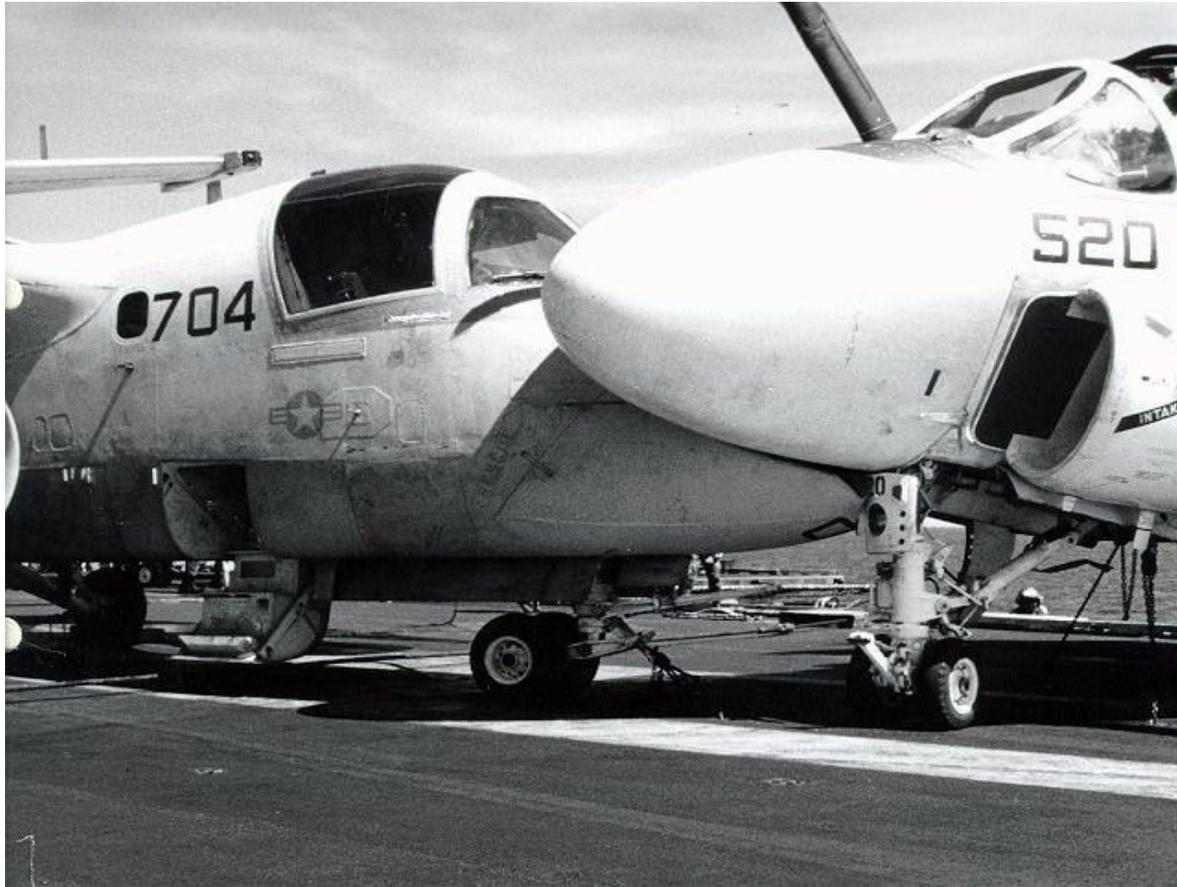




“STICKY FINGERS” IPMS HORNCHURCH MAGAZINE.



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Peters Prattling

Ken Sparks

It is with great sadness that I have to report that long standing member Ken Sparks passed away on Tuesday 28th June. Ken was a former club secretary from 1997 to 1999 and I had the honour of serving beside him as editor of Sticky Fingers and Deputy Secretary during this time.

