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Greetings "Sticky Fingers"

As I shall not be at the September club night, but wine drinking with a party of 12 others through the vineyards of France, I am putting pen to paper on Tuesday 1st September to get all the news and views over to you.

Just after our last meeting I was contacted by someone from the club who normally mans (*persons?* – *Ed*) the club stand at the Nationals, to advise me that he & the family would not be able to do this task as they will now not be attending this year. I discussed the matter with the Assistant Secretary and we decided that due to previous years poor attendance by club members that it would be better not to have a stand. This would then give all those attending the opportunity to view the show without having to be tied to the club stand. I have written to the IPMS to state that we no longer wish to have a table to give them the chance to allocate the space to someone else.

On to another matter, those that attended the August meeting as you may remember, I was given a letter and postcard dated 6th June by Alan Carr, asking us whether we would like table space at Olympia for this years Model Engineering Exhibition in December. Those present were in some doubt due to problems of getting models to and from Olympia. For those that didn't know our usual model transporter has withdrawn their support this year. Being self-employed they can lose money at this time of year taking time off. A short while after this discussion, 2 club members came forward with offers of transportation. I have taken the unprecedented decision and written to the organisation to request space this year with certain provisos, especially that the space offered must be acceptable to our liking, if this was not so then we would withdraw our request. I would like to remind those who offer their services for manning the stand throughout the period of the exhibition are supplied with tickets, giving you the chance to get into the whole of the exhibition free of charge.

October's meeting is competition night, a gentle reminder what the subjects are:

1. Aircraft Open – any plane, any scale, all other rules apply i.e. you haven't entered the model before and was completed after May 1998.
2. Miscellaneous Open – again anything goes, same rules apply.

New Zealand

I have received a cardboard role via Air Mail from our adopted club in New Zealand which contained their latest newsletter, which in the future will be every 3 months, they intend turning it into a magazine providing they get sufficient items of interest from their club members. Also in the roll were 2 excellent prints of a training plane and one of a Vampire in New Zealand markings very much in the Tony Woolett style, plus 2 hand made tie-pins, one of a Grumman Avenger and the other a P-47 Thunderbolt. Very nice pieces of work.

I am currently thinking up ideas to reciprocate the gifts sent to us. We intend advising our friends down under how we might use these items.



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Recently I picked up an old 1/72nd scale Airfix Douglas Invader. The contents seem quite OK, however the decals seem suspect. Can anyone confirm whether I would be able to get replacements from anywhere?

Brampton IPMS September 5th Report

Apart from the appalling weather conditions going to and coming from St.Ives, this to my mind was a smashing day out. I should like to thank those members of the club who made the effort to man the tables throughout the day. Robin Bellamy, his wife & son Peter who again won an excellent prize in the competition for his German Half Track in 1/35th scale, Mick Pitts, big John with his Formula 1 cars and lastly Ricky Prager and his wife, who made the effort to actually visit the show.

This show was very friendly and had a nice blend of club displays and trade stands. One stand had all kits at half price along with a chap in the small car park of the Corn Exchange, who was selling kits from the boot of his shooting brake. Robin and John did well with 1/32nd scale kits from him. The rest of us went to town in the main hall; we had about 18 kits amongst the 5 of us. Incidentally the public were not charged to enter the exhibition! We had a long chat with a Londoner and his wife who moved to the St.Ives area who is into trucks and remembers working with Ted Taylor back in the past. "RON" asked to be remembered to you Ted. I would not be surprised if we are invited again to Brampton next year, so members keep this in mind. Also Mick Pitts is chatting with a club organiser and it would seem we might get an invite from a model club near Peterborough just off the A1 next year.

Advance notice – please see the notice later on in this month "Sticky Fingers" regarding the Chiltern Scale Model Show in 1999.

Modelling Information

I have been asked whether the club can commence a bank of items of interest or special information on any one particular aircraft, so that if a club member wishes any special detail about their particular model aircraft they are building or intend building, there is information available within the club.

Therefore I wish to start this exercise with anything anybody has on the Skyhawk i.e. what books or magazines has any details in, especially the name of the book or magazine, the date or number of the magazine. Has anyone taken out articles from magazines they can photocopy and let me have to start the file off with? Can the US Navy SIG run by Alan Carr & Peter Quinn point us in the direction we wish to go do they have anything that can help.

