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## Peters Prattling

### Next Month – May 20<sup>th</sup>

We were hoping to have a guest speaker next month, sadly the 2 mentioned at the AGM either can't do it or haven't replied yet. Shall we just have a modelling evening next month?

### Southern Expo

My thanks to all those from the club who helped during the show, from setting up, to manning the door and breaking the tables down at the end, we couldn't do this without you.

As usual the show for me went in a massive blur from Friday night setup to Sunday breakdown. At the end of the show we announced a £3,000 donation to the local hospice which does make almost all the aggravation worthwhile. In case you have missed it we are still in the same location/hall next year 2020 on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March with setup on the Friday 27<sup>th</sup> as usual. This is likely to be our last show at the old sports centre.

The newly started sports complex has a hall half the size of the current one, so holding Southern Expo there will be challenging and probably cost prohibitive. There is a similar sized hall in Basildon run by the same company as the Hornchurch centre but it's looking like their costs will make the show virtually cost neutral so not really worth the effort.

Of course, alternately, “Plan B” may be to go out with a bang next year and stop unless a local venue of suitable size and cost can be found.



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Whilst on the subject of Southern Expo, I found these, "blast from the past", 1998 & 1999 report of the show. Don't they look young!



Once again the Southern Expo raised money for the local Hospice. This year no less than £3,000 was raised - well done to everyone concerned!

## AGM & Committee Posts

Just a reminder that the current committee in all 3 guises will be standing down next Feb at the 2020 AGM. Thinking caps on chaps to consider whether you could perform one of some of the roles we undertake or just bits and pieces of it, there doesn't have to be just 3 people doing all of the bits required to run the club.

Just to confirm to you all, just because Robin and I also run Southern Expo, the bits you need to fill are for the club only, we are not planning on handing over anything relating to Southern Expo for now.

I've put together a list of what I think I actually do (yes there are some things!) and will have that at the meeting.

Essex Modellers Show 2019	Echoes of History Show
<p>John Drummond and Jim Smith have booked us in for another year.</p> <p>Date this year is Sunday 28th July.</p>	<p>Looks like this is a "Son of" the show that used to be held at Damyns Hall.</p> <p>I've been in contact to book us some space as there were enough members expressing interest in attending at last months meeting.</p> <p>The organisers need to know who to allocate the 6 wristbands for entry to.</p> <p>If you do want to go, please identify yourselves so I can book us in.</p> <p>So far Allen Roffey and Robin Bellamy (and Adele) have volunteered for Saturday and Brian Thomas has indicated he can be there both days. I can do the Sunday, anyone else interested?</p>

## Hailsham Show – July 6<sup>th</sup>

Another show we've been invited to, Robin has indicated he and Adele would be interested so I've provisionally booked space for us here. Anyone else interested?



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## Forthcoming Shows in 2019

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.

### 2019

April 27 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Scottish Nationals</b> , The Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth, Scotland PH2 0TH
April 28 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	<b>ModelKraft XXL</b> , MK Arena, Milton Keynes
May 4 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Scale Model Show</b> , Tangmere Military Aviation Museum, Chichester, PO20 2ES
<b>11<sup>th</sup> May (Saturday)</b>	<b>Southdowns Model Show</b> , Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8AJ
	<b>Euro Miniature Expo</b> , Leas Cliff Hall Folkestone, Kent CT20 2DZ
	<b>Plastic Warrior Show</b> , The Winning Post Inn, Chertsey Road, Whitton, Surrey TW2 6LS
May 12 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	<b>IPMS Gloucester</b> , Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road Churchdown, Glos, GL3 2JH
May 19 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	<b>East Midlands Model Show</b> , The Leisure Centre, Argents Mead, Hinckley, LE10 1BZ
May 25 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>IPMS Torbay &amp; Devon show</b> , Torquay Town Hall, Castle Circus Torquay, Devon, TQ1 3DR
June 1 <sup>st</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Salisbury</b> , Wyvern College, Church Road, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1RE
	<b>Northern Model Show</b> , The Parks Sport Centre, Howden Road, North Shield, NE29 6TL
June 8 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Shepway Military Modelling Society</b> , Hawkinge Community Centre, Heron Forstal Avenue, Folkstone, Kent CT18 7FP
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>Elstree Model Show</b> , The Allum Hall and Manor House, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, Hertfordshire, WD6 3PJ
June 16 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	<b>MAFVA Nationals</b> , Burgess Hall, Westwood Rd, Saint Ives Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU
	<b>West Norfolk</b> , Downham Market Town Hall, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9HS
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)	<b>IPMS Ipswich Model Day</b> , Ipswich and District Indoor Bowling Club, 136 Rushmere Road, Ipswich, IP4 4JU
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	<b>IPMS Coventry &amp; Warwick</b> , Midland Air Museum, Rowley Road, Coventry, CV3 4FR
June 29 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>IPMS Plymouth</b> , Plymouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Plymouth, PL1 2BJ
July 6 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Hailsham</b> , Civic Community Hall, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>North Somerset</b> , The Helicopter Museum, Locking Moor Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8PP
	<b>Romsey Scale Model Show</b> , Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey, SO51 8GL
<b>July 28<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>Essex Modellers Show</b> , Billericay.
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)	<b>IPMS Dundee</b> , The Boomerang Community Centre, 10 Kemback Street, Dundee, DD4 6ET
August 4 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	<b>IPMS Avon</b> , Thornbury Leisure Centre, Alveston Hill, Thornbury, BS35 3BJ
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> August (Saturday & Sunday)	<b>Echoes of History</b> , Purleigh, Essex
August 11 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Boscombe Down Model Show</b> , Old Sarum Airfield Old Sarum, Wilts SP4 6DZ
August 31 <sup>st</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Aberdeen</b> , DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Aberdeen Treetops, 161 Springfield Rd, Aberdeen, AB15 7AQ
September 1 <sup>st</sup> (Sunday)	<b>East Riding</b> , Driffield Showground Kelleythorpe, Driffield, Yorkshire YO25 9DN
September 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday)	<b>IPMS Medway</b> , RE Museum, Gillingham, Kent
September 8 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	<b>Chiltern Model Show</b> , The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 8JH
	<b>IPMS Wombourne</b> , Wombourne Library, Church Road, Wolverhampton, WV5 9EZ
September 14 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>IPMS Farnborough</b> , Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, GU15 2PQ
September 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)	<b>Wings &amp; Things</b> , University Academy Holbeach, Park Road Holbeach, PE12 7PU
	<b>Keighley Plastic Model Show</b> , University Academy Keighley, Greenhead Road, Keighley, BD20 6EB
September 28 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>South West Model Show</b> , The Tank Museum, Bovington Wool, Dorset, BH20 6JG
October 5 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	<b>Abingdon Model Show</b> , Larkmead School, Abingdon, OX14 1BB
<b>November 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Scale Modelworld 2019</b> , Telford International Centre Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH





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## Robin's "Ruminations"

It seems ages since I've managed to put an article in Sticky Fingers, probably because it is of course but home and work life has been so busy over the last few months and with Southern Expo thrown in for good measure, I couldn't get my head around writing an article. Still, things are settling down into a more manageable pattern now, (famous last words), so I'm hoping to have finished cleaning out my modelling room, for about the sixth time, this weekend and putting things back into place to resume modelling. However, like all things in life, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, in my case as my modelling room becomes operational again, I discovered the hose to my airbrush had gone walkabout.

Where the hell could a ten-foot braided hose with metal fittings at both ends unscrew itself from my compressor and disappear? The hunt was on! I turned out all the draws and cupboards in my modelling room, no, under books, magazines, model boxes and on top of the book cases, no, now I was really getting hacked off. Down into the kitchen where I do all my spraying, in and on the bookcase, no, in the veg racks, in Adele's flower arranging box, I even went as far as looking behind the chairs and sofa in the living room, I had got that desperate, no. Adele had by this time lost a bit of her normal, infinite patience with my antics which obviously had kept me away from jobs that were really more important to her, you know, silly things like cutting the grass, putting the Expo stuff in the loft, doing the high dusting and general muscle when required.

When I started emptying the food cupboards of its tins, boxes and packets onto the kitchen floor to make sure the hose wasn't hiding at the back of one of them, Adele "advised" me to leave the cupboards alone and just order a new hose. I said to her that the second I ordered one the original hose would reappear, Adele simply said that I should really leave her cupboards alone and order a new hose. I took one look at Adele's face, stepped away from the collection of tins and packets around my feet and decided that I should order a new hose straight away. The hose was duly delivered two days later, a mere £26 but to avoid Adele's displeasure, well worth it. However, it still didn't stop me from peeking into and under all sorts of places when Adele wasn't in or was in another part of our home, nothing, where could it be? While I was Hoovering the stairs at home, the phone rang, it was Adele at her Mothers, she had found the missing airbrush hose. Where? Hanging over a standard lamp in the front bedroom. Why or how the hose had ended up the Mother in Laws house has totally defeated the both of us as I would never spray in her house and the compressor and spray booth/extractor was still at our house where they had always been and so why would one of us take the hose up there anyway? Talk about a Sherlock Holmes three pipe problem or what?

I have already decided on what I will be building for the "first and the last" for next years Southern Expo theme build, I'm going to have to order one of the required kits much to Adele's puzzlement, she can't understand how I can have so many kits and still not have the one I need. Women, they just don't understand these things, do they? Mind you, have you noticed how many times this happens? A fair stash in the cupboard or loft and you still want to build something else, we are a strange bunch, aren't we? Talking about strange things, last weekend was the Masters golf tournament at Augusta, which of course meant that Adele will have been glued to the television from 16:00 to 00.30. I guess that if I had used my head right and supplied Adele with a steady supply of tea and Rich Tea biscuits, I should have had a fair bit of modelling time over the weekend in the evenings. I knew I liked golf for some reason.

### My official hat is on.....

Well another competition year starts this evening, as you all know by now, my final year as the competition secretary and so I'm hoping for a really good year of well made and finished models on the tables. However, I will be even more pleased just for the members to enjoy putting their models on the tables and looking at each other's models and admiring the skills on display. Always remember, it's not the winning that matters, it's the taking part as a good-natured way of comparing your efforts against the other members of our club and learning from each other to improve your models. After all, even I won a trophy this year, true, it was the one for not managing to build a model all last year! Not really a trophy that you would want to display on the shelf and get asked "what did you win that for" is it? However, I will ensure that I'm not in the running for that trophy again this year, nor any other I reckon.

**Robin**