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Peters Prattling

Next month – Competition Round 2

This Month

Is all change again! Tony Holmes cannot make this month as his son has been ill in hospital. I've rearranged with him to come along for the October meeting when we have the DVD evening anyway. Thankfully Ted will be able to perform the vacform modelling demonstration this month instead. Any ideas for August?

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 this Wednesday 20th May. I know those that have been before have enjoyed it.



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Barnet Show @ Hendon

Don't forget to pick up your car parking passes if you are intending on arriving early.

Southern Expo 2010

Yes, you've read it correctly. Southern Expo has been booked for 2010. The dates are 20th & 21st March.

Forthcoming Shows in 2009/2010

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.

2009	
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
2010	
20th & 21st March (Saturday & Sunday)	Southern Expo

Peter

Robins Ruminations

Rather than start a new model now I have finished the Pfalz, I have picked-up and re-started the part-built Dragon King Tiger model that I began last year also a Tamiya Messerschmitt 109E kit that I think I started about two years ago. Well I don't like to rush things too much! However I have already decided to shelve the 109 for a short while. I shall have it finished as soon as I can sort out what the finished scheme will be. This month's article will be a little more disjointed than normal, if that's possible, due to other commitments at home, please excuse the tardiness.

The "weeds", alias tomatoes, peppers, cosmos, cornflowers and now even strawberries are still being lovingly fed, watered and tucked up nice and snug at night by the wife, I don't get treated as well as these plants! However the care of these plants is soon to be handed over to the tender mercies of my son for a week as Adele and I are off to visit friends that have moved to Austria. I have suggested to my son that if he forgets to water the "weeds" that perhaps enlistment in the French Foreign Legion might be a good idea, thinking about it, I might also join him!

"Goss Gott!" Or "Go with God", a traditional greeting in the Kärnten region. This part of my ruminations is being written, not as normal in my back/modelling room overlooking gardens and houses in Harold Hill, but in Patergassen, 1063 metres up in the Carinthian Mountains in Austria. Just to set the scene, I'm sitting on the terraced part of a friends house overlooking a steeply wooded valley with the fast flowing river Gurk running through it. The temperature is an unseasonal 28.5, so much for all the woollies and big coat that Adele and I have packed. Apparently the Austrian answer to this mini heat-wave is beer, so as well as the stunning view, good company and sunshine I must endure being force feed bottles of beer to keep up my fluid levels, no pleasure involved of course.



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I managed to survive the "Ryanair Experience" without incurring any additional "costings" or fines in English; although Gate 59 was so far from the departure lounge at Stanstead I thought that I was walking to Austria. For members of the Airliner SIG, the aircraft was a Boeing 737 800 series registered as EI-DAV. The flight out was unusual for two reasons, the number of other aircraft that I saw while airborne, six. The best one being another Ryanair 737 that flew alongside us at the same height contrailing for a couple of minutes before banking slowly away and heading off, very beautiful in the bright sunshine of high attitude. The others were assorted airliners and business jets passing in different directions. The second was the unusual clarity of the air, I don't know what weather conditions caused it, but even from 36,000 feet it was possible to make out all the ground features perfectly.

My wife has disappeared off into the woods behind the house with our host for a two hour hike to see the source of our drinking water, a spring several hundred metres up the mountain. I cried off this very interesting hike to write this article and of course finish my beer before it has the chance to get warm in the sunshine. At the moment, I'm watching a kid walking three cows along the road that runs past the front of the house. Two days ago at the same time of day I was "enjoying" the rush hour on the A406, I just can't work out why my friends wanted to move here. Most of the members of the club just do not realise the sacrifices that I have to make by writing articles for Sticky Fingers, well this one anyway!

I'm now at home on my computer tapping away while reading my notes and boy do I know I'm back, all my mail is rubbish or bills, the plumber I had arranged to come around turned up six hours late and of course hasn't got the part required. There is a heap of washing to be done from the holiday and of course the grass needs mowing. However on the bright side, my son did water the plants and all have survived so no trip to France for him! Hmm, perhaps on reflection I should have put some powdered weed killer in the watering can! I must remember that one for next time.

