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Peters Prattling

Next month – May – Your Best Model

The idea being that you bring along what you consider to be your best model.

Home Front

On to some good news, I've secured gainful employment at last! The job is doing very similar work to what I had previously been doing at my last employers but the good news for me at least is that the new role is with an insurance company in Romford, so it means I can now avoid the hassle of commuting into London and walk to work. Today (Monday 18th) is my first day so I may look a little shell shocked this evening.

Judging @ IPMS South East Essex (Southend)

As a return match, the guys at IPMS South East Essex (Southend) have asked us to come along to their meeting on Wednesday May 18th to judge their end of year competition.



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Club Display @ Southern Expo 2011

For those of you at the March meeting I must start by apologising if any of you felt they were under personal attack, this was not my intention. For those that weren't at the meeting and to clarify the position I feel the club is in, this is the situation as I see it.

At the March meeting I brought very forcefully to the clubs attention that I felt the display of models put on by the club at Southern Expo was well below the standard I would expect of us. This was from a position of the show organiser and also club secretary. To help clarify why I felt this, at about a quarter to ten on the Saturday morning the club had barely filled 2 tables out of the 6 that had been allocated. We'd also set up all 4 of the club stands to allow for extra space for the members to display their models so there should have been no excuse for not being able to put something out. At this point with the show due to shortly open to the public I took the decision to breakdown the straight run stands but keep the corner units up as it appeared that there weren't going to be many more models put out by the members. A rearrangement of the models already out and by filling as many spaces as possible with the extra models both I and Robin had brought at least managed to make the stand not look too empty. On the Sunday Steve Smith who used to come along to the club brought some of his models along to bulk up the display a little, my fear being that one or 2 already on show might go off to the competition.

My rant at the club included the following points:-

1. Robin and I are too busy organising the show to be able to put a lot of effort into arranging the club display, this is a shame but if we did there'd be no Southern Expo! I had warned the club at the February meeting that this would be the case and as a club you would have to organise the club stand between you. This clearly didn't happen.
2. The standard of the display fell well short of my expectations in terms of numbers of models on show. The end of year "Modeller of the Year" competition in January filled over 4 tables and was very tightly packed and wasn't even all the models entered that year, why if we can build that many models as a club can't they be brought to your local show?
3. If the club can't/won't or doesn't want to use the space we allocated them at Expo, 6 tables is a lot and Hornchurch are one of only two clubs that have this amount, then we will take away at least 2 tables. This can and will be easily filled by other clubs. We are constantly having requests from others who want to attend. The club is on warning that if the 2012 display is below par then we will lose space.
4. Perhaps it was my fault for expecting you all to pitch in and help without any intervention, I rather hoped you all would but this didn't happen, lesson learnt! Next year it was suggested we have a display coordinator for Expo, I think this will help, if anyone is interested in this role please let either Robin or I know and in a month or so if anyone has come forward we will appoint them to the role.
5. One or two members seemed to be under the impression that all models on the club display at Expo had to be from the chosen theme (the 50's fro 2011). This is not and to be honest, never has been the case. I do not know where this impression has come from but let me state that the idea for the theme build is only to have a selection of new or different models on the table at Expo from as many club members as possible to produce an interesting display. In practice we struggle to fill more than 2 of the 6 tables allocated for the theme build. Any space not taken up by the theme builds must be filled by any other models that any of the club members have made, new or older models are welcome but newer ones are preferred. To also clarify, any one who is a club member (normally anyone who has attended a meeting in the year) has the right to some space to put their model on the table, obviously if this is a 1/35th Dora Rail gun then perhaps some notice would be nice but otherwise we should have the space.

On a brighter note I noticed throughout the weekend that the club stand was manned whenever I looked across, so thank you for that and all the help you gave helping set up and breakdown the show, it really is appreciated. The show declared a donation of £4,000 this year.

