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Peters Prattling

Next month – Competition Night

The final round of this years truncated competition/club meeting schedule.



Southern Expo 2009

Depending on the rumours you heard, they are true! Southern Expo is back again in 2009.

The dates are Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March.

We had hoped to wait until the IPMS Nationals next month to announce the dates as this is a good opportunity for us to get round and see many of the traders who come along, however after the Brampton show we have an email from a trader who was concerned about a date clash with the Peterborough Model Show as they were planning on holding their show on one of the same days as us. The clash was confirmed so we've brought forward the date announcement for Expo to allow traders and clubs the ability to mull over which show to attend. We will initially be inviting those clubs and traders who attended last year first, so if you know of any one else who would like to come along to Expo for the first time, for now can you ask them to contact either Robin or myself and they'll go on the list for later.



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IPMS(UK) ScaleModelworld

(or the Nationals for those over a certain age)

Plea for Members to "Man the Stand"

As ever would any members who are planning on attending the Nationals this year please give some thought to giving Robin and myself a break for an hour or 2 if possible. As per last year this will hopefully be to your benefit too as it will give us the ability to visit most or possibly even all the traders and clubs with invites to Southern Expo. Please let me know ASAP whether you can spare some time.

New Competition Category

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).

Talk At Gidea Park Library – Wednesday 22nd October

Bert Duffeu was born in Jersey in the Channel Islands and was 9 years old when it was occupied by the Third Reich. Come along to Gidea Park Library for an interesting insight into how life was for a youngster growing up in an occupied land.

Life under Occupation



2008
National Year of Stories

Gidea Park Library
Wed 22 October 2008
2.00 - 3.00pm
Tickets @ £2

This is likely to be a popular event, so tickets need to be bought in advance from Gidea Park Library, Balgores Lane, Gidea Park RM2 6BS
Tel: 01708 441856
Refreshments will be provided

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Ted Taylor Has A New Website

<http://www.tedtaylor.hobbyvista.com/index.html>

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	
15th & 16th November (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale Modelworld ("The Nationals"), International Centre, Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH. We have 2 tables allocated.
2009	
11 th January (Sunday)	Bolton IPMS Model Bonanza 2009 at St Josephs RC High School, Chorley New Road, Horwich BL6 6HW
1st February (Sunday)	Milton Keynes. Stantonbury Leisure Centre, MK14 6BN – assuming we get an invite I'll be saying yes to this one, hopefully we'll stay in the same location!
15 th February (Sunday)	IPMS Wakefield - Huddersfield Sports Centre, Southgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD1 1TW
28 th February & 1 st March (Saturday & Sunday)	Trucks 'n' Tracks. Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, Kent
14 th March (Saturday)	Peterborough Model Show
14th & 15th March (Saturday & Sunday)	Southern Expo Model show – Hornchurch Sports Centre
5 th April (Sunday)	Shropshire Model Show – RAF Museum Cosford
19 th April (Sunday)	Hinkley Model Show
7th & 8th November (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale Modelworld ("The Nationals"), International Centre, Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH

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Robins Ruminations

The theme for tonight's meeting is "bring along your favourite model". Tough one for me anyway, is it the model of something, be it a tank, car, plane or whatever that really "does it" for you? Perhaps it's the best kit build you've ever done? Or perhaps the best paint or decal finish? Or simply that certain model that for some reason just gives you a little warm glow whenever you look at it, regardless of build or paint finish quality. I guess models are a lot like women, all different, but one in particular is that special one in your eyes.

I'm unfortunately not sure at the time of writing this article if I will be able to attend this evenings meeting due to other commitments. However, at the risk of boring you I will tell you which of my models is my favourite model, even if it might not be on the table this evening. Although now getting a bit long in the tooth and certainly not my best built or finished model, my favourite must be my Messerschmitt 262A-1a.

I think that this one model was for me the culmination of a 30-year "apprenticeship" in modelling. Having built so many models, read magazines, modelling manuals and books, everything came together in this one model. I had the Monogram kit of the aircraft; good references and the Eduard brass set for the kit, decals with the correct style of Luftwaffe numbers. I had also at long last become proficient with my airbrush, compressor and paint combination and finally I picked up a book with photos and artwork of an unusual scheme for the Me 262.

