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LAST MONTHS A.G.M., FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TABLE.

A big thank you for all the members that turned up for last months meeting, the dreaded A.G.M. An even bigger thank you must go to Peter Bagshaw for staying away, when I saw him briefly while picking up the tea & coffee gear he was sneezing and coughing like a 60 a day man. I don't know about you, but I didn't fancy sitting next to him at the meeting! Well as these things go it was an excellent A.G.M. in terms of speed and efficiency, only fifty-five minutes from bringing the meeting to order to closing it, a record I think! Does this mean that everybody is happy with the running of the club and the direction it's taking or that the tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat is more important?

I think I speak for all of the committee when I thank you for your vote of confidence in us as we were all re-elected unopposed, or are we back to the tea & coffee question?! This year we were blessed with an uncontentious agenda and with the exception of the subscriptions issue not really much to debate. I almost fell off of my chair when there were no items raised towards the end of the meeting from the floor under the any other business heading!

So from a committee member's point of view, a simple and painless A.G.M. Let us all look forward another good year, with more articles for Sticky Fingers, more models in the competitions. Perhaps more members visiting the shows, a few new members and most importantly, enjoying our hobby as individuals and a club.

LANCING SHOW OR THE HORNCHURCH SEASIDE BEANO.

Peter Bagshaw with Adele, my Wife and myself set off for the Lancing model show amid high winds and very ominous clouds. However with the exception of a couple of very brief heavy showers, the run down to the coast was uneventful. One thing we did see on the way down was a Lamborghini owners club going to a show somewhere in the opposite direction. Even with the road and wind noise at 70mph, you could hear and feel these cars going past, most impressive.

When we arrived to set up the stand we found out that we were in the bar area, which was a little bit on the shady side unfortunately. However, as soon as we set up the club stand the sun came out and things looked a lot brighter. Peter and myself had our usual sniff through the "under the table" boxes, without much luck. However I saw a Tamiya 1/48th Mosquito fighter/bomber with a bomber version canopy and no decals for £10. As I have a Falcon vac-formed canopy and a sheet of Aeromaster decals in my bits box at home I offered £8 and it was mine.

The smell of cooking bacon now started wafting through the hall from the kitchen and all thought of models was put to the back of my mind. Following my nose I found the bacon rolls and Sue and Wally, I know that the smell of cooking bacon can draw people in, but surely not all the way from Hornchurch! Sue and Wally were going to Hastings for the day and dropped in for a look while "passing", I think that Wally needs to put a new road atlas on his Christmas list! The other delights from the kitchen were sausage rolls, cheese & bacon slices and an assortment of very nice cakes, all homemade, which just to be sociable, I indulged in.

It was while coming out of the kitchen area that I was "collared" by the organiser of the show with a request to enter a couple of models to make the numbers in the competition a bit more respectable, and probably to cover the cost of the awards. So living up to my last article in Sticky Fingers, I entered my Fw 190 D-9 and Me 109 E-4 and twisted Peters arm to enter his WW1 helicopter. Duty done we settled down to a bit of modelling and chatting to people interested in the club display while my Wife went for a walk into town. Although a small show, we had a very busy time talking to people, answering their questions and describing our modelling techniques and "tricks", the time flew by and before we realised it, the results of the competition were about to be announced.

Peter won the 1/72nd class with his WW1 German hairdryer and I won the 1/48th class with the Fw 190 and placed third with the Me 109. Both feeling chuffed; we put our models back on the table with the awards and spent the last hour of the show chatting to more interested people. We packed up and exited the hall into a rather "bracing" wind off of the sea, models safely stowed we had a trouble free run home, about an hour and a half.

Although a small and perhaps limited, the Lancing show is a really good friendly show having almost a club meeting feel to it and one that I can thoroughly recommend.

Travel tip: When I travel to and from shows with my models, I have gotten into the habit of using parcel tape to bind all the boxes into one "lump". This ensures that the top box of the stack doesn't take flying lessons going into or out from the show. How many show regulars have seen this happen with its inevitable results? This certainly proved its worth at the Lancing show given the strong gusty winds encountered. It also cuts down the number of trips to and from your car carrying your models.

IPMS Hornchurch AGM Report

Peter Bagshaw –Club Secretary

Dear Club Member

Firstly I would like to thank all the members who attended the AGM and voted to keep me on as the Club Secretary, this was despite me not being able to attend due to a heavy head cold I'd picked up over the weekend. If there are any inaccuracies in this report they are totally down to my misinterpretation of the summary of the proceedings I've received.