My Official hat is now on.....

First of all, a big thank you to all the members that entered their models into the competition last month. Last month had, I think, the largest ever number of entries for a normal competition evening, larger even than some modeller of the year competitions! As ever the variety and quality of the models on the tables was excellent, it wasn't very long ago that I think that any of the models on the tables could easily have won outright. However after some very close voting, well done to John Bennett with his DC-3, Ted Taylor with the Big "J" Guy lorry, Kevin Curley with the Churchill Crocodile and I was fortunate enough to win with my Pfalz III. From my point of view, an excellent evening and keep on building please gentleman.

By the time you read this, the Lancing show would have already been and gone, however don't forget the Hendon show at the end of this month.

Robin

Norfolk Nerd's Brighter Side of Life

A woman went to her priest with a problem. "Father, I have two female parrots, and they only know how to say one thing. All they ever say is, 'Hi, we're prostitutes. Wanna have some fun?' "

"That's terrible!" exclaimed the priest. "But I think I can help. Bring your two female parrots over to my house, and I will put them with my two male parrots whom I taught to pray and read the Bible. My parrots will teach your parrots to stop saying that terrible phrase, and your female parrots will learn to praise and worship."

The next day, the woman brought her female parrots to the priest's house. His two male parrots were holding rosary beads and quietly praying in their cage. The woman put her two female parrots in the cage with the male parrots. The females said, "Hi, we're prostitutes. Wanna have some fun?"

One male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and exclaimed "Put those beads away, our prayers have been answered!"



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Wrighty's Talking Point #9

This Talking Point was supposed to have been in last month's edition of Sticky Fingers. Unfortunately I neglected to include it, sorry Alan – editor.

Another Southern Expo has come and gone, well done to Peter & Robin for putting on a fine show. I'm sure you have all found a few bits and pieces to spend your "credit crunch" surplus on, but for myself it was "Eyes Wide Open/Wallet Tight Shut". The reason for this is that I have 4 projects scheduled for this year, all kits already in stock. As I saw friends falling to temptation of attractive box art I can't say that my resolve wasn't tested. A Revell Prinz Eugen kit really pushed my plastic buttons, however I was saved when a punter pushed past, handed over his £15 and walked away, I felt like the cat who missed the cream.

There is a saying used by today's "Office Executives" it's "Cash Rich & Time Poor", normally applied to family men aged between 25 – 45, but it applies to me and many of you in regards to modelling. We can always find the cash for models but not the time to make them!

When I was at work April was always time for stocktaking and model wise I decided to do some stocktaking, before I went to Expo. I have approximately 200 reference books, on all types of aviation and 80% of the Osprey series "Elite Units", "Aces" & "Combat Units", I have the kits I want, so that equals wallet shut.

So I have a program for progress, when another well known phrase comes into play, "Overwhelmed by Forthcoming Events". This and "Time Poor" combine to prevent much progress in the following ways, 1) end of the football season, 2) start of Speedway and Superbikes seasons, 3) computer lessons, 4) digital photography lessons and the need to photographically record over 200 models in 1/72 & 1/48th scales for posterity, 5) holidays, 6) visiting grandchildren, all this without taking into account property maintenance, gardening and shopping trips with the wife, oh dear I forgot my other passion water colour painting, at least 6 projects there competing against modelling. Don't tell me that retirement is dull and boring! For me it replaces the word "childhood" as the best time of your life. As I complete this months article, the radio booms out the song "We're on the road the nowhere", it makes you think, maybe I am?

First Memory

The other day I was asked, "What is your earliest memory?"

I thought for a moment, and then I said it was being held by my Dad in our back garden, he was talking to our next door neighbour, surveying a scene of devastation, broken glass, loose bricks & wood everywhere, the 3 houses at the bottom end of our garden had been hit by 250lb bombs during the night blitz on London in spring 1941. I can recall the Anderson air raid shelter, (in which I'd stayed the night) standing out in the morning light between the gap in the terraced houses.