I started on the old Monogram model of the Me 262 as I preferred the look and sit of the model compared with the new, (well it was then), Trimaster / Dragon models I had seen. The cockpit and wheel wells were given the full brass treatment, painted, washed and dry brushed. All of the raised panel lines were sanded and re-scribed. The areas of the leading edge slats were scrapped away leaving them slightly recessed to accommodate custom made ones from brass sheet. The trailing edge flaps were cut out, filled, reshaped and put back in the dropped position. The wing tip lights were cut out and replaced with small blocks of Perspex that had been drilled, coloured, sanded and finally polished to a high sheen. The rear jet exhausts were sanded out and replaced with brass tube and the original kit "onions" were then refitted. I then painted the model with my favourite Xtracolour enamels, decaled the model and then washed, chipped and stained the model until I was satisfied it looked like the original aircraft.

Of course soon after finishing the model umpteen resin detailing sets became available to enable the modeller to do what I had done in a fraction of the time. Of course my "unique" model became the subject of an Aeromaster decal sheet within a couple of months of me finishing the model, sound familiar? However I still think that this model was where I became truly happy with my modelling, when everything finally came together to produce a "real model" not just a kit that I had built and painted.

As most, if not all of you will be aware of by now, Southern Expo 2009 is definitely going ahead. As usual, after the normal seemingly interminable delays, we were offered the booking and a deposit was paid at the double before anybody could change their minds about it! So make a note, it's the 14th and 15th of March next year.

While on an Expo theme, Peter and myself will be attending the Nationals again this year. If any club members are going to attend the show, could they please spare us a while to sit on the stand to allow us to distribute the Expo invites and generally publicise the event. If nothing else the stand is a good place to rest your legs and have your nibbles before hunting for more bargains and goodies. Any amount of time allowed will be greatly appreciated.

My official hat is now on.

It only leaves me to thank all those that entered the competition last month and congratulate those that carried off the top honours. Looking at the standard of the competition entries of late, the Hornchurch stand at the Southern Expo is going to put on an even more impressive array of models than normal. Don't forget that the theme for the Expo is anything Airfix. How are these models coming along?

Robin



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Wrighty's Talking Point No 4

Talking Point – Replies

With regard to Talking Point No.1 (July S.F.) aircraft magazines, I carried out a survey of the club membership attending the September meeting to canvas opinion on the points raised in the article.

The findings were somewhat mixed but by and large mainly what one would expect. The biggest surprise was that more than half of you don't buy any magazines at all and some of the ways you go about obtaining your information required to facilitate your modelling. Cost to most us must represent value, and we would only pay out for a magazine that will offer at least 50% of content to our own particular interests.

Nobody actually stated they would buy a magazine for checking the availability of new kits and/or for "cottage industry" products (i.e. resin, brass or decals for example), although I suspect those who take SAMI are partly swayed by their coverage of such items. A further surprise is that even armour and car modellers are not regular contributors to their favoured magazines either.

General opinion on the point about too many magazines was that there were too many and some would go, however nobody offered a particular one that may be next to vanish. Several people expressed the opinion that mixed modelling magazines like Tamiya were a good way forward.

Finally some devious ways you employ to get a look at magazines, getting friends to pass on old copies when they have finished with them, at least 3 of you know of a 2nd hand stall at Chelmsford market who sells back numbers of various magazines at 3 for £2.50. (I'll put that on my list of "shopping trips for the wife" list). Actually maybe one of you could write in with directions to this modelling Mecca please?

The magazines:

I insisted upon members naming their favourite of the aircraft magazines, it came out almost even for SAM and SAMI, the feeling being that SAM for the historical content and SAMI for the modelling aspect. About 25% thought that MAM was really the best now for the most complete coverage of the build, in fact "everything you want in one place" one modeller stated.

