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## Peters Prattling

### Judging at Southend

I have had the formal request from the IPMS SE Essex (Southend) chaps to check whether we will be able to supply some judges for their end of year competition. Date for this will be this Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>. They are now meeting at the Royal Naval Club, East St, Southend. I indicated we would, I know I enjoy doing this when I've been available. Any other volunteers?

### Lancing Show

Many thanks to Kevin Curley for coming with me to Lancing, which was as good a show as usual. We had a good run up but the car park for the venue was already full by the time we arrived, most unusual. Never the less we parked a little way down the road and walked in our models and bits for the stand. After setting up the tables we had an initial foray for stuff to spend our money on. Thankfully, as I'm really trying to cut down (yep really!), I only found a Zvezda BMP-2 of any interest. We both bought raffle tickets and won 2 kits each, so you see it is worth entering.



Last minute bargain of the day which I couldn't resist was a Takom W.W.I Hermaphrodite tank for £25 (it had been up at £30 at the start of the day but I'd resisted at that point, you see I was trying!), it has a male sponson on one side and female one on the other. Some say they didn't exist but there is apparently a photo of one in Ireland. Thankfully the kit includes a full set of female sponsons if desired.

As is usual for Lancing there was time to talk to people who seem more willing to come up to you and chat and also do little bit of modelling on the stand. I did a bit more fettling on the Object 279 Russian oddity and Kevin managed to make a good start on an Airfix 1/76 Stug III.





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## Forthcoming Shows in 2015/2016

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.

| 2015                                                              |                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June (Sunday)                                    | West Norfolk IPMS, Downham Market, Norfolk<br>Ipswich Show, Tuddenham Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 3QJ                                                        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> June (Saturday)                                  | Orchards Model Show, Dartford                                                                                                                               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July (Sunday)                                    | Moorlands Model Show, The TA Centre, Martin Leake House, Waterloo Road, Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3HJ                                                   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> July (Saturday)                                  | North Somerset Model Show 2015, The Helicopter Museum, Weston Heliport, Locking Moor Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 8PP                            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July (Sunday)                                    | Essex Modellers Show, Hannakins, Billericay, Essex                                                                                                          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> August<br>(Saturday & Sunday)   | Essex HMVA Military and Flying Machines Show, Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Averly Road, Upminster, Essex. RM14 2TN.                                               |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)                               | Brampton Show, Burgess Civic Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU                                                                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October (Saturday)                                | Hornchurch Country Park Visitor Centre Opening                                                                                                              |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> November<br>(Saturday & Sunday) | Scale ModelWorld 2015, Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH                                                                           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December (Sunday)                                 | London Model Show, Islington                                                                                                                                |
| 2016                                                              |                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> –17 <sup>th</sup> January<br>(Friday – Sunday)   | London Model Engineering Exhibition, Alexandra Palace, London                                                                                               |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> February (Saturday)                               | North Surrey Military Modelling Group, Annual Open Day & Competition, Carshalton Beeches Baptist Church, Banstead Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, SM5 3NL |

Peter

## Robin's "Ruminations"

Things have been fairly busy on the domestic front one way and another what with further hospital visits with the Mother in Law, thankfully just pre-planned check-ups and monitoring. Gardening, enough said on that cursed subject. Unfortunately my Uncle passed away recently after a long illness and Adele and I attended the funeral with the rest of my family, a nice service and a good send off for him. However on a much brighter note, my Niece recently had a baby girl and so last weekend we went to Peterborough to see everybody. Little Rose was beautiful and slept for most of our visit, now why couldn't my Son have slept like her? Still he's more than caught up on his sleep in the years since them! The day before Adele, her friend and I went to Twickenham to watch the Army V Navy rugby match, a game I must say that was played with more enthusiasm and passion than skill. However it was a wonderful day out with the Army winning the match easily 36 to 18, despite the very large amounts of beer consumed before, during and post-match there was only good natured banter, handshakes and "better luck next year" between the unsegregated crowd. My Wife's friend was surprised by the number of women attending the match and mentioned that at no time did she feel "uncomfortable" being in such a large crowd that had been drinking so much beer. 81,200 were in the ground watching and thousands more outside meeting old friends and catching up on old times in the tented village area. How has the R.F.U. got it so right and the F.A. so wrong? Unfortunately the Rugby clashed with the Lancing show and so I had to miss the first Lancing show from many years, a shame as I really like the show despite it only being very small. However Peter and Kevin had a good time on the south coast apparently and even won a couple of raffle prizes and Peter also picked-up another kit for the Expo 2016 raffle. The show never seems to be put fully to bed nowadays! Before you ask, no, we haven't got any dates for next year's Expo but Peter is still badgering the sports centre for a date and an invoice.

