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This should be enough to put you off your pint!

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Peters Prattling

Next month – Tony Holmes

As you'll see I've had to re-jig the meeting schedule a little bit. Kathy couldn't make the May meeting so I've arranged for Tony Holmes to come along in May to give us a talk on US Naval related things. He should have some interesting DVDs for us to watch. Kathy is coming along in July, which just leaves us August to think about.

IPMS Barnet Show @ Hendon Sunday May 31st

By 11th May we need to have passed on to the organisers the names of the people who will be attending the show at Hendon, I presume this is partly for Health and Safety reasons but possibly so they know who to let in early for setting up. If you are interested in attending this show please let me know before this date with your name and the car registration number (if applicable) so I can complete the forms please.



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Last Years Competition Winners

From last months meeting, here are some pictures (there must be some blackmail opportunities in there somewhere) of the winners being presented with their trophy. Also on the website are some pictures from the Airfix themed models that were brought along.

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft) Robin Bellamy	IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Misc) Danny Alvisse	Modeller of the Year Steve Crust
		

Southern Expo 2009

As Robin also mentions in his ramblings, we raised £3,500 for the St Francis Hospice this year. The show certainly appeared to be a success, with attendance holding steady with last year. Certainly all bar the most miserable of traders reported takings were OK too, indeed one said that their takings were up 25% on last year. So now it's back to the grindstone of persuading the sports centre to let us book again for next year.

My thanks to all of those members who volunteered their services throughout the weekend, we would certainly find the weekend much harder to manage without you.

Judges for IPMS South East Essex

To return the favour of judging our modeller of the year competition that IPMS South East Essex (Southend) I have volunteered our services for their end of year competition. It's on Wednesday 20th May. I know those that have been before have enjoyed it.

No more Johnson Kleer!

Persistent rumours abound that Johnson have either stopped production of their acrylic floor polish (Kleer or Future depending on which country you are in), which some of us find very useful for either gloss coating models, shining canopies or laying on decals, or have changed the formula. If this is a product you like using now might be the time to stock up before it's all gone.

Newbury Model Club Show

Newbury Scale Model Club is pleased to announce, that we have got a venue and a date set for our very first Model/Hobby Show. It will be held at Greenham Common Airbase (as was). More precisely within the Liberty Ball Room's Sports Hall (which used to be the US Air Forces Gymnasium until the base closed).

The date is set for Sunday April 11th 2010.

For those wishing to stroll around outside you may be able to visit the old runway and some of the now converted hangers etc. There is stacks of nostalgia here.

Sounds like it might be interesting.

Forthcoming Shows in 2009

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.



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2009	
25 th & 26 th April (Saturday & Sunday)	Scottish Nationals, Perth
10 th May (Sunday)	IPMS Gloucester
16th May (Saturday)	Southdowns Model Show, Lancing, West Sussex
30 th May (Saturday)	IPMS Salisbury. Wyvern College Sports Hall, Church Road, Leverstock, Salisbury SP1 1RE
31st May (Sunday)	IPMS Barnet Show at the RAF Museum Hendon We have 2 tables allocated
28 th June (Sunday)	IPMS Coventry and Warwickshire
2 nd or 9 th August	Automodellismo 2009, Donnington Museum
23 rd August (Sunday)	IPMS Avon
5 th September (Saturday)	IPMS West Cornwall
20 th September (Sunday)	IPMS Fenland. Spalding Grammar School, Priory Road, Spalding PE11 2XH Sutton Coldfield show
27 th September (Sunday)	IPMS Brampton – to be confirmed
4th October (Sunday)	East Anglian Model Show, Ipswich Town FC. – we have 2 tables allocated
7th & 8th November (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale Modelworld ("The Nationals"), International Centre, Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH

Peter

Robins Ruminations

Well Southern Expo has been well and truly put to bed in my loft for the next ten months or so, fingers crossed. All the accounts have been finalised and the cheque duly sent off to St. Francis Hospice for the £3,500.00 we knew that we would have available on the day. I do have their acknowledgement letter with me tonight, (if I haven't forgotten it), if anyone would like to see it. Peter has emailed the sports centre thanking them for their assistance and, (don't laugh), enquired about the possibility of booking up dates for next years Expo! So begins the long round of emails, discussions, meetings and yet more meetings before we get some sort of conclusion one way or another.

