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## Peters Prattling

### Next month – Favourite Model & Brain/Barn storming

Bring along your favourite model but be prepared to be quizzed why by someone. Also have a think about any modelling questions you would like answered, there's probably someone in the club who's has a fix or encountered similar issues.

### Steve Hubbard – RIP

For those who missed the announcement by Ted Taylor last month.

It is with a sad heart that I relay this message, on Saturday morning the 16th August Steve Hubbard suffered a serious heart attack and died, Steve was a very good friend of mine and a fine modeller, he was a long time member of IPMS and leader of the FAA SIG for a number of years. We travelled to many shows together where Steve always greeted group members with a smile and cheery hello. In recent years Steve took up the golf clubs and had a little less time for the SIG but was always interested in the group, he will be sorely missed.

He leaves behind a wife Veronica and two children plus a grand daughter.

### Ted

### Last months Meeting

I received this feedback from Alan Carr and on a personal note I think Phil did admirably to put across his own experiences despite some interruptions from some no doubt well intentioned members.

#### A Big Thank You

I would like to say on behalf of myself and (I hope) my fellow members a big thank you to Phil for his excellent presentation on acrylics and air brushing that he gave at the last club meeting.

I was standing to the right and slightly behind him when he gave his talk and unless you do public speaking on a regular basis, it can be rather daunting to have twenty plus of your peers sitting in front of you and listening to every word.

The atmosphere was lightened by the good natured banter that came from the floor; the evening was very informative for me as a new user of acrylics. But one question I did fail to ask is the use of windscreen wash, is it a thinner, or a cleaner? And it was news to me that brush cleaner is of no use with this paint.



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I hope that Phil or indeed anyone else within the club do decide to give another presentation, at least with a live presentation if you have any queries in the future the person is there to ask more questions.

Once again, thank you Phil.

**Alan Carr**

## **New Competition Category at IPMS(UK) Scale Modelworld**

(or the Nationals for those over a certain age)

For those members of the club that are IPMS members our illustrious leadership has introduced a new competition class for Scale Modelworld 2008. The new class is a **Branch Champions Award** and will consist of one entry from each branch and an overall winner selected from the group. The model can be of any subject, any scale and as detailed, or not, as required, please note we can only enter a model that has been produced by an IPMS member. The questions I have to put to the club are:-

Do you want the club to enter this competition?

If yes, how did you want to select a model to send? My suggestion would be to select one by popular vote from the models entered into the club competition over the last year (2008).

## **Scale ModelWorld Dates**

The IPMS(UK) Executive Committee have secured a five year deal with the management of the International Centre, Telford to host SMW (Scale Modelworld). So, for those of you who like to plan ahead, here's a note of the dates until 2013.

2009	November 7th/8 <sup>th</sup>
2010	November 13th/14 <sup>th</sup>
2011	November 12th/13 <sup>th</sup>
2012	November 10th/11 <sup>th</sup>
2013	November 9th/10th

## **Pegasus Models Under New Ownership**

by Chris Gannon

As you may recall, I recently mentioned that I was interested in finding a purchaser for Pegasus Models. I have been fortunate to find a like minded individual in Colin Strachan of Freightdog Models, to whom ownership of Pegasus Models, Silver Cloud Models and Blue Max productions passed this week.

As you have probably gathered I have had several major changes in life and these have extended to career as well. I am no longer in the position to run Pegasus full time and have struggled trying to run matters on a part-time basis for the past year. I have now relinquished all involvement in the business and would like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to Colin for the future.

Colin intends to continue the business started by myself in 1982; it will be officially re-launched this year at Scale Model World after an absence of three years. New releases in the Pegasus and Blue Max ranges will follow in 2009, including the recently completed Blue Max 1/48th. Macchi M.5 flying boat. Several Blue Max kits will be re-introduced in time for Scale Model World.

Until the revamped Pegasus website is re-launched, all information will be hosted on Freightdog's own website; <http://www.freightdogmodels.co.uk> with any enquires to [freightdog@bopenworld.com](mailto:freightdog@bopenworld.com)

I should like to close by thanking all my loyal customers of the past 26 years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have made the many acquaintances the world over that my company has afforded me. I am confident that in Colin, the business is in safe hands and that he will continue the enterprise started all those years ago and which gave me so much satisfaction and pleasure.



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## Forthcoming Shows in 2008

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.

2008	
21 <sup>st</sup> September (Sunday)	<b>IPMS Farnborough</b> present 'Modelfest', to be held at Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, Surrey GU15 2PQ
28 <sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)	<b>Brampton</b> The Burgess Hall, <b>St.Ives</b> , Cambridgeshire. Confirmed 2 tables
12 <sup>th</sup> October (Sunday)	<b>IPMS Lincoln / IPMS Newark and the Spitfire SIG</b> Expo 2008. The Grandstand, Southwell Racecourse, <b>Southwell</b> , Nottinghamshire NG25 0TS
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> November (Saturday & Sunday)	IPMS Scale Modelworld (aka The Nationals), <b>Telford International Centre</b> .

**Peter**

## Robins Ruminations

As promised a quick show report on "Present Arms" held at the Marshall's Park school in Romford on the 16th August by the local M.A.F.V.A. branch. Peter, Robert, Danny and myself were the members attending, with my son making a guest appearance, mainly in the canteen area it seemed! (Some things have never changed). The show was well organised and attended, with a few preserved vehicles parked in the schools forecourt. If A.F.V.'s are your thing this was a very good show with a fair number of traders present with all their goodies on offer. It was a shame that a couple of traders were not able to attend at the last moment, but such is the show circuit.