As some of you will be aware I have moved offices again recently to a new, purpose built, state of the art, all singing and dancing office. Unfortunately the department in charge of the internal design and equipping of the office lost the plot somewhere down the line which has resulted in some very odd "issues". As with a lot of Offices in the city, we don't have enough desks for everybody but we now have had 20 soundproofed meeting rooms built



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and equipped. Why when most of the staff are encouraged to "work from home" did we need all these meeting rooms has not be explained to us. The designers have also managed to create entertainment for the staff based in the office by naming the rooms and not numbering them, numbered rooms are "de-humanising" and "impersonal" we were told. However if you had a meeting in room 203 in the old building, you knew it was on the second floor, third meeting room, easy. Now our rooms are named after head offices or business related addresses or interests, so you can have a meeting in Pudsey, Lowestoft, Northwich or Croydon to name but a few. Please note that there is no indication of what floor these rooms are on and so we are treated to often seeing groups of attendees wandering around the building looking totally bemused and lost while carrying their laptops and attempting to balance their coffee on a pile of paperwork. Before you ask, no there are no maps of the layout of our floors or where anything is, as to be "tidy and efficient" we have a strict no notice board policy and are not allowed to put any posters on the walls to create a "clean looking building". Yeah!

We do have one confirmed "incident" of this causing more than a little embarrassment with a senior manager and a client arriving at the head office in Lowestoft for a meeting with our commercial team only to be greeted by puzzled looks from the staff there. You've guessed it; the meeting was at the head office in Lowestoft, the words "meeting room" had been omitted from the invitation, oops! We do have suspicions that this has happened since but the people allegedly involved have been too shy or too sensible to admit to the error. However you must always look at the positives, it could have been worse, we also have rooms called Holyrood (Edinburgh), Lisburn City (Northern Ireland), Kylesku (North Scotland) and everybody's favourite meeting room, Llanfairpwllgwyngyll (Wales, where else)?

As we are the headquarters of my section of the business we also have a fully equipped Post Office on the ground floor. My manager needed to post a small packet and so brought it into work to weigh it and stick it in the box, no problem is there? So my manager goes down through the automatic sliding doors and up to the counter, problem, nobody on the other side of the counter. At this point one of our security staff came up behind him and asked him what he was up too, naturally enough he said he was there to post a packet. "You can't do that here, you'll have to go to a Post Office". My manager being a little confused said "I'm in a Post Office". "No you're not, this is a dummy office to show clients what a Post Office looks like, and it doesn't have any stock, staff or postal collections". So it seems that we have enough money and space to build and equip an entire dummy Post Office inside our building but not enough to put a few more desks and chairs in, you figure it out.

## My Official Hat is now on.....

Good evening gentleman, I'm looking forward to the Expo DVD tonight to see the 70% of the show that I never saw over the Expo weekend. Peter and I have often remarked that if it wasn't for John's excellent camerawork and editing we'd never see what was in the competition area at all, thank you John for all the work you put into the filming of the show.

Work is also slowly progressing on options for an Expo decal sheet for 2016, as long as my life doesn't get any more complicated or calls on my time the research should be ready by the end of the summer. Watch this space.

I'm sorry that I don't have the cups to hand out to Bob Lawrence and Ian Brown tonight, this is due to the end of our modelling season clashing with the end of the football season, the engravers are overwhelmed but rest assured that the cups will be ready for next month's meeting.

**Robin**



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## Roffey's "Ramblings"

ModelKraft 2015

After much dithering took myself off to the above at Milton Keynes and it was good. The images are of just the traders hall, one of the three plus a competition rooms they had.