Furthermore are there any members who consider themselves experienced enough to answer any queries on any planes that we make. Are they prepared to let us make a list of names and aircraft they can offer information on, i.e. could Mick Pitts answer questions on Mustangs and Alan Wright for Spitfires.

Request For Instructions

Does anyone have instructions for the following Tamiya kits?

- MM. 75mm



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- MM 75mm MARDER II
- SDKFZ 251

Ken

Peter's Bits

To follow on from Ken's request for a listing of information sources I would be happy to act as the focal point for this. If anyone wants to be a "registered" expert in a certain field let me know and I'll knock out a listing. I have enclosed the latest address list of the club members supplied by Ricky, this contains a limited listing of member's interests, and this may be a good starting point. As with most things, please feel free to ask, we don't bite (well often!) I have also printed the list of articles I have found on the Internet, which I have brought along to the club in previous months. If there are any articles listed you missed, again let me know and I'll print a copy off for you.

Peter

Ricky's Bits

Halloo all, both Angie and I have been suffering from "Post Holiday Depression" recently due to one of the best holidays we've had in years. As you know I have retired from BT to have all this time to do what I want? So although the holiday was already booked before I left work this was my "Once in a lifetime retirement holiday".

In February we were invited to stay with some friends of ours in East London.....South Africa! Three weeks of sun, cheap beer, cheap food, glorious country and people. If you ever get the opportunity to go then don't hesitate.

Whilst out there, wherever I went, I looked for any form of model shops I could find and found just one small one in a hobby shop. The man was enthusing over his model section and how within a few weeks he was expecting a shipment of Airfix kits. I didn't have the heart to tell him I had more than he did in his shop!! Having spent a few hours on the Internet before leaving work I know that there is a South African IPMS branch, so where do they get their models? Incidentally all the magazines over there are exactly what we get here, no South African magazines.

IPMS Brampton

Now I don't often get the chance to get to many shows but this one was an exception. With no West Ham home match or urgent jobs to do !!! Saturday morning found us taking a slow drive up the M11 to St Ives in Cambridgeshire. Finding it was dead easy due to the map provided, in fact finding the car park was harder.

It was a good day out spoilt only by the torrential rain. Well done Brampton model club who ran it. Also well done to Mick Pitts for saving me money (us pensioners have to be careful). There was a stall there selling hundreds of kits at half price. Mick, getting there early, decided to buy some bargain WW1 kits, which if I had seen, I might have been tempted to buy... thanks Mick.

During the show Mick and I were talking about rigging biplanes. Driving home in the rain I was thinking of the different ways of doing this, then remembered the modelling tips that I used to



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periodically bring to the club nights. This was over 3 years ago, some of the new members may not be aware of these, so I thought I would resurrect them with a few others I've gained.

More Laws of Modelling (cont)

- Tube glue strings only in the presence of clear parts.
- Paint always causes seams to crack.
- As soon as you scratch build a model, someone will release a vacform kit of it
- As soon as you finish a vacform kit, an injection moulded version will be released.
- As soon as you convert an injection moulded kit to the version you want, another manufacturer will release it.
- As soon as you complete that kit, a better kit will be released.

