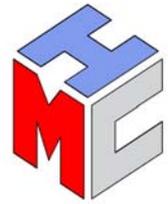




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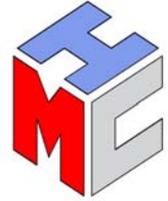
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## Peters Prattling

### Romford ATC Visit

Many thanks to all those who I "volunteered" to look after small groups of ATC last month, I think the evening went very well and the idea of having a modelling evening is one we should explore more often.

### Club Clothing

I was asked whether we could have other forms of clothing apart from the Polo and Sweatshirts with our logo on, in this case a fleece jacket. I can report that something like that can be obtained. We would need to put together an order for more than 10 items to make the costs worthwhile. Does anyone else want any of the Polo, Sweatshirts or Fleecees?

### Large Mirror Bases For Free

Wally has a couple of largish (2 foot by 1 foot) mirrors which would perform quite nicely as bases. If you are interested please let him know. They are a little heavy to just bring in on-spec.

### French model Show

I've received this invitation from Domi at Retrokit as a follow on from John's attendance at the Little Orchards Show earlier this year.

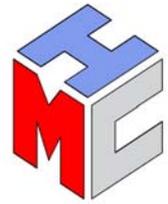
*Maquette Club Opale, who also attended the Little Orchards show in June are holding a show scheduled for 20 & 21 September 2014 (it's being held every other year), and the venue in Fréthun is only minutes away from the Calais Eurotunnel terminal, with lots of cheap but decent hotels nearby.*





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*I gather this show will clash with EuroMilitaire, but if you are looking for a friendlier show, search no more! The 2012 show was well attended, held in a pretty fantastic modern venue, and attracted exhibitors from France, Belgium and Germany, as well as traders from France, Belgium and the UK.*

*This is not a trade show per se, but a really friendly gathering of like-minded modellers. They hold a competition which was of a pretty high standard back in 2012.*

*I with RetrokiT and the Orchards (Junior) Model Club, plus HMA Books of Rainham (Kent) will be attending to the show. I hope you can join us.*

## Tank Driving Day



As you can see from the picture above the day was a beauty, in one way a slight downer as some mud would have been great. I started driving the FV432 APC, the controls are deceptively simple, just an accelerator pedal and 2 levers for left and right steering are all you need to drive this tin can. You do have to pull reasonably hard to steer, especially at speed but the automatic gear change does mean you can pretty much keep your foot on the floor for most of the journey. Moving on to the Abbot SPG, which was part of the FV432 family so the controls were pretty much the same but with an extra 4 tons of weight you could tell it as it struggled a little to get up the inclines.

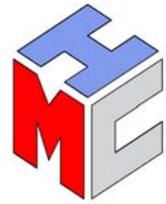
We then went on to Quad bikes and I can now appreciate how people hurt themselves playing with these things. As the instructor said at the safety briefing, these are the items you are most likely to hurt yourself on and they were right, in my group someone managed to roll their bike a couple of times, thankfully not hurting themselves.

Then on to the main event, driving a Chieftain tank and perhaps the worst bit is Karen and the rest of the drivers and their family are standing in the turret whilst you do it. The controls are slightly more complicated than the FV432 as there is a non-automatic gearbox but thankfully no clutch! You change gear by pushing a foot pedal up or down, a little like a motorbike and there's a big brake pedal in the middle, something strangely missing from the other hardware. Thankfully the instructor sits to the side of you and via the headphones tells you when to change gear, there's a big jump in speed from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> gear.



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## Forthcoming Shows in 2012/2013

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.