The 31 exhibitors were in the main room and 60 or so clubs and SIGs spread throughout the others. Listing the whole lot would be daft so if you want to see who was there go to.

<http://www.mksmc.co.uk/modelkraft/exhibitors.html>

Well worth a visit next year!

**Allen**



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## Wrighty's "References"

### WrySpy – Case No.1 The Mystery of MH370



How did you find our breakdown of Case No.1 – MH370 or mystery as yet unsolved, did you agree or do you have a theory of your own? Little did I imagine that day I was writing up the WrySpy report of MH370 for the air crash investigation team in Malaysia, that the radio would be trotting a new case (no.2 MH17) destroyed in a mid-air SAM attack over the Ukraine warzone (full report in SF No.131 April 2015).

**Co-pilot 'did trial run' of fatal crash**

THE co-pilot suspected of deliberately crashing a passenger jet in the Alps may have practised a rapid descent hours before.

Andreas Lubitz set the altitude dial on the auto-pilot to 100ft five times while alone in the cockpit on an earlier flight, investigators say.

The Germanwings aircraft, flying from Düsseldorf to Barcelona, returned to

its correct altitude when the captain came back.

Passengers are unlikely to have noticed as the descent was not sharp.

Hours later all 150 people on board the return flight were killed. Black box recordings suggest Lubitz locked the pilot out of the cockpit before flying the Airbus into the French Alps.

'I can't speculate on what was happening inside his head,' said Rémy Jouty, head of French investigation agency BEA.

'All I can say is that he changed this button to the minimum setting of 100ft and he did it several times.'

Lubitz, 27, suffered depression and researched suicide methods before the crash on March 24.

by **JAMEY KEATEN**

Rehearsal: Lubitz

Case No.3 German Wings flight between Barcelona and Dusseldorf had dived into the ground of the French Alps killing all 150 passengers including school children. There was little mystery about this crash, as from the start the co-pilot was a suspect. Reports stated that he was mentally unstable and should have been on sick leave. News soon broke that co-pilot Andrea Lubitz was a very odd character; his flat was searched, turning up computer records of suicide sites etc. The only question seems could any person commit suicide and take 150 people with them? The circumstances of a rogue pilot bringing down his plane to kill all on board was very similar to the accidental situation the co-pilot on MH370 faced when his plane fell from the sky. Accompanied by an elderly pilot (Capt) under extreme stress of working long hours he did not notice his junior co-pilot was mentally unstable and should not have been flying having a doctor's sick note for the flight. His behaviour in altering auto-pilot height button to 100ft on 5 occasions previously would have been noticed by the pilot, who must have wondered how this happened, especially as he was the only person who reset it and altered it back to normal. His lack of putting 2 + 2 together ultimately cost him his life and those of his 150 passengers. On the flight back to Dusseldorf the co-pilot locked him out of the cockpit and put his deadly plan into action. Attempts to break down the cockpit access door failed and black box voice recorder recorded screams of the trapped passengers as the plane dived headlong into the mountainside, the rest you know from the TV news and newspaper reports in the days after the crash.



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Reasons to note:- 2 co-pilots both very young and inexperienced, one caused crash by a deliberate action, the other by his inexperience and panic. Total cost 227 + 150 passengers, suggests more training and less responsibility before these positions are granted. Now tell me WrySpy's theory on MH370 is not the most likely? I noted in the press recently (early May 2015) that the search area for MH370 is to start again, some 1,000 sq miles about now, maybe the Malaysian officials read Sticky Fingers?

## Who Is Responsible?

"You don't know what you are doing" a chant often directed at football referees, WrySpy ask "who are the supposedly responsible people who directed these aircraft to their doom"? As in Case No.2, who gave the OK for MH17 to fly over a warzone in Ukraine and then when found out altered to Syria as an even worse choice? Guess No.3 Turkey was somewhat better. WrySpy thinks that Kuala Lumpa airport must be held accountable for this tragedy.



