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Next month – May 2006

- Will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or “Bunfight at the Church Hall” as I affectionately call it.

New Members

Last month we had a new and some returning to the fold members turn up, welcome to Tom our new member and Rob and Greg for returning to the fold, hopefully you will all continue to attend. I hope you will all continue to make them feel welcome.

Southern Expo 2006

Well where did that weekend go? As usual it seems that the time just flew by and from a hectic setup on Friday night to the breakdown on Sunday evening the whole event just whizzed by.

I thought our stand looked a little rushed in terms of presentation on Saturday but a quick rearrange on the Sunday morning gave a much better look to the stand. I noted that there were 25 members from the club wandering around the show but unfortunately remarkably few of these actually manning our stand, so my thanks go out to all those who made some time to man the club stand. I guess this is the price we pay for having both organisers of the show and modellers who put their primary interests first rather than this club. If we hold the show again next year please give a thought to spending some of your time at the clubs stand as well as your special interests, thank you. Rant mode over – steps off soapbox.

AGM Motions

Next month is the dreaded Annual General Meeting of the club. If anyone has any proposals they wish to raise please hand them to either myself, Robin or Danny no later than a week before the AGM club night so the agenda can be compiled in time for the meeting. I was going to raise the following proposal.

Club Subscriptions

I would like to propose that we revert to the previous method of club subscriptions, i.e. all members pay £2 per evening attended, the December meeting being free of charge at the discretion of the committee.

Club membership is deemed to be anyone who has either attended a meeting and paid at least one £2 subscription within the last 12 months or anyone who has contributed £2 to the Treasurer to cover the cost of a meeting attendance, for those members who wish to be part of the club but feel they may not be able to attend any meetings for any reason.

The reason for this is that although the current subscription method mostly worked it was a little too cumbersome in practical use.

Lot's of Phantoms

I spotted this on one of the modelling forums

This post is mainly aimed at the people who build 1/72nd scale Phantoms and are either based in the UK or can get to the Scale Model World exhibition at Telford in 2008.

As many of you will realise, 2008 celebrates the Phantoms 50th anniversary, and a group of us are planning to put together a display consisting of 513 F-4 Phantoms in 1/72nd scale (i.e. 1 model for each 10 Phantoms built.) As can be imagined, this is a colossal task, but well worth it as the Phantom is a very significant aircraft.

I have put together a web site <http://www.500phantoms.com> which shows what has been accomplished so far.

If any of you have models that would be available for this display, I would be grateful for your assistance.

Please feel free to email me at admin@500phantoms.com.

I will keep you all posted when we achieve significant milestones.

Forthcoming Shows in 2006

Shows with **highlight** have been booked for us to attend. If you wish to attend any of the shows with the club stand please let me know so I can attempt to book space for the club.

29th April (Saturday)	Poole Vikings Model Club (IPMS Dorset). Parkstone Grammar School, Sopers Lane, Poole, Dorset. BH17 7EP. 10.30 am to 4.00 pm
29th & 30th April (Saturday and Sunday)	Scottish National Scale Model Show. The Dewers Centre, Glover Street, Perth. 10.00am to 5.00pm. Willie Wood 01259 722428 secretary@scotsnats.org.uk
20 th May (Saturday)	Southdowns show at Lancing, West Sussex – I've requested space for this show.
27th & 28th May (Saturday and Sunday)	Welsh National Model Show. Held at the Meas Artro Heritage Museum, Llanbedr, Gwynedd, LL45 2PZ. Contact Malcolm Green for details on 01341 241467
3 rd June (Saturday)	IPMS UK Salisbury Model Show. Wyvern College, Church Road, Laverstock, Salisbury SP1 1RE. 10 am to 4 pm
10 June (Saturday)	East Neuk Modelling Club Model Show and Swapmeet at the YW/YMCA Club, Bonnygate, Cupar. Doors open 10 am to 4 pm.
1st July (Saturday)	East of Scotland Model Show (IPMS Dundee). Marryat Hall, Caird Hall Complex, Dundee City Centre, from 10.00am 'till 4.00pm.
20 th August (Sunday)	IPMS Avon. Yate Leisure Centre.
2 nd & 3 rd September (Saturday & Sunday)	Medway Modelling Club Show. Royal Engineers Museum, Gillingham, Kent. This has been made a 2 day show but we can attend on either or both days.
3 rd September (Sunday)	IPMS Brampton. Priory Centre, Priory Lane, ST. NEOTS PE19 2BH
9 th September (Saturday)	IPMS Mid Sussex. Clair Hall, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. 10am to 4pm. This is the group who used to run "Fort Full of Models" and this is their 20 th Anniversary Model Show.
10 th September (Sunday)	Sutton Coldfield Model Makers Society Model Spectacular 2006. Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, West Midlands. 10.00 am. to 4.30 pm
17 th September (Sunday)	Wings and Things. Held at the Spalding Grammar School in aid of Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance
18 th & 19 th November (Saturday and Sunday)	Scale Modelworld – IPMS Nationals. The club IPMS branch return has been sent in to the Branch Liaison Officer so in theory we should have space booked for the show.