2013	
1 <sup>st</sup> September (Sunday)	East Riding of Yorkshire Model Show, Driffield Showground, Kellythorpe, Driffield, East Yorkshire, YO25 9DN
8 <sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)	Model Spectacular 2013, Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, B73 6AB
22 <sup>nd</sup> September (Sunday)	Wings & Things 2013, Spalding High School, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 2PJ
29 <sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)	<b>St Ives Model Show</b> , Burgess Civic Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU (aka the <b>Brampton Show</b> )
October 5 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Abingdon Model Show</b> , Larkmead School, Faringdon Road, Abingdon, OX14 1BB
October 13 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	<b>Expo 2013</b> , Southwell Racecourse, Rolleston, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0TS
October 19 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Glasgow ModelFest 2013</b> , Bellahouston Leisure Centre, Glasgow, G52 1HH
October 26 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Fleet Air Arm Museum Autumn Model Show</b> , Fleet Air Arm Museum, RNAS Yeovilton, Somerset, BA22 8HT
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> November (Saturday & Sunday)	<b>Scale ModelWorld 2013 - 50th Anniversary Show</b> , Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH
8 <sup>th</sup> December (Sunday)	London Model Show, Islington Business Design Centre, London
2014	
17 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> January (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)	<b>Model Engineering Show</b> , Alexandria Palace.
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> March (Saturday & Sunday)	<b>Southern Expo</b>

Peter

## Robins Ruminations

Well that was certainly a different meeting last month wasn't it? The attendance of the local Air Force Cadets and the members actually doing modelling on a club night was a bit of sensory overload, for me anyway. The A.T.C. members were in the main a cross between slightly puzzled by the sight of so many old codgers hacking away at bits of plastic and polite interest. However I was very happy to see them at the club and have the opportunity to have a chat with some of them. The cadet I was sitting with was hoping to start his "real service" with the R.A.F. within a few weeks of our club meeting and John Bennett and I had a very interesting chat with him and his aspirations for his future.

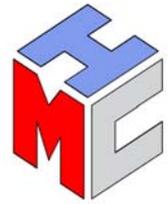
I was really interested to see the different modelling tools and techniques used by the members that brought along something to work on last month. It's something that most of us never really see up close and personal as it were. Let's face it, most of us either sit at a table, at a bench in a back room, a shed or with a tray on our laps and model alone. I think that it was refreshing and very interesting to actually see fellow members at work as it were. I think that this type of evening could be held about every six months and not get boring as in that time we would be working on a new project or two, hopefully, and using other skills that would be of interest to the wider membership. Any thoughts or input gentlemen?

My car accident despite being of a minor nature has managed to cause a mound of paperwork and hours spent on the telephone to various parties. My car is now fully repaired and as good as new which is more that can be said about my Son unfortunately. He is still off work with his neck and back injury as a result of the accident. As any lifting is very painful still he has returned to modelling instead of his new interest in scuba diving. At the moment he couldn't even lift his weighted belt let alone the harness and gas tanks! It's so bad apparently he can't even lift the dirty plates and mugs to do the washing up, strange that one?!! Still it has been nice having Peter around chatting about modelling and "borrowing" my tools and re-distributing them around my modelling room, his bedroom and wherever he decides to put things down. At the moment his modelling efforts are taking up a fair bit of my spare



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time and my F-84 is getting built in slow motion, (*no change there I hear you say*) but it is really nice to be able to share my time and interest with my Son, it's just a shame that it has taken the accident to give us the time together to make this possible.

To get my Son out of the house and save him from driving his Mother mad with his cabin fever antics I took him to the Hendon aircraft museum a few weeks ago. We arrived around lunchtime and went in the "new" exhibition hall. After a few minutes my mobile phone rang and it was Peter Bagshaw wondering where I was. This totally threw me as it's not exactly a normal occurrence to get a call from Peter like this. It turns out that Peter and Karen were having a picnic lunch at the museum and saw us walking across the car park. We all met up and spent a pleasant couple of hours wandering around the halls together, it was only the rumbling of my Son's stomach and subtle hints of starvation that made us part and go our separate ways. After our late lunch we wandered around the Battle of Britain hall, my eye was taken by the Italian biplane and my Son's by the Me110 G-4. On our return home Peter began to rummage through the model stash and soon turned up an Eduard weekender kit of an F version nightfighter.