The following were named in addition as being taken regularly or fairly regularly (subject to price conditions mentioned above). It was also pointed out that articles were not always accurate and reviews ranged from poor, naïve and childlike to error prone and made by inexperienced novices. The list:-

FlyPast
Fine Scale Modeler
Aeroplane
Airliners
Combat Aircraft
Military Scale Modelling
Military In Scale
Air Forces Monthly
Classic Cars

The Internet

I have left this until last, a number of members have this facility and use it regularly to search out their requirements, so reducing the need for books, photographs, archive history and of course magazines, and it's free, well almost, broadband charges excepted. So there you have it, the net is also chipping away from sales and will continue to do so. It seems a little sad that a wad of download may replace a magazine or book sooner than we think! Lastly the sheaf of 1983-1987 magazines I put out on the club table at the last meeting were printed before the "net" existed. I noted that they still capture the interest and really the content is not much different to today's offerings, only the graphic design has improved.



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In those early years of the internet during the '90's our club secretary Peter introduced us to many items of internet model and historical interest, which enabled me to write a series of books on aircraft subjects previously not covered, which appeared in the Sticky Fingers of those days. For newer members who may be interested Peter produced a CD (DVD now there are more articles – Ed) of all the editions. If you are interested contact me at a future meeting and I'll go through what's available with you. Thank you to all who took part in the survey.

New Generation Jets (re Talking Point #3)

F.22 Raptor (USA)

The F22 Raptor is a replacement for the F-15 Eagle and a prospective replacement for the F-117 Nighthawk. The F-22 combines stealth, state of the art avionics, high speed, long range and internal weapons bays. Currently some 180+ have been produced and are allocated to the 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. The 1st FW has the 27th and 94th Fighter Squadrons flying the F-22, the third squadron the 71st still operates the F-15C at the present. The 94th FS Commander Lt Col Kev Fester, who spent some 3,000 hours on the F-15E Strike Eagle a 4th generation jet explains the changes to the 5th generation F-22. "The F-22 has many complimentary features of the F-15, but it is a massive advance in many ways. If we do our job right, current tactics would prevent us getting into a visual flight, we could defeat opponents quickly and totally." (See below for an explanation of how).

The new AIM -9X missile is a planned update for the weaponry in the future for the F-22 in approximately 2014. It also carries the currently available GBU 32 guided bombs for possible ground attack missions. This will later be updated to the GBU 39 SDB systems if such missions were deemed necessary for future F-22s.

At the time of writing this it has been noted that a second F-22 Wing the 49th FW has been activated in New Mexico at the Holloman AFB in June 2008 to be operational by November 2009. The 49th FW has the 7th, 8th & 9th Fighter Squadrons as its component units, this unit previously flew F-117a Nighthawks from Holloman AFB, which were retired in April 2008. Incidentally the retirement was marked by a flypast of 4 of the 117 stealth fighters on 22nd April, the lead aircraft being painted on the under surface with the US flag for the occasion, after which they went to Nevada for storage.

Extract from Sky Programme

I have already written about Sky's series "Dogfights", this one called "Dogfights of the Future" (shown around 28th August) illustrates the above rather well with the following scenario:-

It centred on the F-22 Raptor (6) on a mission against a combined force of Russian Sukhoi Su-30 MKs (the type supplied to India) of about 12 aircraft and 6 of the French built Rafales, flown by Russia and an ally in 2016 over Central Europe.

Of course the Americans win (they made the film!), they have their technology but no hindsight on Russia, so the poor old "CCCP" have to make do with today's equipment.

Story:

Using their 5th generation technology and stealth to by-pass enemy radar they locate the enemy aircraft and launch the AIM-9X missiles from the internal weapons bays; these are virtually undetectable by the enemy, who had half their number destroyed before they knew of the existence of the F-22s in their airspace. The surviving Su-30s eventually locate and got within visual range of the F-22, they "lock-on" and release their R73 Archer missiles. Alarms warn the Raptors of the threat, they take drastic manoeuvring action to break the lock causing the missiles to miss. The Raptors then respond with heat seeking missiles (un-named variety) to finish off the remaining threat, the Rafales seeing this decide to run for home. Note that the R73 Archer is today's Russian missile in 2008, no improvement for 2016 there. It shows how it's easy to get carried away with "we are the greatest" when it's 2016 v 2008.