Heavy load: A US plane carrying badly-needed rescue helicopters arrives at Kathmandu airport on Sunday AP/USA

However look at the picture above, no I don't know what it is (Globemaster III), but to me it's an absolutely massive transport plane weighing many tons. The caption tells me it's Kathmandu on a Sunday. Yes it is carrying supplies, including helicopters. The problem is Kathmandu airstrip is rather small, only small/medium sized aircraft were allowed to use the single runway. Cracks in the surface of the runway caused by heavily loaded cargo planes make it a death trap and it's the only strip in Nepal. Yes supplies are urgently needed, but surely somebody in the USA should be able to pick up a phone and check if total monsters are acceptable? If not advise alternative venues for safe landings, hopefully India would agree.

## Quake aid is delayed as runway crumbles

by DANIEL BINNS

PLANES carrying aid to 8.1million earthquake survivors had to be turned away yesterday because of damage to the only runway in Nepal that is long enough for them to use.

Only small and medium-sized aircraft were permitted to land after the heavy cargo jets caused the strip to crack.

It added to delays at Kathmandu airport as the death toll of the disaster climbed to 7,276, including six foreigners found on a popular trekking route.

"You've got one runway, limited handling facilities and ongoing commercial flights," said the UN's Nepal co-ordinator Jamie McGoldrick.

"On top of that you've got massive

**■ DONATIONS to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal can be made by visiting the Disasters Emergency Committee website at [dec.org.uk](http://dec.org.uk) or by calling the hotline on 0370 60 60 900. You can also give cash at most high street banks. To donate £5, text the word SUPPORT to 70000. Full details: See Page 10**

relief items coming in and the search and rescue teams that have been clogging up this airport.

"Once better systems are put in place, I think the situation will get better."

Nepal has faced criticism for slowing the flow of aid by subjecting loads

arriving at the airport – and by road from India – to customs inspections.

The checks were relaxed after the UN intervened but getting parcels to the people who need them is a daunting challenge. Some remote areas are still cut off and airlifting of goods has been limited by a shortage of helicopters.

Even in Kathmandu, people have complained that they have yet to see relief workers or receive any aid.

Nepal's tourist police said 57 foreigners were killed in the April 25 quake and 109 are missing, including 12 Russians and nine Americans.

Britain has sent Gurkha soldiers to search a remote valley for 23-year-old trekker Matt Caraspier, a trainee architect from Bearsted in Kent.

# Competition Results for 1<sup>st</sup> Round 2015

## Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale or Less

| Position        | Entrant          | Model                               | Votes |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bob Lawrence     | Saunders Roe SR177                  | 48    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Peter Bagshaw    | English Electric Lightning F2       | 36    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Brian Breeze     | de Havilland Sea Hornet             | 27    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Paul Bird        | Pfalz D.IIIa                        | 24    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Peter Bagshaw    | Folland Gnat (Red Arrows)           | 23    |
|                 | Charles Thompson | Curtiss P-36<br>Nakajima Ki-27 Nate | 8     |

Greater than 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale

| Position        | Entrant      | Model                              | Votes |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Allen Roffey | Lockheed F-5 Lightning             | 51    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bob Lawrence | Boeing Stearman "Utterly Butterly" | 49    |

### Positions after 1<sup>st</sup> Round

| Position        | Entrant          | Points |
|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bob Lawrence     | 48     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Peter Bagshaw    | 40     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Allen Roffey     | 25     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Brian Breeze     | 21     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Paul Bird        | 19     |
|                 | Charles Thompson | 10     |

## IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Military Vehicles

| Position          | Entrant                   | Model                     | Votes |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Mick Pitts                | Sd. Kfz. 223              | 33    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> = | Bob Smith<br>Kevin Curley | M-26 Pershing<br>Char Bis | 31    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Mick Pitts                | T-26                      | 28    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Peter Bagshaw             | Churchill "Crocodile"     | 19    |

Miscellaneous

| Position        | Entrant      | Model                  | Votes |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Graham Hill  | Dalek                  | 49    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bob Lawrence | Lady Isabella and Teka | 46    |

### Positions after 1<sup>st</sup> Round

| Position        | Entrant                 | Points |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bob Smith<br>Mick Pitts | 44     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Graham Hill             | 25     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Bob Lawrence            | 23     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Peter Bagshaw           | 17     |