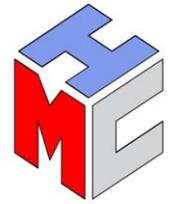




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Peters Prattling

Southern Expo

As I said at last month's meeting, a very big thank you to all those who volunteered for the Expo Sweatshirts this year, Robin & I couldn't contemplate running the show without your support. We raised £3,000 for St Francis Hospice, which considering the weather conditions was pretty good. We only had 2 no shows but were able to rearrange on the day to cover the gaps. A really big thank you to our Brian Thomas for stepping in to fill some tables with his RAE themed display.

Also a shout out for Ian Brown for his 2nd place in the competition with his Modeller of the Year winner, the Ford Woody.

Battle of Britain Day Exhibition

Before I forget, we have had an invite to attend the Battle of Britain Day @ the 1838 ATC Headquarters, Wood Lane, Elm Park, Essex, RM12 5JB, organised by the Hornchurch Aerodrome Historical Society. Would we be interested? They approached us at the Hornchurch Country Park show last year but the invite had dropped off my radar for some reason.

Forthcoming Shows in 2018

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.

2018	
April 22 nd (Sunday)	ModelKraft, Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes, MK14 6BN
May 5 th (Saturday)	Scale Model Show, Tangmere Military Aviation Museum, Chichester, PO20 2ES
May 12 th (Saturday)	Lancing Model Show, The Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8AJ
May 20 th (Sunday)	East Midlands Model Show, The Leisure Centre, Argents Mead, Hinckley, LE10 1BZ
May 26 th (Saturday)	IPMS Torbay, Torquay Town Hall, Castle Circus Torquay Devon, TQ1 3DR
June 2 nd (Saturday)	IPMS Salisbury Model Show, Wyvern College, Church Road, Laverstock Salisbury, SP1 1RE
June 17 th (Sunday)	West Norfolk IPMS Annual Model Show, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9HS
June 24 th (Sunday)	MAFVA Nationals, Burgess Civic Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU
June 30 th (Saturday)	IPMS Plymouth Model Show, Plymouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Plymouth, PL1 2BJ
July 7 th (Saturday)	Hailsham District Scale Model Club, Community Civic Hall, Vicarage lane, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 2AX
July 22 nd (Sunday)	Essex Modellers Show, Hannakins Farm, Billericay, Essex
September 1 st & 2 nd (Saturday & Sunday)	Medway Model Club Show 2018, The Royal Engineers Museum, Prince Arthur Road, Brompton, Gillingham, Kent, ME4 4UG
September 9 th (Sunday)	Chiltern Show, Weatherly Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8JH
September 15 th (Saturday)	IPMS Farnborough Modelfest, Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, GU15 2PQ
September 23 rd (Sunday)	Wings & Things 2018, University Academy Holbeach, Park Road, Holbeach, PE12 7PU
September 30 th (Sunday)	IPMS Brampton, Burgess Civic Hall, Burgess Civic Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU
October 13 th & 14 th (Saturday & Sunday)	South West Model Show, Tank Museum, Bovington, Wool, Dorset, BH20 6JG
November 10 th & 11 th (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale Modelworld 2018, Telford International Centre Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH

Peter



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Robin's Ramblings

I'm writing this article at 11 o'clock on the Saturday night before the club evening, in bed with the computer propped up against my knees, ah, the fun and games that I get up to in my bed. My long suffering Wife now just seems to accept my "odd" moments of behaviour like this with little more than a raised eyebrow and a slight roll of the eyes. With just a warning of "don't go to sleep with that on your lap and drop the damn thing" and with that went back to her book. Well as you're reading this you can guess I didn't drop the computer on the floor or God forbid let it slide onto Adele in the early hours!

I will echo Peter's words and thank everybody that helped Peter and myself to run the show and to make it such a success for the traders, clubs and members of the public, doing all the "unseen" jobs of humping tables and chairs, taking the money on the door and helping to run the competition. However this year I must also make special mention to the members that manned the club stand in the extreme temperatures experienced this year.

The questions that I couldn't answer at last month's club meeting was about the how we had done and how were the numbers simply because I hadn't had time to run the numbers and count the pennies. However I'm now in a position to answer those questions. However I must draw my typing to a halt now and pick-up again tomorrow as my Wife has put her light out and "suggested" I do the same.

Numbers and money: Unsurprising the numbers were slightly down overall given the weather and more to the point, the weathermen's dire predictions of a winter Armageddon, which of course didn't come to pass, at least in the South East.

On Saturday normal tickets were down by 16, concessions down 23 but children's tickets were up by 6.
On Sunday normal tickets were down by 23, concessions down only 8 and again children's up by 6

This equates to being just 63 paying members of the public down on last year's totals or £176 down, which I'm sure that you will agree with me proves if nothing else the resilience (or pure bloody determination) of modellers to enjoy their hobby regardless of any obstacles. Charlie Thompson's donations of cross stitches, decals, books and models, the new Southern Expo mugs and sales of Southern Expo decal sheets helped make up any shortfall. I will have the receipt and certificate from St. Francis on the table on Monday night for your perusal as usual, again thank you one and all who attended and helped out with the show.

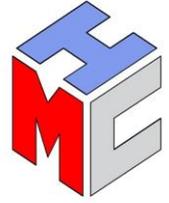
As for next year, the plans to "redevelop and upgrade" the sports centre have, we have been told, apparently been shelved for eighteen months and so Peter is already actively pursuing a couple of dates for next year's Southern Expo.

Looking ahead, but not by much now, it's competition night, so here we go again, the start of a new competition year. I'll just say good luck to all those that enter, it's not just who wins that matter but the point is that you enter and take part in the experience. This sounds very high minded but it is your club and to participate in the club at any level brings us together as a club and enriches the club as a whole. Just remember there are no losers, just members enjoying the evening together.

Robin



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Roffey's Ravings

Southern Expo 2018

Well that was quite a show and the gate seemed, while affected by the weather, ok.

I have to say that sitting on the door in the draught was not the most pleasant of tasks and a big **thank you** from Ralph and me to those who helped out on the door on Sunday, hope you found the badinage with the customers enjoyable.

As to the show, it went, in a large part to due to Peter and Robin's efforts very well.

Masses of really good models and the competition showed this with a few examples shown below.



I posted the Photos I took on Facebook and by far the most comments were about the competition set



With this one getting 26 likes as well as those who saw it



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On our stand Brian's raspberry ripple was popular



And as I said the 9 likes don't reflect the number of folk who saw it and all the photos posted.



Two of our 'Gate Guardians' (Is that an itch Graham, or are you trying to tell me something)

Allen