A second scenario was centred on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter operating against Sukhoi Su-47 Berkut fighters against a backdrop of an unmanned US aircraft and super B.1 bombers trying to bomb Russian territory in 2018. As the Yanks swept all before them again in dogfights of some 50+ for each side, the realisation is that in 2008 they have just 1 F-35 JSF at present, as indeed the Russians have just 1 Su-47 hidden in some dark hanger. As they say in wrestling a "One on One Super Bout" is the main event.



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A pause for thought

Did you see the artists drawing of the UKs new 60,000 ton aircraft carriers to be built for delivery in 2014 (we hope), I couldn't make out the twin tail of the carriers aircraft, I have now identified it, yes the F-35 JSF, we are one of the joint partners. Can you suggest a "Plan B" to our Government, whoever that may be in 2018? Answers to Sticky Fingers please!

One suggestion: Let's fund India to buy ½ dozen Sukhoi Su-33 carrier fighters then strip them down and improve them, as apart from the F-18 Super Hornet what else is available, who can guarantee the JSF F-35 will be successful or even if their carriers will ever be completed?

Alan

Competition Standings after the 2nd Round.

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

1/72nd Scale or Less

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Robin Bellamy	Albatross D.V	56
2 nd	Peter Bagshaw	Hawker Hunter F.6	39
3 rd	Alan Wright	Sukhoi Su-30	35
4 th	Paul Bennett	Hawker Hurricane	33
5 th	Paul Bennett	Supermarine Spitfire	27
	Brian	Vickers Wellington	24

Greater than 1/72nd Scale

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st =	Robin Bellamy Steve Crust	Mig-17 BAe Harrier GR7	56
2 nd	Robert Smith	Republic P-47 Thunderbolt	45
3 rd	Robert Smith	Republic P-47 Thunderbolt	41

Positions after 2nd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Paul Bennett	76
2 nd =	Steve Crust Robin Bellamy	50
3 rd	Peter Bagshaw	46
4 th	Alan Wright	44
5 th	Robert Smith	40
	Ted Taylor	25
	Charles Thompson	22
	Brian Mick Broad	5

IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Military Vehicles

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Mick Pitts	Pak 43/41	51
2 nd	Robert Smith	Stug III	50
3 rd	Danny Alvisse	M-26 Dragon Wagon	44
4 th	Peter Bagshaw	Panzer 38T	40
5 th	Peter Bagshaw	Tiger I	17
	Mick Pitts	Famo	15

Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Danny Alvisse	Ford Mustang	54
2 nd	Ted Taylor	MAN unit	50
3 rd	Sean Gamble-Beresford	Ferrari F330	49
4 th	Sean Gamble-Beresford	Tyrell P-34	40
5 th	Robin Bellamy	V-2	22

Positions after 2nd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Danny Alvisse	105
2 nd	Peter Bagshaw	57
3 rd	Ted Taylor	44
4 th	Sean Gamble-Beresford	40
5 th	Mick Pitts	30
	Ian Brown Phil Worth	25
	Kevin Curley Robert Smith	23
	Greg Brand	19
	Robin Bellamy Roy Prager	17

Robin Bellamy – Albatross D.V



Peter Bagshaw – Hawker Hunter F.6



Alan Wright – Sukhoi Su-30



Paul Bennett – Hawker Hurricane



Paul Bennett – Supermarine Spitfire



Brian – Vickers Wellington



Robin Bellamy – Mig -17



Steve Crust – BAe Harrier GR7



Robert Smith – P-47 Thunderbolt



Robert Smith – P-47 Thunderbolt



Robert Smith – Stug III



Mick Pitts – Pak 43/41



Danny Alvisse – M-26 Dragon Wagon



Peter Bagshaw – Panzer 38T



Peter Bagshaw – Tiger I



Mick Pitts – Famo



Danny Alvisse – Ford Mustang



Ted Taylor – MAN unit



Sean Gamble-Beresford – Ferrari



Sean Gamble-Beresford – Tyrell P-34



Robin Bellamy – V-2