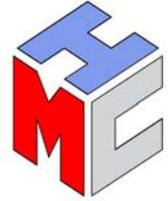


Unfortunately I taught my Son too well and he immediately started digging into the real aircrafts past. A trawl through my bookcases and the internet soon revealed that the real aircraft depicted in the kit had an interesting history. The Werk number revealed it as a production C version that was then remanufactured to a hybrid F / G version. It was issued to a German nightfighter unit before being transferred to a Romanian unit where it achieved one kill before being written off in a heavy crash landing. So bits of the aircraft are an early C and other bits are of the later G series including the engines, paint scheme and propellers. True to form my Son will be finishing the model not as depicted in the kit but as it would / might have looked in late German service.



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## My official hat is now on.

Tonight is competition night so I'm looking forward to being kept busy booking in all the models that you have all been building over the past few months. Good luck to all those taking part in the competition and may the best model win.

**Robin.**

## Wrighty's References

### New Fleet Air Arm Book

Nowadays most subjects on aircraft have been covered over the last 30 years, most types of plane books like Spitfires, Hurricanes and Mosquitoes many times over. So let me ask you this, what do you know about the post war Seafire? How many types were there? What happened to the Lend Lease US Fighters and Bombers at the end of the war? What happened to the squadrons post war and what ships were they based on? How long did the UK hang on to the Lend Lease Carriers after 1945? What became of them?

What about bases in India and the Far East? What happened to the many Fleet Air Arm airfields in the UK and what were their naval names? Just a few of the questions that are answered in this book. Written by "yours truly" and edited by Peter Bagshaw.

Entitled "Fleet Air Arm Aircraft and Carriers 1945-1950", this Sticky Fingers will be coming your way soon with over 70 photos, line drawings, 30+ pages. Members of the Fleet Air Arm SIG will be rubbing their hands with glee, even if they answered all the questions correctly. How about you?

*This should be available next month, sorry Alan I've lagged behind completing this - Peter*

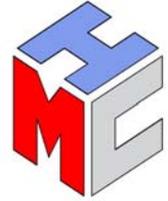
### Syria

You may feel that WrySpy can offer opinions on the on/off attitude of the proposed war to make this country toe the line, but WrySpy of course has its own opinions, but it is a time when all the facts are not clear. Therefore if you think we should, you are entitled to your own opinion, "but we couldn't possibly comment!" RFD Head of WrySpy.



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## WrySpy Reporting



Whilst all eyes are focused on Syria you will be pleased to know that WrySpy has been keeping an eye on the "other half" of the world's major powers.

### Flankers! Opposition at the ready!

Please note that as reported in Sticky Fingers 106/107 Flankers Su-30 and Su-35s are up for sale or export once again, from the accompanying list you will see there is no shortage of customers. Also the single seat Su-35 is in experimental service with the Russian Air Force.

The main exporter and sales are from Rosoboronexport , 27 Stromynka Str 107076, Moscow, Russian Federation, who maintain technical cooperation with over 70 countries worldwide.

### Main Operators of the Su-27, 30 & 35

Nation	Type	Quantity
Algeria	Su-30	44
Belarus	Su-27	20
China	Su-27 & 30	273
Indonesia	Su-27 & 30	16
India	Su-30	140
Kazakstan	Su-27	38
Malaysia	Su-30	18
Russia	Su-27, 30, 33 & 35	228
Ukraine	Su-27	35
Uzbekistan	Su-27	31
Venezuela	Su-30	24
Vietnam	Su-27 & 30	36

### Russian Allies?

A careful glance at the above list reveals that 75% of the Nations would not find it hard to side with Russia should they be asked to do so by their provider.

### Peace Mission 2013 Russia/China

This gathering of aircraft at Russia's airbase No 6980 Shagol (Chalyabinsk) took place from July 27<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August (19 days), billed as a joint anti-terrorism exercise/peace mission. It involved some 1500 personnel from the two participants.

The Chinese fielded 5 JH-7As of 31<sup>st</sup> Air Regiment and the 11<sup>th</sup> G/A Division and also Z/9WZ helicopters. The Russians using resident Su-24 bombers from Shagol, bombers were from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Guards Unit and SU-24MRs from the 313 Recon Squadron. In one photo at least a dozen Su-24s were visible.

The two countries earlier this year held a naval exercise called "Joint Sen" in the Sea of Japan, near Vladivostok. So no time wasted there then, as these nations get cosy with each other.

**Alan**