Thankfully this appeared to be a less contentious AGM than some of the others we have known, so here are the salient points.

The one major change that will affect you immediately is the change to the club subscriptions and then also the new schedule. So please look at these closely.

I have also included some other club information some of which may or may not be of interest.

Contact List

Bob Plumridge is updating the club contact list, if he hasn't already checked your details please see him at the next meeting to confirm your address, telephone and email (if you have one).

Club Sweatshirts or Polo shirts

A reminder to those members that haven't got one yet, club sweatshirts and polo shirts can still be ordered, ideally we would need about 5-10 items to make up an order before submitting so it may be a while before the order is placed. The prices are as follows: -

Sweatshirts are £13.00

Polo shirts are £12.00

Sizes are Large (L), Extra Large (XL) and Extra Extra Large (XXL).

Next Months Meeting

For those of you not at the AGM when the schedule for the year was put together, the June meeting will be a "Show and Tell" evening, where we all bring to the club a model or models that are part way through the build process. We can then have a good old discussion over kits where we see something we like and can ask the owner stuff like "how did you do that?", or suggest something that may help them to complete the model. So no excuses, I expect to see lots of models in various states of assembly in June, after all we are all modellers aren't we?

That's all for now, so settle back and enjoy the highlights of IPMS Hornchurch AGM Report.

Regards

Peter Bagshaw

IPMS Hornchurch Club Secretary

IPMS Hornchurch 2006 AGM Report.

The then present Committee presented their reports as follows: -

Bob Plumridge (Treasurer) – Presented a breakdown of the clubs accounts for the year.

Danny Alvisse (Editor Sticky Fingers) – Not a great deal to report, although as is always the case, he would be interested in receiving articles from club members.

Robin Bellamy (Competition Secretary) – Commented on another successful year of competitions, he noted that the standard of models was as high if not higher than ever, but the number of entrants was down on previous years.

Peter Bagshaw (Club Secretary) – Although I couldn't attend in person I did put together a few notes which are included below: -

I think this year has been quite a successful one for the club; we have enticed/attracted back a few new and some old returning members back to the fold. We have unfortunately lost a few members too, notably Ken Sparks who passed away last June.

The Good Bits.

Another successful Southern Expo, not directly related to this club I know but it wouldn't happen without the efforts of some of the club members.

I thought we had a reasonably varied set of club meetings; the 2 guest speakers were interesting.

Membership attendance appeared to be fairly steady.

Club Competition. We had some really good models entered into the club competitions.

The Not So Good Bits

Lack of participation. As I said in the post Expo report it is a great pity that more members cannot or will not spend some time at the club stand. Without volunteers spending time at the stand talking to people as they come round we don't have much of a "hope in hell" attracting new members. I know we all have our shopping to do but without "showing our faces", such as they are, at model shows the club will wither away.

Competitions. Not enough members appear to be entering, is there any point in having a competition? For those people who make models but don't enter them into the competition I would be interested in finding out why or at least why you feel you can't or won't bring them along to a club night for display.

The committee posts were then voted in. Myself, Bob and Danny were happy to continue in their roles and were re-elected as there were no other nominees for their positions.

Robin Bellamy (poor devil) was effectively nominated for Deputy Secretary and fool that he is agreed to undertake this role. The Competition Secretary role has been merged into the Deputy Secretary role.

No other posts were created.

The proposal I raised and detailed in the April copy of Sticky Fingers was then debated.

Club Subscriptions

I would like to propose that we revert to the previous method of club subscriptions, i.e. all members pay £2 per evening attended, the December meeting being free of charge at the discretion of the committee.

Club membership is deemed to be anyone who has either attended a meeting and paid at least one £2 subscription within the last 12 months or anyone who has contributed £2 to the Treasurer to cover the cost of a meeting attendance, for those members who wish to be part of the club but feel they may not be able to attend any meetings for any reason.

The reason for this is that although the current subscription method mostly worked it was a little too cumbersome in practical use.

This proposal was discussed and passed.

Competition Classes

Following on from a question from a club member the following category clarification was made. Entrants into the Armour/Military Vehicles category of the IPMS Hornchurch Trophy competition must contain an engine otherwise they should be entered into the Miscellaneous category, e.g. the British 25 pounder anti-tank gun would be classed as a Miscellaneous entry unless it was paired with a truck or similar towing vehicle as part of a diorama, in which case it would be classed as qualifying for entry into the Armour/Military Vehicles category.