Now that Easter has passed, that dreaded time of the year is upon us again. Gardening! No longer the cold, wet, dark time of the year when we all had good reason to stay indoors in the warm and dry, modelling instead of mowing the lawn and tending the flowers. My life took a turn for the worse recently when my garden keen Wife purchased a small plastic greenhouse / cold frame. Now the gardening season looks like it's being extended by months on either side of the summer in the Bellamy household, curses!

I used to be able simply to run Adele to the garden-centre a couple of times and then plonk the "weeds" out in the garden for her to bury in the borders. I have now been "asked" to assist in the choice of flower seeds and varieties of vegetable; you might as well ask me about quantum physics! I now have to learn about John Innes No.1 and how to prick out seedlings instead of the more important things in life, like the interior colours of P-40's. Now instead of bits of model drying on the kitchen window-sill, there are seed trays full of little green shoots, sacrilege! The mini greenhouse is now full of sweet peas, geraniums, cornflowers, tomato plants, cosmos, and coreopsis and of course don't forget the peppers. Worse still, the manufacturer does the greenhouse in a larger size, which could be very good for the early sowing and the over-wintering of tender plants I'm told, just what I need, gardening 12 months a year! However, looking on the bright side, while Adele is messing around seeding, pricking-out and potting-on, maybe, just maybe, I can slip unnoticed, upstairs into the back bedroom for an hour or two.

Modelling has become particularly frustrating of late due to a number of factors. The first one is mentioned above, being the gardening time of the year. The second is my Son starting to build a "real" model for the first time in a couple of years. Although I'm fine with this, he is of course looking for references and asking me lots of modelling questions, which I'm more than happy to help him with, but does distract me somewhat. He also has the habit of



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borrowing some of my tools and of course leaving them in some very odd places, such are the joys of parenthood! However I must admit it is nice to sit down and have a chat and laugh with him rather than him always disappearing off into his room on the computer. The third problem I'm having lately is it seems as if there is some sort of conspiracy against me modelling. As soon as I pick up the model I'm building, the phone starts chirping or the door-bell rings. Normally the phone call is from somebody in India called "Kevin" who wants to offer me a great deal on a new mobile phone. The callers at the front door are either Jehovah Witnesses' or asking do I want a window cleaner. So I have taken to late evening modelling, at least then the Wife can answer the phone or front door and I am now getting a little modelling done!

My Official hat is now on.....

I'm sure that Peter will make the normal announcements, but just a little reminder that the Lancing Show is coming up soon, a small show, but a nice one in the community hall. Also the Hendon show which is really a must to attend if nothing else but to enjoy a day at the museum.

Tonight see's the start of the competition year, so I would like to see lots of models on the tables over the coming four rounds. Who knows? Perhaps even I might get a few more models finished this year, I'm certainly going to have a try. In the true "Carry On Cleo" spirit of fairness, I want a good clean fight with lots of gouging in the headlocks, ear-biting in the clinches and punches below the belt, other than that have fun!

Robin



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Norfolk Nerd's Brighter Side of Life

A TRUE CANADIAN

It's Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final, and a man makes his way to his seat right at centre ice. He sits down, noticing that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbour if someone will be sitting there. "No," says the neighbour. "The seat is empty." "This is incredible", said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Stanley Cup and not use it?" The neighbour says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Stanley Cup we haven't been to together since we got married in 67." "Oh ... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else, a friend or relative, or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man sadly shakes his head. "No. They're all at the funeral."

- My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage last: Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little wine, some good food, and companionship. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.
- We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in Florida and mine is in Cincinnati.
- I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
- I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
- We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
- She has an electric blender, electric toaster, and, electric bread maker. Then she said, "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.
- My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor.
- I asked where the car was, she told me, "In the lake."
- My wife is on a new diet. Coconuts and bananas. She hasn't lost weight, but BOY, can she climb a tree now.
- She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
- She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"
- Remember....Marriage is the number one cause of divorce. Statistically, 100% of all divorces started with marriage.
- I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
- I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.
- The last fight was my fault. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" ...I said, 'Dust!'
- In the beginning, God created earth and rested. Then God created man and rested. Then God created woman. Since then, neither God nor man has rested.
- Why do men die before their wives? Cause they want to.



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March 16 th	Airfix Models Display
April 20 th	Competition Night
May 18 th	Tony Holmes – US Navy Aircraft
June 15 th	Competition Night
July 20 th	Kathy Dowler – Sci-FI SIG talk on painting
August 17 th	
September 21 st	Competition Night
October 19 th	Southern Expo Video + other DVDs
November 16 th	Competition Night
December 21 st	Quiz and nibbles
January 18 th	Competition: Modeller of the Year
February 15 th	AGM