It probably saved our lives, I was nearly 4 at the time and have now managed another 67 years since then, but can always recall having a great interest in aircraft from those early days.

PS

Modelling Formula. I started making plastic kits in 1967, that in 42 years I have made approximately 250 models in that time, an average of 6 models per year. Does that surprise you?

Alan

Competition Standings after the 1st Round.

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

1/72nd Scale or Less

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	John Bennett	Douglas DC-3	46
2 nd	Brian Breeze	Westland Wyvern	34
3 rd	Charles Thompson	AW Siskin	31
4 th	John Bennett	de Havilland Dragon Rapide	29
5 th	Peter Bagshaw	Republic F-84 Thunderstreak	25
	Paul Bennett	Shorts Sunderland	21
	John Huston	de Havilland Chipmunk	19
	Danny Alvisse	de Havilland Mosquito	17
	Peter Bagshaw	Supermarine Spitfire Vc	10
	Charles Thompson	Hawker Fury	5
	Alan Wright	Me 410	3

Greater than 1/72nd Scale

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Robin Bellamy	Pfalz D.III	50
2 nd	Robert Smith	Douglas A-1 Skyraider	45
3 rd	Ted Taylor	Junkers Ju-88	42
4 th	Ian Brown	Hawker Hurricane	40
5 th	John Bennett	Martin B-26 Marauder	34
	Robert Smith	Vought F4U Corsair	22

Positions after 1st Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	John Bennett	61
2 nd	Robert Smith	28
3 rd	Charles Thompson	26
4 th	Robin Bellamy	25
5 th	Brian Breeze	23
	Peter Bagshaw	22
	Ted Taylor	21
	Ian Brown	19
	Alan Wright Danny Alvisse John Huston Paul Bennett	5

IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Military Vehicles

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Kevin Curley	Churchill Crocodile	66
2 nd	Peter Bagshaw	Panzer IIIJ	54
3 rd	Peter Bagshaw	M4 Sherman "Tulip"	53

Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Ted Taylor	Big "J" Guy	53
2 nd	Phil Worth	Mikasa	51
3 rd	Ian Brown	Williams FW07	42
4 th	Danny Alvisse	Susuki Katana	39
5 th =	Paul Richardson	67 Chavelle SS 44Z Oldsmobile	10

Positions after 1st Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Peter Bagshaw	44
2 nd	Paul Richardson	34
3 rd =	Kevin Curley Ted Taylor	25
4 th	Phil Worth	23
5 th	Ian Brown	21

1/72nd Scale or less

John Bennett - Douglas DC-3



Brian Breeze - Westland Wyvern



Charles Thompson - AW Siskin



John Bennett - de Havilland Dragon Rapide



Peter Bagshaw - Republic F-84 Thunderstreak



Paul Bennett - Shorts Sunderland



John Huston - de Havilland Chipmunk



Danny Alvisse - de Havilland Mosquito



Peter Bagshaw - Spitfire Vc



Charles Thompson - Hawker Fury



Alan Wright - Me 410



Greater than 1/72nd Scale

Robin Bellamy - Pfalz D.III



Robert Smith - Douglas A-1 Skyraider



Ted Taylor - Junkers Ju-88



Ian Brown - Hawker Hurricane



John Bennett - Martin B-26 Marauder



Robert Smith - Vought F4U Corsair



Miscellaneous - Armour

Kevin Curley - Churchill Crocodile



Peter Bagshaw - Panzer III



Peter Bagshaw - M4 Sherman "Tulip"



Miscellaneous - Other

Ted Taylor - Big "J" Guy



Phil Worth - Mikasa



Ian Brown - Williams FW07



Danny Alvisse - Susuki Katana



Paul Richardson - 67 Chavelle SS



Paul Richardson - 44Z Oldsmobile