In all cases the Competition Secretary's decision is final.

Any Other Business –

No other points were raised.

IPMS Hornchurch 2006/2007 Meeting Schedule.

June 19th	Work In Progress Bring in models you are working on at the moment
July 17th	Competition Night
August 21st	Guest Speaker – Planned to be Kevin Nunn from Brigade Models
September 18th	Video Night Hoping to get videos from the 80's Mildenhall and Greenham Common displays.
October 16th	Competition Night
November 20th	Earliest and Latest Bring in the earliest model you have and the last one you've completed
December 18th	Quiz and nibbles
January 15th	Competition Night
February 19th	Show and Tell Mini demonstrations of useful techniques
March 19th	Competition Night
April 16th	Competition: Modeller of the Year
May 21st	AGM

Club Display Code of Conduct

- 1) Do not spill any food or drinks on the tablecloths; if possible avoid eating or drinking behind the stand.
- 2) Keep the language clean. Swear words may well put off families from approaching the club.
- 3) Always keep the stand manned - with 1 person in front if possible. If you are the only person there and need to leave the stand find someone else from the club and request they take over.
- 4) Be polite to the punters.
- 5) If you see someone has been manning the stand for a long period of time - offer them a break.
- 6) Be careful with the models - report any damage and arrange for repair if possible. Unless absolutely necessary let the owner of the model move it.
- 7) When setting up - make sure that the club name placard is on show, that flyers are available and that any themed displays are clearly identified.
- 8) Try not to bring along the same models time after time. Refresh your display models as often as possible.
- 9) A Display Organizer will be appointed by the Club Committee/Secretary for each show the club attends. They will be responsible for the following: -
 - o The club display cloths and club name plate are available and used.
 - o The appropriate club display bases and stands are used, note for some shows where a small number of models or modellers are in attendance you may not need all or any of the stands.
 - o Will have the authority to request the moving of models to provide the best possible display.
 - o Will have the authority to request the removal of models to make room for other club members e.g. if late attendees arrive and it is safe to do so. The aim would be to allow an equal amount of display space for all members attending and wishing to display

Peters Pratting.

Next month – July 2006

- Is competition night. Don't forget all newly completed models are eligible as the classes are all open in terms of subject. Even if you don't "rate" the model yourself enter it any way there's always someone who may be interested in finding out how you did something with the kit or willing to give constructive criticism.

Annual General Meeting

My apologies for not being there on the evening, I was suffering from a really nasty head cold and didn't think it would go down too well passing this on to you all too.

My thanks to Robin for filling the breach and overseeing the proceedings, it looks like he's been dropped in it/voted (deleted as appropriate) to the post of Deputy Secretary and obviously for re-electing me to the honoured position of Club Secretary.

I've updated the meeting schedule for the club meetings this year and as before I'll put next months event in my Sticky Fingers report.

Southend Competition

I did manage to recover enough from my cold to drag myself to do some judging at the Southend club end of year competition. They run their competition in a different format to us. They have loads of classes, about 40 or so if I remember correctly. A competition round is held every month with voting occurring in any class that has had a model entered into it. Obviously some classes may only have 1 model entered in any single month so it goes through to the end of year by default. The end of year competition then gathers up all the monthly class winners and we vote for the winner from each class and various other trophies, e.g. best overall model. Well I think that's how it works! Is this any better than what we do? In my opinion not necessarily it's just different. After all if the club as a whole only produce 30 models to actually enter into competitions I can't see how a different scheme will generate any more models. I personally find that having a deadline to work to stimulates me to finish a model, where as if we held a competition every month I may be inclined to think that I can finish the model for next month, putting off the completion date without then ever finishing anything. Having said that it was quite daunting to see more than quite a few models on the table all at one time,

although there did appear to be less models this year than last. John Huston came along with his camera to take a few photos, so next month I'll try and include a few to give a flavour of the display.

New Hannants London

Just in case some of you weren't aware. Hannants have closed their shop at Colindale, the one just outside the tube station; apparently they couldn't renew the lease as Tesco wanted to develop the site. However ex-club member Carmell and the shop manager Gary have opened up a new franchised Hannants shop at the following address. The shop has opened as of Saturday 10th June, but I must admit I haven't been able to get down there yet to show some support, but I'm sure we all wish them well with their venture.

Hannants London
Unit 2
Hurricane Industrial Estate
Avion Crescent
Grahame Park Way
Colindale/Hendon
NW9 5QW

Forthcoming Shows in 2006

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.