Next month – August 2005

Is video night, so if you have a video or DVD of something interesting bring it along. We'll plan to show only about 10 to 15 minutes of each tape to get a variety of subjects, unless there is agreement to continue on a specific show.

IPMS Magazine

For those who are in the IPMS and have noticed that the branch isn't mentioned in the magazine, rest assured we are indeed a fully paid up branch and have space booked for the Nationals according to the current acting Liaison Secretary.

Newhaven "Fort Full of Models" Show – Sunday 3rd July

This show was back to its normal glorious weather form this year. Unfortunately what I think seems to be a continuing trend the show seemed to be fairly poorly attended by the general public and even by the modelling community, we had a few people come up and talk to us about the models on display, but not as many as I recall a few years ago. Having said that it is a good day out when the weather is sunny. A selection of photos below to show the stand, with the "fickle finger of fate" or "helping hand" in evidence, or more likely Robin pointing something out to a punter.



Barking Railway Show

Mr. Kentish has informed us that there is another show in October in Barking if we are interested. He can be reached on 01268 777169 Rayleigh. Are we interested in attending?

Scale Aviation Modeller International (SAMI) Modeller Datafiles

SAMI are running an offer for clubs on the following Modelling Datafile books for £7.50 each.

Supermarine Spitfire Part 1 – Merlin powered	Avro Lancaster
Supermarine Spitfire Part 2 – Griffon powered	Bristol Beaufighter
English Electric Lightning	Gloster Meteor

If you are interested in any of these I will be willing to put a club order together but I must have the money via cash or cheque before the order is sent.

Forthcoming Shows

20 th August (Saturday)	South Downs Show. A new show for IPMS Hornchurch in a location not far from the Newhaven show, to be held at Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing, West Sussex.
4 th September (Sunday)	Brampton Model show at St Neots in Cambridgeshire, 2 tables booked. and also Gillingham Show in Kent at the Royal Engineers Museum. Does anyone have the booking information on this one?
18 th September (Sunday)	IPMS Gloucester Show. Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stroud. Is anyone interested in attending this one?
24 th & 25 th September (Saturday & Sunday)	South West Model Expo 2005. Tank Museum, Bovington, Dorset, BH20 6JG. Apparently LSA models will be having a sale of kits that may have some bits missing, but can be easily replaced or built, e.g. no tracks.
20 th October (Sunday)	East Anglian Model Show at the Mid-Suffolk Leisure Centre, Gainsborough Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1LH. Door open 10 am to 4.30 pm.
19 th and 20 th November (Saturday and Sunday)	ScaleModelWorld (The Nationals). Are you thinking of attending? If so please give some thought to spending some time manning our stand.
6 th February 2006 (Sunday)	ModelKraft 2006, Milton Keynes show. We haven't officially booked this one yet, but we should be on the invitation list.

“FROG Spawn” Model Lottery Competition

The idea is this.

- You pay £1 stake for each kit. Note there is no limit to the number of kits you can purchase.
- The kits are allocated via “lucky dip”. In practice this didn't work, so just have a rummage through the box for whatever takes your fancy.
- For each kit completed by the December meeting you get 50 pence of your £1 stake back.
- The winner of the competition, judged in December, receives the rest of the stake money.
- Just to clarify you can add any aftermarket updates and decals or just build from the box, your choice.

So far the following have been brave enough to enter. Final entrants can be purchased up until the November club night.

Entrant	Model
Danny Alvisse	Westland Lysander
Ian Brown	Miles Magister
Kevin Curley	Hotspur Glider
Nick Pedley	Hawker Sea Hawk
Peter Bagshaw	Percival Proctor
Peter Collins	Fairey Barracuda
Ralph Hebron	Miles Magister
Ricky Prager	Lockheed P-38 Lightning
Robin Bellamy	Bristol Blenheim
Roy Prager	Lockheed P-38 Lightning
Wally Arrowsmith	de Havilland Hornet
Alan Carr	Grumman Hellcat

Well that's all for now so happy modelling.