Club Build Theme for 2012

We had a short discussion following on from the rant above about the theme build chosen for the 2012 display. Some felt that the time period chosen from 1941 – 42 was a little too restrictive so I think the majority view was that we should amend it to be "**The Pacific – 1941 – 45**", obviously if you do have a subject in mind which is nearer to the original dates all to the good as this reflects the anniversary of Pearl Harbour better.



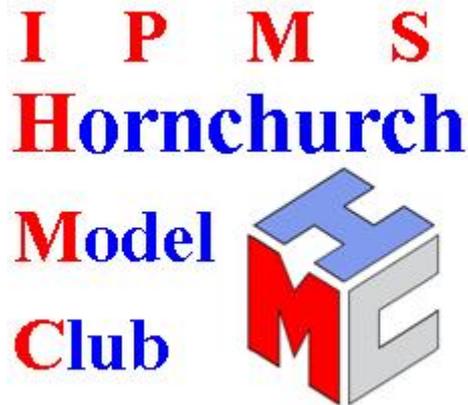
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Club Sweatshirts & Polo Shirts

I've had a few people pay for their orders but I do want to get as many as I can before placing our order.



Costs for the clothing are

Sweatshirt £12.85
Polo Shirt £11.55

Under a Tenner Lottery Competition

At the AGM it was decided to have a competition where we bought kits for under a tenner and then paid a £1 to enter each model, the winner(s) scooping the cash paid in. The following models have been entered so far:-

Entrant	Subject
Barry Breeze	EE Lightning (Hasegawa)
Barry Brown	Gridiron Grabber (AMT)
Brian Thomas	Canadair Sabre (Airfix)
Brian Thomas	Harrier GR3 (Esci)
Colin McAuliffe	Mig-29 Fulcrum (Italeri)
Danny Alvisse	Born Losers – Mussolini
Graham Hill	Mig-21 (KP)
Ian Brown	Walfish (Eduard)
John Huston	Born Losers – Hitler
Mick Pitts	Deuce ½ (Tamiya)
Paul Bennett	Dassault Mirage (Eastern Express)
Peter Bagshaw	F-16B Fighting Fulcrum (Revell)
Ralph Hebron	Fokker D.VII (Roden)
Robin Bellamy	Bristol Fighter (Eduard)
Robin Bellamy	Ki-43 Oscar (Fujimi)
Robin Bellamy	Me-110G (Monogram)
Wally Arrowsmith	DC-4 (Welsh Models) - £1 to pay

As we have had a fairly large entry so far could I suggest we have the following payout? To be amended if more entries are made.

Winner £10
Runner up £5
Third place £2



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Barnet Show @ Hendon on Sunday 22nd May

To comply with their booking regulations by **11th May 2011** we need to supply the names and car registration details for those wanting to attend the show. Unfortunately it seems that car parking will have to be paid for if you use the on-site parking or there is parking at the East Barnet College a short walk away, I'll have a map if I can find one.

Joke from Aircraft Resource Center (www.ARCAir.com)

A man meets a gorgeous woman in a bar. They talk, they connect, and they end up leaving together. They get back to her place, and as she shows him around her apartment, he notices that her bedroom is completely packed with teddy bears. Hundreds of small bears on a shelf all the way along the floor, medium sized ones on a shelf a little higher and huge bears on the top shelf along the wall. The man is kind of surprised that this woman would have a collection of teddy bears, especially one that's so extensive, but he decides not to mention this to her. He turns to her... they kiss... and then they rip each others clothes off and make love. After an intense night of passion, as they are lying there together in the afterglow, the man rolls over and asks, smiling, "Well, how was it?"

The woman says, "You can have any prize from the bottom shelf."

Forthcoming Shows in 2011

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.