1st July (Saturday)	East of Scotland Model Show (IPMS Dundee). Marryat Hall, Caird Hall Complex, Dundee City Centre, from 10.00am 'till 4.00pm.
20 th August (Sunday)	IPMS Avon. Yate Leisure Centre.
2 nd & 3 rd September (Saturday & Sunday)	IPMS Medway show – Held at the Royal Engineers Museum Gillingham, Kent, we could attend on either or both days. Danny has volunteered to go to this show provided someone else can go along to help man the stand.
3 rd September (Sunday)	IPMS Brampton. Priory Centre, Priory Lane, ST. NEOTS PE19 2BH. We have 2 tables booked.
9 th September (Saturday)	IPMS Mid Sussex – ex "Fort Full of Models". This is in a new location at Haywards Heath.
10 th September (Sunday)	Sutton Coldfield Model Makers Society Model Spectacular 2006. Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, West Midlands. 10.00 am. to 4.30 pm
17 th September (Sunday)	Wings and Things. Held at the Spalding Grammar School in aid of Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance
1 st October (Sunday)	East Anglian Model Show. Stowmarket
18 th & 19 th November (Saturday and Sunday)	Scale Modelworld – IPMS Nationals. The club IPMS branch return has been sent in to the Branch Liaison Officer so in theory we should have space booked for the show.

That's all for now, so happy modelling.

Current Club Competition Rules

- The competitions are split into 2, the Wally Arrowsmith Trophy for Aircraft subjects and the IPMS Hornchurch Trophy for Miscellaneous subjects.
- Each competition will be run over 4 rounds.
- The schedule and any “Themes” for the competitions are decided at the AGM in May.
- All models must have been completed after 1st May for that competition year.
- Each competition has been split into 2 categories.

	Category 1	Category 2
Aircraft	1/72 nd scale or less	Greater than 1/72 nd scale
Miscellaneous	Military vehicles any scale	Anything else, i.e. not an aircraft or military vehicle subject.

- Registration of models must be made before 20:15 to allow voting to start at this time.
- Members vote for the winning models in order of preference from 1st to 5th places in each category and competition.
- For each competition round a maximum of 2 models per category may be entered, i.e. 2 models in Category 1 and 2 models in Category 2 are the maximum allowed per round.
- Modellers may enter either or both competitions and categories, Aircraft and Miscellaneous.
- A model may only be entered into any competition once.
- Dioramas count as 1 model.
- Two models on one base, but not a diorama, count as 2 models.
- Modellers are not expected to vote for their own entries.
- The person with the highest overall number of points in each competition (Aircraft or Miscellaneous) after the 4th round will be the club champion.
- In the event of a tie on points the number of 1st and 2nd places etc. will be the deciding factor.
- In the event of a dispute the Competition Secretary’s decision is final.

Scoring

Every model entered in each competition scores 5 points.

The following points will be awarded for the 1st five places in each competition category.

1 st place	20 points
2 nd place	18 points
3 rd place	16 points
4 th place	14 points
5 th place	12 points

i.e. a person entering 1 model who comes 3rd will score 5 points for entry plus 16 points for 3rd place, giving a total of 21 points.

Peter.

Ha! Ha!

My Wife Says" At Least The Other Woman Is A Plastic Model Car, But Do You Have To Have So Many!"lol