That's all for now, so happy modelling.

Peter

The Expo Oscar's speech.

I tap these few lines out at Expo +5 after I have just tidied up the debris of Southern Expo 2006, that is putting buckets, chains & locks, trophies, boxes, cloths and unclaimed raffle prizes safely away in my loft for the next eleven and a half months. Did my Wife laugh or what?!

As most if not all of you will know, Wally is stepping down from the organisation of the Expo show and handing the reins over to Peter Bagshaw and myself. As both Peter and myself have said, Wally's shoes are going to be damned hard to fill as Southern Expo is a benchmark for model shows. I feel that the best we can hope for is that next years show will pass off without most of the attendees to Southern Expo even noticing anything has changed as such. However, this does not mean that Wally is gone and forgotten, he will be lurking in the background to give us the benefit of the last twenty odd years experience.

Now for the Oscar's bit, no snoring in the hall please. I would like to thank all the people that helped to run and "police" Expo this year, giving up their show time to the boring duties of putting up, breaking down the show, running the competition, keeping an eye on the competition entries, judging and door security. Next up for a slap on the back are the club members that manned the Hornchurch stand over the weekend with such dedication, very well done, and in the opinion of a fair few people, the best looking stand that Hornchurch have ever turned out at Expo. Thanks must also go to all the other club members scattered throughout the hall on other stands that helped make the whole show such a success.

Still awake? Good, now for the four people that I personally would like to thank. Rick, for coming all the way from Norfolk to sit on the door for most of the show taking the money, this year in a very cold draught. Laura Brown for also helping out on the door and keeping Rick under control. Wally for smoothly running another great show and finally Sue Arrowsmith, for doing the hundred and one little things, mostly out of sight that never get noticed or acknowledged, but helps make the show run so smoothly.

Just think, it's only eleven months or so to the next Southern Expo, fingers crossed. Just enough time to save up enough pennies for all the goodies that will, no doubt be on offer!

Club competitions, good or bad for the members?

First let me thank all of those members that entered their models in last months competition, the standard was as high as ever and judging the entries becomes more testing every competition evening. Congratulations to Mick Pitts, Ted Taylor, Mick Ellis and Ian Brown for deservedly winning their respective classes, well done gentlemen. To those members that didn't enter a model last month, myself included, you have about four months to the next competition evening, get planning and building so we shall have an even larger selection to judge from.

Now back to the title of this article, which does seem a bit strange given that I am the competition secretary. However sitting at the computer in my back bedroom with all the trophies from Southern Expo next to me awaiting engraving, my thoughts turned to all the different facets of competitions and the feelings that they stir within people. Nothing seems to polarise the modelling world like the word competition, modellers are either for or against with very few "undecided" in the middle. You only have to look at who has entered the club competitions and see that it is normally the same people every time. That does not always mean necessarily the best modellers, only those that want to enter the competition "arena". I am not saying in any sense that the club members who enter and or win the competitions are not worthy in any way, but some people simply will not enter a competition regardless of how good their models are. We have all been to shows and seen far better models remain on the club tables rather than on the competition tables, why is this? If anybody knows the answer or would like to put forward a view, please write an article for Sticky Fingers or have a chat with me, I'd love to hear a few more views on the subject.

I'm a bit of a fence post sitter with leanings towards the pro competition side and for what it's worth, these are my views on this knotty subject.

A couple of years ago at the AGM, a confused and inappropriately worded motion was carried that revolved around the club competition and who was eligible to enter or not. Talking to various members later that evening and indeed later months, everybody seemed to have interpreted the motion in a different way. The net result was that the club lost a number of members, competition entries slumped and a fair bit of bad feelings were stirred up unnecessarily. That was and is the down side of the competition idea in this or any other club in the country. However this club, unlike some others, kept going despite this setback and is now on the "up" again.

I feel that members should support the club competitions even if they do not feel "worthy" or simply "don't like entering". From my seat while entering models in to the competition, I was watching the membership closely last month, spying if you like, with this article in mind. There was more talk, finger pointing, question and answer sessions and "trade secrets" swapped during last month's competition than the preceding three months. The simple fact that a model has been laid on the competition table seems to "uninhibit" members to question the maker about every facet of build and finishing of the model. The makers of these models also seem a lot more willing to open up to every sort of question and query, whether basking in the limelight, trying to get a few more votes or that simply the other members have just not asked the question before. So to sum up, please put your models on the competition tables, if you do not win personally, you will enrich the club as a whole and perhaps get just that nugget of information that will improve your next model. Lofty ideals? Perhaps, but give it a try, after all, what have you got to lose?