Peter

Words from Robin.

Well, tonight is the big night for me, the first Competition night with me at the helm as it were, please be gentle with me. Things tonight will be slightly different than before due to the running of both competitions on the same evening. The entry slips will be ready numbered and colour coded for ease of voting and the voting slips will also be similarly coloured for ease of counting up the scores later, sounds impressive doesn't it?

In actual fact everything will be the same for the model entries and the only real difference will be that you will have two voting slips instead of one. **Green for aircraft** and **white for miscellaneous**.

Please don't get offended if I can't remember your name while sorting out the competition entries, I really do have a problem putting names to faces. I can remember the colour of the inside of a P 40's rear wheel well, but I can't remember somebody's name that I have just been talking too, odd thing the human mind isn't it?

So with that in mind, enjoy the competition and may the best models, whatever they are, win.

Thanks, **Robin**

For Sale.



On Sale for £45
For more Details contact Phil Worth.

Elastic Clamp.

I found this on a German Model site that I thought was a good idea the text was in German but the pictures say it all.



The round ring slips up and down to tighten or loosen the clamp.

The M4 and its British designations

Most modellers know what an M4 is, however I'll bet you when you drop the name Sherman many other people will not know that what you mean with an M4 is a tank.

It's thanks to the British system of naming their lend-lease tanks after American civil war generals that nowadays Sherman stands almost synonym to the M4 tank.

Other famous names you may recognize are Lee, Grant and Stuart, but none have reached the level of fame of that of the Sherman tank.

As there were several types of the M4 produced during the war, they simply received a Latin numeral designation by the British department of defence preceded by the word: Mark.

Here is that system put in an table

<i>British designation</i>	<i>U.S. built designation</i>	<i>Canadian built Designation</i>
Sherman Mark I	M4	
Sherman Mark II	M4A1	
Sherman Mark III	M4A2	
Sherman Mark IV	M4A3	
Sherman Mark V	M4A4	
Sherman Mark VI	(M4A5)	Ram Tank
Sherman Mark VII	M4A6	

To allow modifications to be easily recognized, without adding another Mark tank to the system, the various Marks of Sherman on which this applied where given an suffix, these being a, b, & c.

The suffix 'a' stands for Sherman's equipped with the 76mm gun.
 For example: an M4A1/w 76mm would be given the name of Sherman Mark IIa



The suffix 'b' stands for Sherman's equipped with a 105mm howitzer.
 For example: an M4 /w 105mm would be given the name of Sherman Mark Ib



The suffix 'c' stands for Sherman's equipped with the 17 pounder gun.
 For example: an M4A4/w 17 pounder would be given the name of Sherman Mark Vc



When the HVSS suspension became available the suffix 'y' was added even behind the earlier suffix. For example: an M4 /w 105mm HVSS would be given the name of Sherman Mark Iby



The Sherman variants received by the British, numerically speaking, and use in combat are: the Mark III followed by the Mark V, I & II.... in that order.

Of course the British made a number of their own variants based on the Sherman the most famous of those, perhaps, being the duplex drive swimming tank, for short simply DD.

Others were:

ARV = Armoured Recovery Vehicle.

BARV = Beach Armoured Recovery Vehicle.

Kangaroo = name given to turret less Sherman's used as APC

Crab = name given to Sherman's equipped with mine flail equipment.

The ARV, Crab and DD tanks existed in several Marks.

The following table explains the Sherman based variants

British designation	Based on	U.S. designation
Sherman III ARV I	M4A2	
Sherman V ARV I	M4A4	
Sherman V ARV II	M4A4	

Sherman II ARV III		M32B
Sherman III BARV	M4A2	
Sherman Kangaroo	M4A2	
Sherman III DD/DD I/DD II	M4A2	
Sherman V DD/DD I/DD II	M4A4	
Sherman IIIay DD III*	M4A2(76)w	
Sherman Crab I/II	M4A4	

*only came in to use in late 1945