



# “STICKY FINGERS”

# IPMS HORNCHURCH - NEWSLETTER

## Dear Members

Another AGM has taken place without too many problems, I have served on many committees and none can beat the Hornchurch IPMS. It's one great laugh from start to finish. However for the benefit of those who chickened out in coming to last months meeting. The following members make up the new committee.

Secretary Ken Sparks

Assistant Secretary Steve Hubbard

Treasurer Ricky Prager

Competition Secretary      Dave Ryan

The post of Display Organiser has died a natural death because the few members who attend the shows wherever they might be held, seem to be able to take the right amount of models to meet the space available, because the size of tables are known in advance.

As the new Secretary I wish to offer my congratulations to Mick Pitts for becoming Aircraft champion for 1996/97 and to Dave Ryan as the Miscellaneous champion. To my mind there is no greater honour in modelling than being judged by your fellow Club members.

One piece of “Stop Press” news, the model show which was to be held in a school in Barking to help raise funds for a minibus, which we said at the AGM that we would support, has been postponed until later in the year possibly September. This is so the organisers can get as much advertising in as possible via all the magazines and newspapers etc.

I have written to the show secretary of the Mildenhall Plastic Model Club requesting 2 x 6ft tables for their show in October. I will let you know if this is a confirmed booking later.

To Mick Pitts :- unfortunately the 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Groups open day at Thorpe Abbotts, 8<sup>th</sup> Airforce Museum was 13<sup>th</sup> May 1997. Better luck next year.

A couple of weeks ago I visited for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, the Muckleborough Collection. The largest privately owned military museum in the country on the north Norfolk coast. Since my last visit some 3 to 5 years ago, they have introduced and RAF section and a model section. This comprised cabinets of all scales of AFV and aircraft. The AFV, I felt were the better of the two. Also in cabinets were approximately 30 ships all built to 1:96 scale, these have to be seen to be believed. Well worth a visit if you are up in that neck of the woods.

Last Bank holiday, Mick Pitts, Robin Bellamy and myself paid a visit to the Aerospace Museum at RAF Cosford. Another great day out, we arrived at 10:00am when it opened and we were the last to leave at 5:15pm. We did have the privilege of climbing up into the Lincoln bomber, and spent 2 hours chatting to an ex flight engineer and sitting with him in the Liberator bomber, what an experience. Mick and Robin also clambered all over the Me 262, to get hands on detail.



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On 24<sup>th</sup> May 1997 I made my first pilgrimage to the HQ of the 3<sup>rd</sup> United States Air Force at RAF Mildenhall for their 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.. I went by Stagecoaches double decker bus at an early hour of 6:55am from Barking. My first surprise was to have sitting next to me across the aisle was Karl.. an ex-modeller of Hornchurch IPMS and his wife.

We arrived at Mildenhall base at 10:00am, everything appeared to be in full swing. It was great to have so much to look at so close and have pleasant crew members to ask questions of. The food was typical American but nice to know that every bit of it had been flown over from the States.

The flying display was first class, my greatest moment was to see the Stealth bomber make two passes of the airfield escorted by a couple of fighters. The second best subject was the Grumman Prowler, which had been flown in from Italy. The 4 man crew of US Marine Corps officers were kept busy answering questions about the aircraft. Apparently it can go sub-sonic when required, and will remain in service until 2021. I asked the pertinent question about the refuelling probe, was it centrally mounted or on one side. The answer was it is mounted in the centre, but the nozzle is canted 13° to the right.

The three most outdated aircraft must have been the B-17, "Sally B" on one side of the nose and "Memphis Belle" on the other. A P-51D "Big Beautiful Doll" and a P-39 Aircobra, which had it's canopy covered all day, this seemed rather strange.

Everybody returned to the bus for the 6:00pm departure, but due to some cock up by the administration all the coaches tried to leave at the same time, through one final single road, and out by one single gate. We eventually went out the gate at 7:30pm and then directed by the local Police all around the Suffolk countryside. A poor ending to a fine day.

**KEN**



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### Editors Note

Would all members please note the following 2 items were also discussed at the AGM.

- 1 All members entering models into any of the competitions are encouraged to complete a small form which details the subject of the entry, the kit (or kits) used, the scale and any extra work involved. Forms will be available from the competition secretary on the night.

The reason for these forms is to stop some modellers feeling that their "pride and joy" has been down marked or ignored even though a significant amount of work has been carried out. By detailing this work all members judging the competition can appreciate the work involved.

- 2 I would like to invite all future competition winners to write a short article on the making of the winning model. This should detail how you went about construction, any detailing carried out etc. Also any special tips on techniques used would be appreciated. All articles should be sent to me (Peter Bagshaw), and can be hand-written or typed. In addition if anyone has any articles in them bursting to get out, e.g. Hints and Tips or reviews of recent kits bought and built please jot them down and send them to me for inclusion.

**PETER**



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### Meeting Schedule

<b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Under Construction Night</b> Bring up any models under construction
<b>July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Guest Speaker - Bill Mathews on "old" models</b> Bring along wrapped "Airfix" series 2 kit for December competition
<b>August 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Competition</b> <b>Aircraft</b> - Mouths & Teeth e.g. Sharks-mouths <b>Miscellaneous</b> - Open
<b>September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Battle of Britain theme night</b>
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Video night</b>
<b>November 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Competition</b> <b>Aircraft</b> - Aircraft of the Aces <b>Miscellaneous</b> - Sci Fi / TV / Movie related
<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas eats</b> <b>Lucky dip competition</b>
<b>January 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Uncle Ted Taylor's airbrush clinic</b>
<b>February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Competition</b> <b>Aircraft</b> - Night flyers <b>Miscellaneous</b> - Civil vehicles
<b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Slide Show</b>
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Competition</b> <b>Aircraft</b> - Civil aircraft <b>Miscellaneous</b> - Figures
<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AGM</b>



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### Hornchurch IPMS Balance Sheet Ricky Prager

#### INCOMING

Balance brought forward from 95/96	284.82	(+28)
Subscriptions May 96 to April 97	360.50	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>645.32</u></b>	

#### OUTGOING

Church Hall fees	222.00	
Refreshments	49.00	
Trophies	61.00	
“Engineering” Exhibition payments	50.50	
Sundries	.89	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>383.39</u></b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b><u>261.93</u></b>	(-22.89)

#### ATTENDANCE

May	25
June	22
July	19
August	21
September	22
October	20
November	26
December	21
January	22
February	26
March	17
April	25
Average	22