



"STICKY FINGERS"

IPMS HORNCHURCH - NEWSLETTER

Welcome fellow kit bashers

It was pleasant to return to the club last month after my holiday "Down under", however we did drop a king sized clanger by having plenty of videos to show but nothing to show them on. It did give us the opportunity to discuss in detail the contents of the IPMS constitution. Incidentally I have signed it and it should be back with the Branch Liaison Officer by now.

You may recall in Octobers "Sticky Fingers" that I had obtained the colour scheme of "German Panzers", whilst I was out in Australia and offered them to all club members. Well, you should all have them by now, because the colours Peter Bagshaw put in the October issue is identical to the ones I have.

I have been asked by the organisers of the Barking Model show in September to offer many thanks to all members of IPMS Hornchurch who contributed to the wonderful display put on of models etc.. The lad who thought up the idea, to raise funds for a school minibus, has been awarded a silver trophy by the school and the Parent Teachers Association. The actual figure raised after expenses had been paid was £360. Well done chaps. The letter of thanks is reproduced below.

Don't forget Decembers meeting night will be the usual mince pies and sausage rolls. Also the plastic bag draw model competition. I hope all those club members who donated kits in plain brown wrappers have found time to construct them, for that night.

Whilst on the subject of catering, I have purchased 10 plastic cup holders so that we can use cheaper quality cups. Please do not break them and always return them to the tea & coffee making table so others can use them. If they appear successful I will endeavour to purchase some more.

I have written to Bill Matthews inviting him to talk to us in January 1998 on the subject of "Old kits of the past". I await his reply and will keep you informed.

I would like to thank Robin Bellamy for telephoning me on the Monday evening after the Nationals. He gave me a run down on how things went overall. It would seem that there was not the friendly atmosphere one has come to expect from this show. So I ask myself are the Nationals becoming too big. Robin said that he did not see the usual punters going out the door loaded up with kits as of old. So is there less money about, and has the Nationals become too trade show oriented ? No doubt the model magazines in a couple of months time will give us rave reviews about the huge success of the show. We shall see.

I am sure all club members will join me in offering our "Sticky Fingers" editor Peter Bagshaw, congratulations on his recent wedding. *All right who talked ?? Ed.* Good luck to you and your good lady, you have now joined that band of contented modellers.

To end I am sure Wally will speak to us at the November meeting on some up-to-date news about 1998.



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