2011	
23 rd & 24 th April (Saturday & Sunday)	Scottish Nationals, Dewars Centre, Perth PH2 0TH
14 th May (Saturday)	Southdowns Show, Lancing
15 th May (Sunday)	IPMS Birmingham – Midlands Expo, Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6ER
22 nd May (Sunday)	Hendon Model Show, RAF Museum Hendon. I've requested space at this show.
12 th June (Sunday)	IPMS West Norfolk, Downham Market Town Hall, Priory Road, Downham Market, PE38 9JS. 2 tables booked
25 th June (Saturday)	East Anglian Model Competition, Ipswich, Suffolk Note: this is not a model show just a competition
3 rd & 4 th September (Saturday & Sunday)	Medway Modelling Club Exhibition, REME Museum, Gillingham, Kent. We can attend on one or both days if we want
1 st October (Saturday)	IPMS Abingdon, Larkmead School, Abingdon, Oxfordshire
12 th & 13 th November (Saturday & Sunday)	IPMS UK Scale Model World, Telford

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Robins Ruminations

As this is the first issue of Sticky Fingers that could include a report on Expo, I trust I will not bore you all with a few quick jottings regarding the show. First of all a big thank you to all the members that helped put up and break down all the tables and assisted Peter and I over the weekend, without your help the show couldn't happen. I didn't get a chance to do the accounts and do the number crunching for almost a week after Expo due to family commitments; however a brief rundown is as follows.

- Door numbers were slightly down over the weekend, but nothing too dramatic. This was probably due in part to the good weather, England attempting the rugby grand slam and a few big football matches on TV. It was very noticeable that the show emptied out on Saturday afternoon, but the traders all but one said they had a very good Saturday morning.
- The raffle was very well supported on both days both in prizes donated and tickets sold. Well done to Peter and my Wife for walking around the hall extorting, sorry collecting the cash and dispensing tickets.
- The model competition numbers fell again this year, but that seems to be the trend at the moment at all the shows that I attend throughout the year.
- The new decal sheet sold very well at the show, almost recouping its total outlay costs. Not too shabby considering that we could not get any advance publicity for the sheet due to circumstances beyond our control.
- The show raised £4,000 for St. Francis Hospice, Peter and I delivered the cheque personally and pass on their thanks to you all for your help in raising this amount.
- Feedback was positive from traders and clubs alike and I believe that all wish to participate in next year's show if given the chance.
- In answer to the inevitable question, yes, Peter has already emailed the sports centre with a request to hire the hall again next year and we await a response at the time of writing.
- Southern Expo 2011 has now well and truly been put to bed and all the paraphernalia has been put in my loft for its summer hibernation to await its autumn wake up call.

I have just received a receipt and thank you letter from St. Francis, so please remind me to get it out and put it on display in case I forget to this evening.

I must admit to now scanning the TV guide in earnest for live coverage of golf in the evenings. Personally I feel that a game that consists of whacking a little white ball all over the countryside in all weathers while hauling a bag of heavy clubs around with you a little odd. The tradition of the nineteenth hole seems like gulfs one redeeming feature, however I think that you should simply skip the previous eighteen holes and stop wasting valuable drinking time. Surprisingly though golf has become an important part of my life recently. My dear Wife has for some reason become hooked on watching the game, even more surprising as she can't stand it as much as me! Still, with Sky's coverage of the tournaments in the U.S. running into the late night, my Wife's new found interest is working to my advantage quite nicely. Adele knows I don't like the watching the game and so I get banished to my modelling room to allow her to watch that evenings play in peace. What a blow!

With the U.S. Masters being broadcast from 18:00 to midnight for this Saturday and Sunday, (at the time of writing); I have been "forced" into my back bedroom to work on my model. You just don't know how I have suffered, six hours a day of modelling, CD playing in my headphones and regular cups of tea and the occasional nibble brought up to me during the commercial breaks, life's hell. Long may my Wife's interest continue.



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With the competition looming in a week's time I have decided to move the FW 190 that I brought to last month's meeting from the work in progress stack to the workbench and see if I can get it finished in time. As you can see from the photo of it on my workbench, I'm still a long way off and I don't know if I will be able to complete it in time. So if you do see my FW 190 on the table this evening, don't get too close, the still wet varnish and thinners fumes will probably choke you!

My "Official" hat is now on.

