



"STICKY FINGERS"

Magazine.

First of a note to say Sorry no competition photos from Octobers club night, bloody computer playing up.

Peters Prattling

Next month – December 2006

Should be the annual Christmas quiz and nibbles. Don't forget to bring along a little something to eat & drink.

Too Soon After Telford!

As I write this the annual jamboree known by most as the Nationals (or ScalemodelWorld as the IPMS committee would prefer) is almost upon us. As our club night is the Monday after the show and having spent all weekend amongst the plastic and a, hopefully, interesting tour around RAF Wittering on the Monday my wife (bless her!) is keen to spend some time with me so I won't be able to attend tonight. Never fear someone will be co-opted to bring along the tea and biscuits.

Belated Show Report – Stowmarket 2006

For once we arrived really early, I don't know why but we had a really smooth run up and before we knew where we were the sports centre hove into view. We were so early that there were no tables laid out as we walked into the hall. Needless to say in true visitor fashion we left our models in a safe place and watched the organisers struggle with the tables.

The hall itself is very well lit, with fairly natural lighting. Some of the roof has frosted panelling and thus requiring less yellow electric light. The display next to us was a really interesting display of models. It was a map of the UK with rods to hold models placed in the map at the location of the airbase they flew from. The 2nd picture gives a reasonable idea of what I mean.

The competition was a little odd again. This year we were given slips to enter our models into the competition, by completing a slip and placing it next to the model it was then entered into consideration, are you with me so far? We were also handed some voting forms too with the various categories. You then had to walk around the show and look out for the competition models on the tables and vote for the winner in each class. The results were then handed to the organisers and the model with the most votes in each class was the winner. The good thing about this was that it made you look round the tables at the models, it wasn't always easy to spot which were entered or into which class they fell, but top marks for trying something different.



Airfix have been bought by Hornby

Hornby Plc ("Hornby"), the international models and collectables group, has announced that it has entered into contracts to acquire certain assets of Humbrol Limited in Administration (Humbrol), the owners of the Airfix model kits and Humbrol paints businesses. The acquisition encompasses the Airfix model kit business, the Humbrol paints and model accessories business, the Young Scientist business and their associated assets. These brands are sold in a range of territories worldwide and are highly complementary to Hornby's existing brands. In the year to 31 December 2005 the acquired brands achieved sales of £6.5 million.

Hornby has exchanged contracts with the administrators and will pay total consideration of £2.6 million in cash on completion for the assets acquired from the Administrators Grant Thornton.

Hornby intends to re-structure the business, moving all the distribution, sales and marketing operations to its own site in Kent. It will re-locate the manufacturing and assembly processes to third parties. This will allow Hornby to focus on re-invigorating the marketing and distribution and driving sales growth.

Forthcoming Shows in 2007

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.

2007	
21 st January (Sunday)	'Bolton Model Bonanza 2007' Adlington Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington, Lancashire.
4 th February (Sunday)	ModelKraft 2007, Milton Keynes show – I've requested space for this one.
11 th February (Sunday)	IPMS Wakefield and District at the Huddersfield Sports Centre
25 th March (Sunday)	Les Garagistes wish to announce the second 'Modelsport' show to be held at The Holiday Inn, St Quentin Gate, Telford, Shropshire. 'Modelsport' is aimed at the motorsport enthusiast, be that cars or bikes.
28 th /29 th April (Saturday & Sunday)	Scottish Nationals to be held at the Dewars Centre, Glover Street Perth PH2 0TH, Scotland. Show open from 10am to 5pm both days.
26 th May (Saturday)	IPMS Torbay Show to be held at the Torquay Town Hall

That's all for now, so happy modelling.

Peter

A long overdue article

A big thank you to all the members that entered the competition last month, as ever we could have done with a few more entries, but the quality of the models was as good, if not better than normal. Congratulations not only goes to all those that won or were placed, but to all the others that made the effort to enter.

I failed to enter a model last month due to a large amount of building and decorating being done on my house. My paints and half of my modelling tools are "missing" in the storage unit that has half of my home in it. I considered having a good search for them, but decided that if I was seen to be modelling rather than getting on with the work on the house it might cause "friction". So discretion being the better part of valour, I have decided to curb my modelling urges until the house is in a bit more of a normal condition, or of course what constitutes normal for me!

Tonight is First and Last, the earliest model from our collection to the most recently completed to show the way our modelling skills have developed. I must admit to perhaps having to struggle a bit on this one as I have had a bit of a clear out of my old models ready for the household upheaval, but I'm sure I'll have something on the table.

By the time you are reading this, the Nationals, sorry, Scale Modelworld has been and gone for another year. Bargains bought, road system and weather fought, new releases thoroughly pawed and drooled over and all the scandal and gossip exchanged. Hopefully, weather permitting, fingers crossed, national and base security situation allowing, I would have spent this morning having a look around R.A.F. Wittering, the home of the Harrier. If I did I'll bring in some pictures hopefully and pop another article in Sticky Fingers next month.

Robin.

Competition Standings after the 2nd Round.