Tech Tips

Masking Wheels

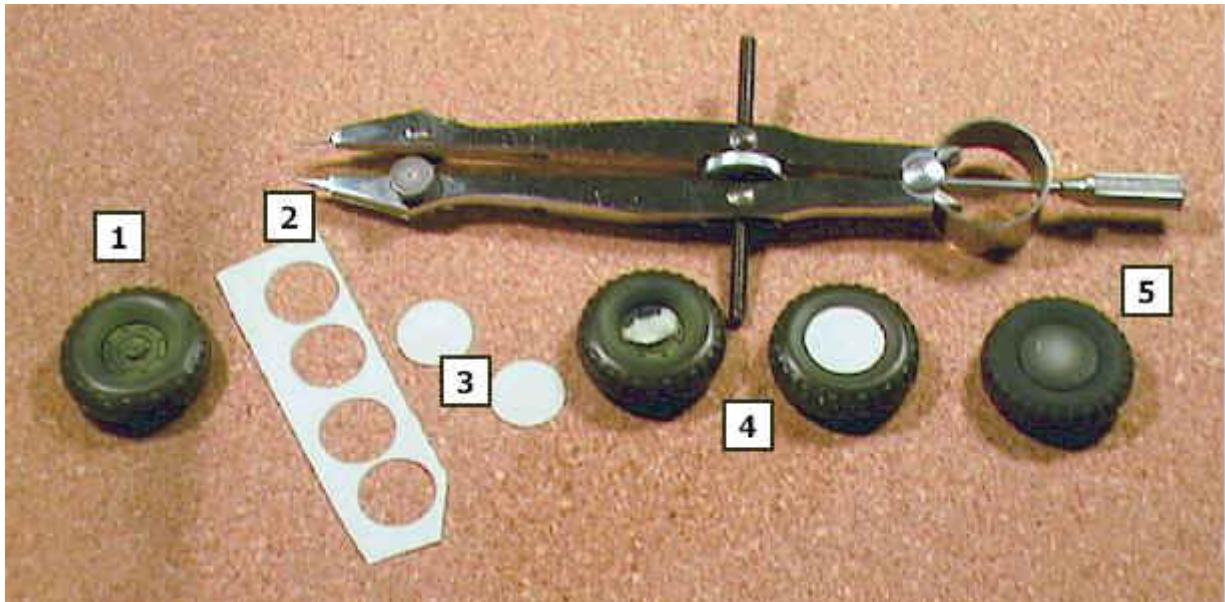
I'm sure that many fellow model builders out there will agree that masking and painting wheel hubs of vehicles, road wheels of AFVs or aircraft is an ungrateful task.

If you are lucky enough to model large-scale modern kit it may contain wheel hubs and tires as separate parts. For the rest of us, there has been a choice between masking or hand-painting. I have tried several less-than perfect methods, my personal favourite being covering the wheel in Parafilm M and cutting out the rim shape. Cutting out a perfect circle had been a tedious and error-prone process.

Another favourite of mine is using a circle template from a drafting supply store. Paint the wheels rubber colour first, then use circle template to paint the centres. The only problem is to find a template with a hole matching the size of the rim...

Latest trend are pre-cut round vinyl masks, like the ones provided by Eduard or Cutting Edge. Even though these are effective, they need to be ordered separately and add to the cost of the model. In practice, I've found that pre-cut masks repeat the problem of drafting templates: the right diameter mask never seem to be at hand when needed.

During my last project I arrived at the method which has all the advantages of the vinyl mask or circle template, is just as easy, but allows you to retain full control over the size and number of masks used. Here's how to do.



You will need the following:

- **Thin sheet styrene or acetate**
- **A drafting compass**
- **Parafilm M or modelling clay**

A compass you use should have needles at both ends. It should also have wheel adjustment or built-in stop to prevent over-extending the legs.

Step 1, paint the wheel hub area with the appropriate colour and leave it off to dry. No masking necessary here as this is the first paint coat. **Step 2** is cutting out the masks. Set the compass for the exact diameter of the rim. Place a thin sheet of styrene on the hard surface and score a circle with the compass. If you don't have thin sheet styrene at hand, a piece of plastic lid from a food product like yoghurt or cottage cheese will do. Continue to score until the sheet is cut through and you get a separate circle. It usually comes out in perfect shape, but if you are a purist, you may smooth its edges with a very fine sandpaper. - **Step 3**. Now you have a perfect circular mask exactly matching the size needed. To attach it to the wheel (**Step 4**), I stick it to a small blob of Parafilm M placed inside the wheel. I believe that a tiny bit of modelling clay (play-Doh style) may also be used for this. *Voilá* - masking ready. The remaining **Step 5** is a pleasure - just spray everything with rubber colour. Ready!



The final result - which can be seen on the adjacent photo - is as good as it gets. The method is quick, easy, and should be manageable by everyone. The entire painting process for the four wheels of the Tamiya Humvee shown here took less than 15 minutes!

TECH TIP

CLEAR SPRUE LENSES
Ever had trouble making realistic lenses for undercarriage landing lights etc? Take a piece of clear sprue, then heat and stretch it to make thick stretched sprue. Cut the sprue into lengths and carefully heat by holding the tip close to the flame. The end will "bell out" forming a perfect clear lens. With



practice, you will be able to make miniature lenses for all sorts of applications. Take care not to set light to the plastic though!

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He has mentioned that P&P would be £3.85 so say £5.50 each to keep it simple, but by my calculations £4.95 + £3.85 = £8.80

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or you could ask him at the club meeting.