Well it's time to start the competition year off again, so if you've completed any models recently don't forget to bring them along and enter them.

Next on the agenda is clarifying a couple of points that were thrown up at Expo and last month's meeting. Please note that I'm working from memory and so if I'm wrong or misinterpreted any of the club rules please raise the issue at this meeting.

The "themed display" for the club over the Expo weekend. This is only a small portion of the table display, it does not mean that you can not display your other finished models on the table over the Expo weekend.

How many models should you bring to a show? Simple enough to answer, too many. If there is room in your car always take a few more models than you think that the stand will need. This will allow for a member or two to drop out at the last moment and still enable those attending to fill the space allocated to the club. It's always better to leave models under the table or in the car than have a bare looking table. So gentlemen as far as Southern Expo is concerned please bring a few models to spare to either fill the table up a bit or replace any models removed for the competition on Sunday. Peter doesn't need his blood pressure any higher than it already is!

Who is a club member and eligibility to display your models on the club stand? A few years ago this tricky question almost fractured the club membership. As I remember it, those members present agreed that to be a "club member" you must have paid one month's dues in a rolling year. This is to accommodate personal or family illness or a change of work patterns. As an example Wally attends the club whenever he can due to his art course also running on a Monday evening. He is still a club member and is entitled to attend any show as such, sit on the stand and display his models on the stand. So if you have missed a few meetings you are still a club member and entitled to all the benefits as such.

Robin



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Wrighty's References

Stealth Fighter Update

A new player in the game, be careful, very careful! What are these remarks referring to? J.20 mean anything to you? Well it should so please read on.

On 22nd December China revealed its Christmas present for the West and for that matter the East as well, when at the Chengdu Air Corporations airfield they unveiled their first stealth fighter the J.20 Dragon, painted overall black the twin tailed, twin engined delta pattern fighter with canards looking similar to the Sukhoi T.50 but bigger, assuming the cockpit canopy is 6' long the fuselage measures over 40' overall in length, no sizes or drawings are available yet. It is expected to enter production in 2014/15 and service within the 12 month period.



Other Countries Progress

USA

The F.22 Raptor Lockheed Martin has been delivering production models for about 2 years, 171 of the 187 ordered have been delivered, but now the US Government has curtailed production at the 187 figure. Only half of what the USAF stated was needed to replace the F-15 fleet it was replacing.

The JSF F.35 is still behind schedule and facing problems with the F.35B STOL variant, the Pentagon announced that it plans to only buy 325 of the F.35 (various types) between 2012 - 2016, a cut of 124 from the original agreement.

Following on from the September 201 Sticky Fingers under the tale "The Other Side of the Coin" which detailed the progress of the A, B & C variants of the aircraft and tests etc up to September 2010, here are further developments on the F-35.



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F-35 Test Fleet as at January 2011 (Decoded Secret Report Progress)			
		First Flight Date	Location
USAF	AF.1	14/11/2009	Currently @ Edwards AF Base
	AF.2	20/04/2010	Currently @ Edwards AF Base
	AF.3	06/07/2010	Currently being updated with new systems, expected to return to Edwards AF Base in 2011
	AF.4	Was expected in October 2010	Unconfirmed to return to Edwards AF Base when ready
	AF.5		First Low Rate Initial Production Lot (LRIP) aircraft will join Edwards AF Base in December 2010
	AF.7		Second Low Rate Initial Production Lot (LRIP) aircraft will join Edwards AF Base in December 2010
US Marine Corps	BF.1	11/06/2008	Currently @ Patuxent NAS flight testing
	BF.2	25/02/2009	Currently @ Patuxent NAS flight testing
	BF.3	20/02/2010	Currently @ Patuxent NAS flight testing
	BF.4	07/04/2010	Missions testing aircraft being updated @ Patuxent NAS
	BF.5		Engine damaged on ground test, aircraft may not fly in foreseeable future
US Navy	CF.1	06/06/2010	See following report
	CF.2	Planned 2011	
	CF.3	Planned 2011	

The F-35C

The carrier based version of the JSF 35C (F-35C) at Lockheed Martins Fort Worth facility on 06/06/2010 rolled out and carried out its maiden test flight by the companies test pilot Jeff Knowles.

