space. What do you think; do you want it or just a few squadrons pitched out? It's your choice.

Many of this clubs members I have spoken to don't seem very keen on assembling their kits with an engine, unless it came with the kit. Aftermarket resin offerings are hard to get hold of and even harder to fit, but why not make your own? Too difficult? No plans? I have done a whole series of Focke Wulf FW 190/Ta 152 kits; I'll admit it's not easy, but it's not difficult once you know how. I can give you articles for those FW 190s (sorry it's German again!), but the articles will apply to almost any W.W.II in-line V engine. Yes it does take time to do, it's not a week's work, more like a month, but will be worth the result if patience is shown. If enough interest is forthcoming what about an "aircraft with open engine bay" competition night, now could you "dig that"?

Other References

A member recently asked me if I could provide a full list of which aircraft squadrons of the RAF flew in the W.W.II desert war and what aircraft they used, the answer is yes! And that goes for Fighter, Bomber and Coastal Command (UK based) and the similar units in the SEAC. Also the same goes for the USAAF 1942-45 in Europe and Pacific. These lists are in the form of computer graphs (aka Tactical Histories). They could be presented 1 per issue in the Sticky Fingers, again the choice is yours!

Alan



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Events Schedule 2003

Items **highlighted** are where IPMS Hornchurch have space booked.

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| 26 th – 27 th April (Saturday & Sunday) | Scottish Nationals to be held once again at the Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth . Competition registration will close at 15.00 on 26 April 2003. For further details, please contact Ernie Romer as follows: Telephone 01259 211340 (evenings only please), E-mail: romerem@aol.com |
| 27 th April (Sunday) | East Midlands Show at the Leisure Centre, Hinkley , Leicestershire. 10:00-4:00, Open competition. Contact Gordon Upton, 01455 230 952 (shop hours) or via www.modelspot.com/show99/03.htm |
| 11 th May (Sunday) | IPMS Gloucester Model Show , Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Nr Staverton Airport . 9:30 – 5pm. Contact J Brown on 01285 659254 or email jefferyarthurb@aol.com |
| 18 th May (Sunday) | IPMS Hornchurch show . Sydney Russell School, Dagenham, Essex IPMS Birmingham and the Universal Modelling Society present Britain's largest one-day modelling show at the Leasowes Leisure Centre, Kent Road, Quinton, Halesowen , near Birmingham. The 2003 Expo, which is open from 10.00–17.00: For information, contact D Jefferey (Tel. 0121 550 7185) or Craig Greville (Tel. 0121 360 4905) |
| 24 th May (Saturday) | IPMS Torbay wish to announce a model show to be held at the Torquay Town Hall, South Devon . New Competition classes are being introduced. Should you be interested in booking your club or maybe you are a trader wishing to attend, contact the club Secretary for further details. Contact - Les Wells, 17 Helford Drive, Broadsands Park, Paignton, Devon TQ4 7NL. Phone 01803 844977. E-mail: wellzy_2002@yahoo.com |
| 31 st May (Saturday) | IPMS Salisbury Model Show at Wyvern College, Church Rd. Laverstock, Salisbury . England. Over 40 clubs & 20 traders have already booked their spaces. |
| 1 st June (Sunday) | Northern Model Show , South Shields. |
| 6 th July (Sunday) | IPMS Mid Sussex will be holding their annual show 'A Fort Full Of Models' at Newhaven Fort, Newhaven, East Sussex , BN9 9DL, on Sunday, 6th July 2003 from 10.00 to 17.00. Club stands, trade stands, private displays, full access to the Fort, play area for the kids, adequate free parking. For information, contact: stephen.bagley1@btinternet.com |
| 12 th & 13 th July (Saturday & Sunday) | IPMS Durham , Hartlepool Borough Hall, Headland, Hartlepool . Contact B Watt, 38 Caversham Road, Chapel House, Newcastle-upon Tyne NE5 1JP, E-mail: nemis@lineone.net |
| 20 th July (Sunday) | Model Mania at Cholsey School, Cholsey, nr Wallingford , Oxon. For more information call 0149 652 295 or 01491 652 536. |
| 17 th August (Sunday) | IPMS Avon, Yate Leisure Centre , Kennedy Way. For enquiries call Phil 01454 850119 or email ipmsavon@aol.com |
| 31 st August (Sunday) | Brampton Model Show – Priory Centre, St Neots, Cambridgeshire . |
| 7 th September (Sunday) | IPMS Leicester Model Show , Wycliffe Rooms, Lutterworth , Leicestershire. The show will be open from 10.00–17.00. Contact Martin Connolly: telephone 01455 284600, e-mail connollymj@fsnet.co.uk |
| 21 st September (Sunday) | Modelfest 2003 . IPMS Farnborough present Modelfest 2003 at the Frogmore Community Campus, Yateley , Hants. Doors are open from 10.00–16.00 |
| 28 th September (Sunday) | St Edmundsbury Scale Modellers Show , at Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds . Contact Dominic Stevenson, 7 Silverdale Close, Ipswich, IP1 4JF, 01473 743189. |
| 2 nd November (Sunday) | Elsecar Model Show , Elsecar Heritage Centre, Wath Road, Elsecar, Barnsley . Details from Martin Blundell, tel 01226 753649. |
| 22 nd /23 rd November (Saturday & Sunday) | Scale Modelworld 2003 to be held at the Telford International Centre, Telford Shropshire |



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IPMS Hornchurch Annual Competition

March Aircraft Voting Results

1/72nd scale or less

| Position | Entrant | Entry | Votes |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Paul Bennett | De Havilland Hornet | 46 |
| 2 nd | Peter Bagshaw | Curtiss P-40F Warhawk | 44 |
| 3 rd | Charles Thompson | Supermarine Spitfire Vb | 38 |
| 4 th | Peter Bagshaw | Curtiss P-40N Warhawk | 31 |
| 5 th | Alan Wright | Fairey Firefly | 19 |
| | Charles Thompson | Focke Wulf FW-190 | 13 |

Greater than 1/72nd scale

| Position | Entrant | Entry | Votes |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Alan Wright | Focke Wulf FW-190D | 65 |

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft) – Final Positions

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Peter Bagshaw | 142 |
| Charles Thompson | 86 |
| Ted Taylor | 78 |
| Keith Money | 75 |
| Dave Ryan | 74 |
| Alan Wright | 66 |
| Ian Brown | 64 |
| Paul Bennett | 55 |
| Steve Smith | 26 |
| Paul Kirby | 25 |
| John Bennett | 23 |
| Phil Worth | 23 |
| Geoff Webb | 22 |
| Robin Bellamy | 22 |
| Jon Lowe | 21 |
| Brian Lay | 15 |
| Ken Sparks | 10 |
| Nick Pedley | 5 |

72nd or less





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Greater than 1/72nd scale

