



"STICKY FINGERS"

IPMS HORNCHURCH - NEWSLETTER

Greetings fellow club members

Well "Southern Expo" for 1998 has been and gone, and it was nice to see it back after missing a year. I hope Wally has it in mind to continue with further "Expo" in 1999. Everybody that I spoke to who had nothing to do with the organisation all revealed that it was an excellent show, and hoped there would be more in the future, as they felt it was their local show and they enjoyed supporting it.

It was nice to see all those club members both old & new helping out on the Friday evening, setting the tables up, and all the old hands giving assistance on the Saturday & Sunday as requested by Wally. Everybody looked smart in their new maroon sweatshirts; I myself did not take issue of a one this year, as I still have past issues of black & green still hardly worn. Also I did not feel that I had helped out sufficiently to warrant a new one this year.

It's nice to know that some club members remember what's written in "Sticky Fingers", namely my request for 1/72nd Westland Whirlwind & Boulton Paul Defiant kits. The Westland Whirlwind I managed to get prior to Expo and I must thank Robin Bellamy for locating a Defiant on the traders' stand on Friday evening, so ending my search for both these aircraft.

The reason for these requests was that I have donated a large amount of my **completed** models to the Purfleet Heritage centre and that my storage space was becoming exhausted at home. So I have now limited my modelling period to 1939-45, which I can identify with, plus the tanks and armoured vehicles also during that period or later. This is not to say that an odd post-war plane will not get built, it's nice to be selective about what I build, as the choice is so vast.

I think all members will join me in giving a vote of thanks to Ted for his slide show at the club last month. With the experience, knowledge of aircraft, skills and the licence the RAF and other authorities grant him to photograph these subjects is unparalleled. We are the people who enjoy Ted's efforts long may it continue.

IPMS AGM

Now I bring you the news on the IPMS scene.

Both Alan Carr, our Secretary and present US Naval Aircraft SIG group leader, and I made the long trip to the Telford International Centre on Sunday 5th April for the Branch Secretaries and SIG Leaders meeting at 12:00 noon and main AGM at 2:00pm of the IPMS (UK) Ltd.



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The first session dealt a lot with the need for more members to join the IPMS, as figures show that the membership as a whole was falling and that the IPMS could not put an overall finger ion why this was occurring. A census of opinion was sent to IPMS branches and individuals for them to return the forms to the committee giving details of the membership age, what they model, how long they have been modelling, etc, etc. The committee only received 2% of these forms back; indicating an apathetic opinion of what the IPMS was all about. If the membership fell a lot lower, consideration had been given to the increase in members' subscriptions from £17 to £20 per senior member. This was considered as a totally retrograde step, as it was felt that this would have the reverse effect of people not joining IPMS and current members not renewing their membership when it was due. So the alternative is nothing more than a vast recruitment drive, which club and branch members were asked to attempt.

We were informed that there was a large amount of advertising matter available for those branches that wanted it, it was there just for the asking. The branch secretary for IPMS Nottingham advised those present that they had approached Beatties in Nottingham to put a table in their shop on a Saturday to do a kit workshop throughout the day. This they carried out with the result that Nottingham branch membership increased by 50%. What do Hornchurch members think of this idea? I would suggest using either Beatties in Romford or the local library in Hornchurch. Please think about this and let me know.

Two of the motions in the main AGM were heard.

Motion 1

Was the permitted sale of kits under tables by branches and SIG groups at the branch secretaries or SIG leader discretion (or deputies). These people would be responsible to the National Exhibition Manager. This motion went on for some considerable time, all around the matter of security and safety. This seemed to be the governing factor. This motion was referred back to the IPMS committee to take the matter up with the local Health & Safety authorities. The IPMS Committee coming back to the branches with what it is hoped will be a satisfactory solution before the Nationals.

Motion2

Was that IPMS members who for medical reasons or sickness or disability and not able to attend the AGM should be allowed to apply for a postal ballot form, provided they supplied a stamped addressed envelope to get the form and thus reducing the cost to IPMS. This motion was later withdrawn on guidance from the Chairman, David Janes on the grounds that a new rule was going to



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be introduced next year in 1999 on this matter. The proposer Mr. P. Hughes accepted the guidance and withdrew the motion.

All those committee members retiring by rotation were duly proposed and seconded and will now serve a further 2 year period on the committee. Namely Andy Scott (Nat Comp Sec), Richard Farrar (Magazine Editor), Neil Wharton (Membership Admin), Edgar Brooks (TAS/SIG Liaison) and Paul Regan (Nat Exhibition Manager).