Hot Tips, Hot Tips, Hot Tips

- When Scribing lines put double edged tape on the back of your ruler or template to stop it sliding.
- When scribing, instead of using a needle or scribing tool, try a "P" cutter made for cutting perspex. It will take a fine "V" shape out of the model.
- When scribing around curves it is hard to make a rule or template curve. Use Dymo Tape, it sticks to the model and is firm on its edge.
- In order to make panel lines, control surface separation lines and other lines that must be of constant width, use a drafting pen. These pens use a permanent ink, line width depending on the size of the point used.
- Clean "plastic clogged" files with a brass – bristle suede brush. If that doesn't do a complete job, soak the file in lacquer thinner or acetone for a few hours.
- Novelty battery powered cocktail mixers and toy electric motors can be converted to miniature paint stirrers by making a short stirring stick to replace the mixing blade. This will mix paint more uniformly than by hand.
- Liquid cements craze clear plastic parts, so use white wood glue to attach canopies, windshields and other clear parts. The glue will hold the part firmly enough for security and can even be used as a seam filler. Apply a small amount, let it become touch dry, then remove excess with a dampened Q-tip.
- Built your model ? Great !! Now what do you do in a months time when its full of dust ? Most modellers clean theirs with a large soft paintbrush. However you can, with this, knock off some of the smaller parts so try this method. All you need is a small sheet of stiff cardboard, an old ballpoint pen and a piece of blue tack . Make a hole in the centre of the card just large enough to take the ballpoint pen (with its refill and end removed) . Push the pen through the hole then seal around the pen with the blue tack . Borrow the wife's Hoover, switch on and place the card over the nozzle. The suction will hold the card onto the nozzle, providing there is no air leak around the pen you will get a very strong suction down the hollow pen tube.
- Many aircraft canopies and windows are tinted blue to screen out the sun . To simulate this tint buy a bottle of Testors metallic blue and let it stand for a week until the pigment and metallic particles have settled. Brush or airbrush the blue liquid from the top of the bottle over the clear



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plastic parts. Red lights on the wings can similarly be tinted with Testors ruby red, green lights can be tinted with metallic green. The green can also be used on celluloid for goggles on figures or green windows elsewhere.

- A 40 to 60 watt light bulb melts sprue without the dangerous flame of a candle. Hold the sprue near the bulb until it softens, then stretch away.
- Good stationery stores hold a variety of clamps useful to the modeller. Especially useful are the bulldog clips, which come in a variety of sizes. Clothes pegs also make good clamps. Try reversing the halves for an even better clamp.
- Mud stains on armoured vehicles can be made with a paste of flat dark brown paint and talcum powder.
- Convincing mud can be made from calamine lotion. Add charcoal, ground pastel chalks or india ink to vary the colour. It can also be applied to tyres, wheels, tank tracks, etc.

Ricky



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August Competition

Dear all, sorry that I could not be at the club on the 17th but I was on holiday. The report I got from Bob was that the standard was quite fair. Thanks a lot to Bob Plumridge and my brother for doing the competition for me.

Aircraft

Well done to Peter Bagshaw on getting 1st place for his Tigercat and to Mark Thompson for his 2nd place with a Swordfish. Well done to Ken and Paul for joint 3rd, and Bob and Alan for joint 4th. Well done to all that entered.

Results

Position	Entrant	Entry	Votes
1 st	Peter Bagshaw	Grumman F7F Tigercat	46
2 nd	Mark Thompson	Fairey Swordfish	40
3 rd	Ken Sparks Paul Bennett	McDonnell Douglas A-4 Skyhawk Vought Cutlass	28
4 th	Alan Wright Bob Ryan	Fairey Swordfish Supermarine Seafire FR.47	26
5 th	Ian Brown	Hawker Sea Fury	25
	Peter Quinn	Lockheed S-3 Viking	23
	Peter Quinn	Vought F-8 Crusader	21
	Peter Bagshaw	Grumman F6F Hellcat	18
	Mark Hogan	McDonnell Douglas F-18 Hornet	12
	Ken Sparks	Grumman Avenger	5

Final positions after 1st round - Aircraft Competition

Peter Bagshaw	30
Ken Sparks	26
Mark Thompson	23
Paul Bennet	21
Alan Wright	19
Bob Ryan	19
Ian Brown	17
Peter Quinn	10
Mark Hogan	5



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Miscellaneous

Again a close game, only 5 entries, but all were to a high standard. Well done to Peter Bagshaw for 1st & 2nd places with his 2 Ruskies and to Bob & Ron for joint 3rd and again Ron for 4th.

Results

Position	Entrant	Entry	Votes
1 st	Peter Bagshaw	SU-76	69
2 nd	Peter Bagshaw	IS-II	68
3 rd	Ron Newbold Bob Ryan	9.25" Trench Mortar Lotus 25	55
4 th	Ron Newbold	ZSU-23	49

Final positions after 1st round - Miscellaneous

Peter Bagshaw	48
Ron Newbold	40
Bob Ryan	19

Dave



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