With the exception of Ted Taylor, not many people bring part built models up to the club. I urge members to do so as we can all learn a trick or two from one another, that is for me, one of the big pluses to belonging to a club, the sharing of ideas and information. I will now address our two new members from last month, welcome to the club and stick with us for a while, we don't bite and are a friendly bunch when you get to know us. To prove the point of this article to the new members and jog the memory of the established members, I'll ask them to make a note of the last model they built and in one year, supposing they are still with us, put it next to their current model. If they don't see a real and significant improvement in the quality between the models I'll be very surprised.

I've bored you enough now, so let's enjoy this evening and most importantly, enjoy our modelling.



Air Horns

Here's an easy way to make air horns for your model without requiring machinist's skills. Start by making thin circles of plastic: either using a small-diameter hole punch, or by cutting slices off of plastic rod stock. The circles should be about 0.1" diameter, and 0.01" thick. Next, cut lengths of 0.03" rod stock (real air horns vary greatly in length, shorter horns for higher notes). Glue the end of the rod to the centre of the circle, so you have a "T" shaped piece. To make the bell, simply fill in around where the circle and rod come together with white glue, and let it dry on a flat surface resting with the rod pointing straight up. Once dry, they're ready to be painted and installed.

March competition results.

Military.



1st Mick Ellis. Bergpanther.



2nd Kevin Curley. Anti Tank Gun.



3rd Peter Bagshaw. M3A2 Bradley.



4th Danny Alvisse. M113.

Miscellaneous.

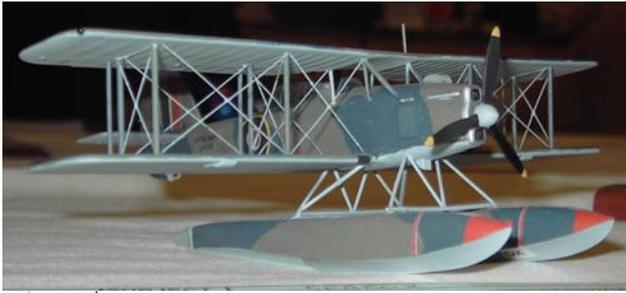


1st Ian Brown. Morgan 4x4.



2nd & 3rd Danny Alvisse. Mini & Maxi Beetles.

1/72nd or smaller.



1st & 2nd Ted Taylor. Fairey Seafox.



Hawker Hunter.



3rd & 4th Peter Bagshaw. Saab Viggen.



Dassault Mirage.



5th Alan Wright. Blackburn Skua.

Greater than 1/72nd



1st & 2nd Mick Pitts. Focke Wulf A-8.



Focke Wulf A-7



3rd Danny Alvisse. V22 Osprey.

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

1/72nd Scale or less

	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Ted Taylor	Fairey Seafox	59
2 nd	Ted Taylor	Hawker Hunter	45
3 rd	Peter Bagshaw	Saab AJ-37 Viggen	42
4 th	Peter Bagshaw	Dassault Mirage III O	35
5 th	Alan Wright	Blackburn Skua	34

Greater than 1/72nd Scale

	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Mick Pitts	Focke Wulf FW190 A-8	66
2 nd	Mick Pitts	Focke Wulf FW190 A-7	65
3 rd	Danny Alvisse	Boeing V-22 Osprey	46

Positions after 4th Round

	Entrant	Points
1 st	Robin Bellamy	123
2 nd	Ted Taylor	96
3 rd	John Bennett	94
4 th	Peter Bagshaw	88
5 th	Mick Pitts	48
	Alan Wright	40
	Danny Alvisse	21
	Phil Worth	21

IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Military Vehicles

	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Mick Ellis	Bergpanther	69
2 nd	Kevin Curley	Anti-tank gun	62
3 rd	Peter Bagshaw	M3A2 Bradley	49
4 th	Danny Alvisse	M113	38

Miscellaneous

	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Ian Brown	Morgan 4x4	65
2 nd	Danny Alvisse	Mini Beetle	61
3 rd	Danny Alvisse	Maxi Beetle	56

Positions after 4th Round

	Entrant	Points
1 st	Danny Alvisse	168
2 nd	Ian Brown	165
3 rd	Mick Ellis	107
4 th	Peter Bagshaw	90
5 th	John Huston	49
	Dave Ryan	25
	Kevin Curley	23
	Bob Ryan	10