Next year 1999 the AGM will be held on 25th April, at a venue in the Telford area. There was a vote between the old place in Birmingham and the Telford area. The vote was very narrow in favour of Telford. However the Exhibition Manager had not yet ruled out the chance of the AGM being held at the new conference centre just completed at the "Aerospace Centre" at RAF Cosford. This would be an ideal place to use the non-AGM time when visiting the "Centre". During the AGM tea interval I spoke with Edgar Brooks on the matter of the Olympia Model Engineering Exhibition in December. He informed me that it was on again for this year at the end of the month, as last year, Tuesday to Sunday, with the setting up on the Monday, with the positioning of the plastic models as per last year downstairs.

Telford International Centre

The centre is a huge place and magnificent for the Nationals. The halls are gigantic and IPMS will be staging in Halls 2 & 3, which have curtains dividing them with a central overhead walkway so you can look down from above, the lighting is superb. There are about 5 car parks taking between 2,500 & 3,500 cars, for IPMS members the parking will be free. You are just 5 minutes walk away from Telford's main shopping centre, all under cover, similar to Lakeside at Thurrock. The travelling time by car was about 3½ to 4½ hours with a stop at Toddington Services. Route A12/M25/M1/M6/M54; come off at junction 4 onto the A464 leads you the Centre. I have an A4 size map clearly defined for those planning on going.

IPMS are planning on being at Telford for 1999 and in 2000 they are setting their sites on an "IPMS World Exhibition", inviting all the worlds traders to introduce their new releases at Telford, and all the worlds modellers to come to England for the Exhibition. Some Show!

That concludes my AGM reports on the IPMS and Telford in general.

Further to say those non-IPMS members, please consider what benefits you can gain by enlisting in the ranks of the IPMS. The magazine is well worth it for a start and secondly a lot of good model shops give you a discount if you can prove that you are an IPMS member.



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(Editors Note: I have created a non-scientific survey form at the back of this month "Sticky Fingers". To help Ken out could all non-IPMS members please give some thought to filling this in? Maybe Ken will receive some useful feedback.)

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What is the IPMS(UK)

IPMS is the International Plastic Modellers' Society which was founded in 1963 by modellers for the benefit of modellers. Originally called British Plastic Modellers' Society, it soon expanded into a truly International body with branches in many parts of the World.

Although our UK members may be scattered far and wide, they try to meet regularly in the 60 or so local Branches of the Society. These meetings are informal occasions where members swap information, hints and tips and so learn more about the hobby and allied topics from each other.

A Branch meeting gives everyone a superb opportunity to learn or contribute as much or as little as they wish. IPMS(UK) has no class, age, sex, colour or creed barriers to overcome, nor does it lay down any minimum modelling standards for entry. All you need to qualify for membership is to have an interest in model making as a hobby.

Newcomers are important to us and are always welcome to visit or join a local Branch. The contact point is usually the Branch Secretary who will help you get to know the Branch members and explain more about the Society as a whole. If you are interested in the hobby, you will enjoy the friendliness, enthusiasm and encouragement of like minded people.

IPMS(UK) is now the commonly used trading name of a newly formed company limited by guarantee and known as The International Plastic Modellers' Society (UK). Our limited company was formed in 1996 with a view to protecting our members from the burden of unlimited liability, which is always a concern for any association of people, whether they are involved in a commercial enterprise or in a society organised for a pleasurable pastime such as ours. In becoming a member of our company limited by guarantee, your liability to contribute to any indebtedness of the company, in the event of its ever becoming insolvent, would ordinarily be limited to £1.00 and we consider that this is a comforting thought for both existing and new members alike.

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Some of the benefits of IPMS(UK) Membership.

- * Members receive a quality bi-monthly 48 page magazine. Each issue is produced with a bias towards hands on modelling. The magazine has a junior section which is packed with hints and tips. Other features include un-biased reviews of the latest products, kits and books. There are other features such as a regularly updated diary of events, Branch and Sig news, plus a members page where you can air your views in a letter to the editor.
- * Over 60 local branches where members meet in a sociable and friendly atmosphere.
- * Access to over 40 Special Interest Groups providing an information exchange for those modellers interested in similar topics.
- * *FREE* members Technical Advisory Service, (TAS).
- * *FREE* admission into the largest model show of its type in the world ... the IPMS(UK) Nationals and Model Show.
- * Members may take advantage of the considerable discounts offered on hotel accommodation for the show.
- * Considerable de-restriction of our National Competition rules e.g.: (metal and resin figures are now allowed).
- * There are superb competition prizes, trophies and certificates in the IPMS(UK) Members Classes.
- * Thriving Junior Section.
- * A Friendly Welcome.

A special 24hr pre-recorded information line is available for modellers who want to know where and when IPMS(UK) shows are being held. The message, which lasts for approximately 3 minutes, is updated on a regular basis: 01332 776776

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IPMS SURVEY

Why are you not a member of IPMS e.g. Membership fee too high?

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For what reasons would you consider joining IPMS e.g. Reduction of membership fee?

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