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

1/72nd Scale or Less

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Peter Bagshaw Paul Bennett	Focke Wulf FW 190A-3 Aero 145	40
2 nd	Ian Brown	Junkers Ju-38	34
3 rd	Alan Wright	Shorts Tucano	30
4 th	Danny Alvisse	A-10A Warthog	25
5 th	John Bennett	Airbus A-320	19
	Paul Bennett	Saab J-21	18
	Danny Alvisse	Feisler Storch	16
	John Bennett	Supermarine Walrus	3

Greater than 1/72nd Scale

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Robert Smith	Republic P-47 Thunderbolt	60

Positions after 2nd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Robert Smith	71
2 nd	Paul Bennett	68
3 rd	Peter Bagshaw	65
4 th	John Bennett	62
5 th	Robin Bellamy	50
	Ian Brown	48
	Danny Alvisse	24
	Alan Wright	21

IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Military Vehicles

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Phil worth	Marder III	75

Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st =	Danny Alvisse	Lamborghini Diablo Impreza WRX STI	61

Positions after 2nd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Danny Alvisse	75
2 nd =	Peter Bagshaw Phil Worth	25

Here are the next 6 Club nights and what should be taking place on them nights.

DECEMBER 18th	Quiz and Nibbles.
JANUARY 15th	Competition Night.
FEBUARY 19th	Show and Tell Mini demonstrations of useful techniques.
MARCH 19th	Competition Night.
APRIL 16th	Competition: Modeller of the Year.
MAY 21st	AGM.

Symbiotic relationships within the Hornchurch modelling fraternity

Cor mister, dat sounds rather posh, what does it mean? Well, quite a bit to members of the club that attend model shows and Southern Expo in particular. The symbioses bit is simply put; you only get out what you put in. By club members helping to put up tables and all of the other behind the scenes mundane tasks, the reward is a smooth running and enjoyable show, whatever show it is. I'm putting finger to keyboard in response to issues raised at the last meeting. I obviously have been guilty of thinking that all the membership understood this club's position in regard to the I.P.M.S. Hornchurch show, Southern Expo the funding of both and what happens with the receipts. So, as far as I am aware, this is the situation as it stands, if I am incorrect in any of my understandings, I apologise now.

The easy one first, Southern Expo.

Southern Expo is a self-funding, stand-alone model show that donates its excess monies to charity, most recently St. Francis Hospice. The show is not linked in any way to any model club, I.P.M.S. or not. The show is organised by a small band of people fronted of course, by Wally. I think that the misapprehension that some people are under that the show is in some way an I.P.M.S. Hornchurch show or linked in some way to this club is the simple fact that Southern Expo is based at the Harrow Lodge sports centre in Hornchurch. Added to that, some of the organisers and most of the "willing helpers" come from either this club or the Association of London Modellers (ALM) can make it a simple enough mistake to make, but a mistake non the less. Southern Expo, like all other model shows, could not happen without the generous assistance of this and other clubs members that give up their time and effort for free to help put on a good show.

I feel sure that I speak for most of the members of this club that give up their time and energies putting up chairs, tables and help "police" the show that I never even gave it a thought that I would, or should be paid for doing so. For me personally, my "pay" is that I am helping those less fortunate than myself in a hospice and enjoying all the benefits of one of the largest and best model shows in England on my doorstep for nothing at the same time, a true win, win situation.

The suggestion that the club should in any way take "a cut" or "reasonable expenses" from the Southern Expo show proceeds, in other words, out of the money that is donated to charity, is simply unacceptable in any shape or form to myself. If any member wishes to debate this matter further I'm sure that a meeting with Wally, Bob, Peter and myself can be arranged.

I.P.M.S. Hornchurch Show, or options, options.

There seems to be two paths to tread with this one, the options are that as before we run the show simply as a charity show, giving any excess money to a nominated charity after the club's costs are replaced. The other path is that the show is run as a commercial venture for the club with all the set-up costs taken from club funds and all of the takings returned to club funds for use as the club membership sees fit.

The charity option is the way the Hornchurch show was run in the past, the club pays for the set up costs and claim this money back from the raffle, entrance fees and traders. All other monies are donated to the chosen charity. I am told that as we run the show as a non-profit making charity show, the club in the past has not paid for the hire of the hall, only the caretakers' time. We were also allowed to use the school's tables and the catering was supplied for no charge to the club by the P.T.A. This is a low cost and low risk option to the club, with receipts coming close to covering the costs before the doors were opened to the public.

The commercial option differs in the respect that we would still have to pay the set up costs, but that they would be much higher. Once we declare that the show is being run as a commercial venture we would have to pay a commercial rate for any hall we hire, one location we are looking at doubles the cost for a commercial booking compared to a charity one. I would think that we would also have to take out public liability insurance, although as an IPMS club this may possibly be covered by the IPMS insurance for club shows. The hiring of tables and any other equipment required will also need to be funded, after that we just pray that the public turn up! If the show does show a profit and it is a big if, what are we as a club going to do with it? Subsidise a few lucky members to go to Scale Modelworld? I will leave that one open for debate by the membership while I get my flak jacket and helmet on! If things go wrong on the day of the show, weather, traffic, tables don't arrive or any punters for that matter, the club could easily be bankrupted. I'm sure that Mick Pitts will be happy to speak with any member on the nuts and bolts of the last Hornchurch show.

So those are the two options regarding the I.P.M.S. Hornchurch show. If or when a venue is found, the committee will lay out before the membership on the next club night all the options and costs involved. The matter can then be debated and voted upon.

Robin.