In the previous week it was announced that strike fighter squadron 101 (VFA101) was to reactivate in readiness as Fleet Squadron for the US Navy for the F-35C, initial training will begin in 2014.

The maiden flight lasted 57 minutes, during which no significant problems were encountered; the flight was conducted with an F/A-18 chase plane. The flight exceeded expectations, low speed handling was checked with the undercarriage down and numerous other features were tested. The flight was also the first use of the Pratt and Whitney F135 engine in the JSF 35 programme. The prototype the 9th aircraft in the series was painted in a sky light green upper surface with medium green nose section and under surfaces, a dark/medium green zigzag in the area of the cockpit canopy. The tail fins and elevators, wing leading edges and nose radome are all dark sea grey, as are selected areas on the under surface.





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After other factory tests this aircraft will be transferred to NAS Patuxent River in Maryland. It will be tested in November 2010 alongside the F-35B short take off and vertical landing (STOVL), it will be joined in October 2010 by 2 further prototypes and initial sea trials will follow at the back end of 2011.

The F-35C did in fact carry out tests alongside F-35B (STOVL) @ Patuxent but the "B" model was 41 flights adrift of its schedule. However the A & C models @ Edwards AFB are both ahead of schedule. The F-35C did arrive at Patuxent in November painted in an overall medium sea grey uppers and black undersurfaces with a blue/yellow striped tail, F-35 logos carrying the number 100.

This brings us to January 2011, when Government cuts started taking an effect on the JSF 35 programme.

UK

The Harrier. Sadly the RAF & RN have both retired the Harrier GR.9 from service in December 2010, after its return from Afghanistan and the current savings obsession by the Government, it made its last flight on December 13th when the Joint Force RAF/RN Harriers were disbanded to meet the cost cutting, leaving only Tornados in Afghanistan and the Eurofighter Typhoon as our only fighter aircraft and only 107 aircraft are available for use at present.

Australia

Their Government decided to retire the F.111 fleet in 2010 on cost grounds, the final days took place at Kimberley airfield in December, the idea to use the Super Hornets as an interim measure until the JSF F-35 is ready. (Oh dear) as the Irish would say "May the Lord be with you on that one!"

Well maybe we should do as the man says and be very careful!

The Imperial War Museum (Lambeth)

This was my first visit in about 2½ years, things have changed, the main entrance hall has been rearranged. The air war of WWII was represented by the main fighter aircraft hanging from the roof, including a P-51, FW 109, He-162, Spitfire etc. The ground floor was given over to the armies with various tanks and artillery pieces. Also part of the floor was used to display the V1 & V2 German terror weapons, plus a fuselage of a Japanese Zero and a Lancaster bomber. The mezzanine floor has a huge model of a British Merchant Navy tanker; this was used in the 1950 film "San Dimetrio". Various other ship models of some WW.I "Grand Fleet" "Dreadnought" and some WW>II Capital ships to represent the Royal Navy. As you probably are aware the Cruiser "Belfast" of WW>II, presently berthed opposite the Tower of London is a living part of the IWM, which I hope to visit soon.

Off the main hall were various other galleries portraying uniforms, art, medals, campaign memorabilia, the Holocaust and the home front etc. Plus many really good photos of WW.II.

We actually attended during the school half term holidays, so there were a large contingent of children there. Many of them had sketch pads and were sketching the various items on display. I must say, after looking over a few shoulders the standard of drawing was extremely good, as was the youngster's behaviour and respect on the day.

I would certainly recommend a visit if you've never been. Also you can put your wallet away as entry is free, spend some cash on a book or kit in the museum shop, but take your own food and drink as the cafeteria is very expensive, but then it's free to get in, well they have to get in cash from somewhere don't they?

Alan