Not being an A.F.V. modeller, well, not normally anyway, the show was of limited interest to myself. However there was a lot to see and I would attend the show again if invited and the other club members said they would as well. On a purely personal note I found it a bit "odd", but unfortunately not unexpected, to have some attendees dressed up in various uniforms carrying replica or decommissioned weapons. Not quite my taste, but I suppose it's a case of whatever floats your boat.

Next show report, this one from the Royal Engineers Museum in Chatham, which the club attended on Sunday the 7th of September. Danny, Bob, John, Robert, Mick, my wife and I were present at the show. The show is only about 50 minutes drive from Hornchurch making it one of the closest shows that the club attends. The club displays and traders stalls were distributed amongst the various exhibits of the vehicles and hardware used by The Royal Engineers in recent years. An elevated walkway contained a club display and the competition area, with some excellent models on the tables. The Hornchurch club stand looked very good and was an excellent mix of all the types of models built by the members attending. Although a small show I was surprised how fast the time went, by the time I had sat on the stand, eaten lunch, looked at the displays, trade stands and exhibits it was packing up time. I think that all the members at the show enjoyed themselves and would probably attend next year if invited, I know that I would.

Around the walls of the museum were various rooms and display areas showing the history of the Royal Engineers and artefacts from around the World from their coming into being right up to date with their service in Afghanistan & Iraq. Two displays in particular took my eye, one consisting of the actual map that the Duke of Wellington used to deploy the allied forces at the battle of Waterloo with some of his pencil notes still visible. The other was a display case holding the gun, sword and other personal items belonging to and used by Lieutenant John Chard, R.E. during the defence of Rorke's Drift. Along with his personal items were assorted spears, shields and other paraphernalia recovered from the battlefield.

In last months Sticky Fingers I told you of my visit to the V-2 assembly and proposed launch site at La Couple in Northern France. Following on from that and with my Wife's "encouragement" I have acquired kits of the V-1 and V-2 from Pegasus Models. Although they are kiddies snap together models with less than 20 parts per kit, they are very good looking models. I built both in an afternoon and they are sitting on the side awaiting painting. It



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reminded me of my younger days, buying an Airfix kit out of Woolworth's and having it finished by teatime. It certainly makes a change from my "normal" modelling projects; I'll bring them along tonight as work in progress.

## **My official hat is now on.**

First of all let me thank Phil Worth for the excellent demonstration and talk on the spraying of acrylic paints. I was very interested in his use of Vallejo paints which I've just started to use myself in a limited way, seeing Phil spray them has opened more avenues of use for myself as I hadn't thought to spray them before the demonstration. I prefer to use enamels myself, never having had much success before using acrylics, but watching Phil use a hair dryer to speed up paint drying times even further had never occurred to me and has renewed my interest into the possibilities of using acrylics. I think that as part of my tank-building project, part of it will now be painting the beastie in acrylic paints.

Tonight of course is competition night, I will say no more about that except to wish all the entrants the best of luck and may the best models win.

**Robin**

## **Wrighty's Talking Point No 3**

Do we as modellers and military enthusiasts and the modelling press in general spend too much time living in the past, especially in the 6 year period of W.W.II? Unless we are under 25 years old where such a period is of major interest as it is still new to us, the majority who are 40+ have virtually covered it all, much of it more than once. I am not suggesting that we put a blanket ban on W.W.II or any other period, which all have a place, and some people specialise in only a certain period or type of model, and good on them if that's their choice. I must say that it often bewilders me when people on quiz shows in say the 20/35 years old bracket cannot even answer the simplest questions on W.W.II. I accept that immigrant citizens may not know or want to, but many domestic born citizens fall into this category too. "Well what does it matter?" you might ask, well recently I have been looking at aviation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, all modern, current and future jet aircraft and projected military strategy. (Sorry it's aircraft again, but this may basically apply to Army matters).

Most of my information comes from the magazine Air Forces Monthly and the bi-monthly Combat Aircraft, there is much going on at present regarding new aircraft and especially in the Soviet Union and USA, whilst we in the UK along with our European partners have the Eurofighter Typhoon. The question is really "is it enough, is it good enough?" Also think about this, is it wise to alienate the Russians over Georgia, when we don't have enough to cover Iraq and Afghanistan with the proper military hardware. By the way one final point, how many MPs in the Commons have even heard of South Ossetia before the Georgia incident? Answer 3% if you are lucky, I would guess, Premier Brown being among the 97% who hadn't heard of South Ossetia. I was one of the 3%, yes it's between Upminster and Aveley (South Ockenden!). Next month I shall update you on some of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> generation jets that don't seem to make the modelling books or tables. You may well say modern jets are not my thing, but at least you should be aware of what's going on, shouldn't you?

## **Sky Discovery Channel Series – Dogfights**

If you are fortunate to have Sky TV, I would like to bring your attention to the series Dogfights running at the present on Wednesday, but Sky usually repeat their programs quite frequently and therefore they should be around for the autumn at least. These depict all aspects from W.W.I biplanes through to W.W.II operations on land and over the sea, desert to Arctic etc. The graphics of the aircraft (computer generated) are excellent, all detail is correct and the re-enactment of the moves, alongside wartime footage and original participant's comments make a truly watchable 1 hour program. Also jet combat in Korea, Vietnam and the Israeli conflict, showing the use of missiles to dispose of opposition Mig fighters. One super special, a 2 hour version of the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, the graphics were superb, "ride on the bomb sight down onto the deck of USS Arizona", "see the devastation below decks" or "the destruction of US planes on Hickham Field", it certainly gives the film "Tora,Tora,Tora" a run for its money! I really hope you can catch 1 or 2 of these programs.

**Alan**