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Peters Prattling

Next month – November – Final Competition Night

Next month is the last of our 4 competition heats of the year.

Home Front

State of upheaval. The modelling room is still continuing to be in a massive state of upheaval as I clear it out for redecoration purposes. The whole project has now gone on hold slightly as other events have stopped me doing much manual work for a few weeks. Thankfully I haven't packed up the modelling equipment and paints yet so work on some builds isn't halted yet. What I do have at the moment is loads of room as all the books, magazines and more than quite a few models waiting for completion or building have been moved into the spare room. Even the built models have been all boxed up, and that took over 9 boxes most of which have at least 2 layers of models in them, I'm going to have to have a cull when they are put back eventually!



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On the work, or lack of work, front! I have applied for an internal position which is a departure from what I normally do but should be interesting and fits many of the skills I have acquired, wish me luck for that, interviews are likely to be this week or next!

IPMS UK Scale Modelworld – November 13th & 14th

Your club and Southern Expo needs you! If you are attending this years IPMS UK Scale Modelworld show at Telford Robin and I will be manning the stand for the majority of the time. If however you are planning or thinking of going please spare a thought for us and spend a little time on the stand of your local club, even an hour or so will be of use. Any time Robin and I can spend away from the stand to get around the show for Southern Expo duties is always appreciated. Similarly we should have space available to display any models you want to bring along, within reason of course! Even if you are there for 1 day only we can move the models around to refresh the display.

Lastly, thinking ahead to next year if we don't get a suitable level of interest of people willing to man the stand at this show I am conscious of the fact that due to my personal circumstances, i.e. no job, there might be the possibility that I won't be able to afford to attend the show and thus the club will not have a presence at the show. This might to most members mean nothing at all as they never go to this show, it can require an effort to attend, but if we decline the space we may find it hard to get back in again.

Southern Expo 2011 – 19th & 20th March 2011

Yes we are booked in again for next year! Same location at the Hornchurch Sports Centre.

Club Sweatshirts & a new logo

We had a really good flurry of designs from a few club members last month which were on display. I'll be bringing them along tonight for you to look at again to see if any have "grown on you". I did have one member say they were happy with the current design too but we'd have to update this with the current IPMS logo should we get any more shirts produced. I still haven't heard from the company that approached us at Present Arms but I'll chase them up soon.

Forthcoming Shows in 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.

2010	
23 rd October (Saturday)	IPMS Glasgow wish to announce Glasgow Model Fest 2010 to be held at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow
13 th & 14 th November	Scale Modelworld – Telford
2011	
6 th February (Sunday)	ModelKraft , Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes , MK146BN - I have received the invite and replied to this requesting 2 tables and to be in the ground floor main hall, in case Danny feels like attending.
19 th & 20 th March (Saturday & Sunday)	Southern Expo
15 th May (Sunday)	IPMS Birmingham – Midlands Expo , Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6ER

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Robins Ruminations

First of all let me apologise to any club member that thought I was a bit distant or "not quite with it" at the last meeting. This was due to me coming down with some sort of bug which laid me low for a couple of weeks and necessitated me with having some time off work. However I am now fully recovered and fighting fit or something like that anyway.

The Nationals, sorry Scale Model World, is fast approaching and so Peter and I will be making the yearly pilgrimage to Telford to promote next year's Expo. I will make my yearly regular plea that if any club member is attending and not manning the stand, could they spare Peter and me a bit of time so we can run around and do some of our Expo work. If nothing else please use the stand as a place to sit down to have your lunch or a drink and of course, a good look at the goodies that you had purchased.

Peter and I spent an enjoyable couple of hours a few days ago scanning-in images and comparing all the different information sources we had to finally sort out the subjects for the 2011 decal sheet. Peter's dining room and table was littered with all of the varied reference books and bits of paper we were using. It was perhaps just as well that Karen was absent from the house for this bit! The decal sheet is finally coming to the point of commissioning the artwork, we are only waiting to resolve a few questions concerning code letter and pennant details and then it's all systems go. Of course, a lot of interesting subjects have had to be left out because we just can't get the definitive answers on the details needed to create a decal for some aircraft. However, the research is still on file and who knows? We may come back to it at some future point in time.

STOP PRESS: While looking through a book recently purchased on the encouragement/orders of my wife, but on an unrelated subject. I found a photograph answering one of our major outstanding questions for the decal sheet project. Thank you Adele, any other books that you would like me to buy? Mills and Boon not included!

A few weeks ago Peter picked me up on the Sunday morning for the fast trip to the Brampton show and with Peter it was a fast trip (I don't know what you mean! – Ed). The Brampton show lived up to its normal expectations and with more club members turning up than normal was a really enjoyable show. Brian, John, Danny, Peter, Steve, myself and with Bob jumping between Hornchurch and ALM all made for a fun game of musical chairs! I purchased a couple of decal sheets and some promising new metallic paints that can be brush painted and then buffed to a really nice sheen without any brush marks showing at all, interesting. Grin of the day though was the trader who had bought a collection of kits, only one small problem, no instruction sheets in any of the boxes. Apparently they came from a man that collected instruction sheets not the kits, and some people say that we modellers are a little weird! Still when you are offered 1/48th kits by Tamiya and Hasegawa for a fiver a piece it's hard not to resist, especially when you know that you have the instruction sheets at home. It seemed that we had only just arrived, had a walk around, eaten lunch and it was time to start packing up, but everybody seemed to have enjoyed themselves and we all set off for the slightly slower trip home due to the buses leaving the Duxford bus rally. Thank you to the club members that made the trip and were such good company and of course Peter for playing taxi.

My Official hat is now on.....

Well I thought that it was a pretty good turn-out for last months competition evening with 28 models being entered. Congratulations must go to John Huston and Peter Bagshaw for their joint first in the 72nd aircraft section. Again with another joint first were the models of Steve Hide and Barry Brown in the miscellaneous, non-armour section.

Not forgetting the worthy runners-up with Brian Thomas, (twice), Steve Crust, Steve Hide and John Huston just missing out on the top spots. The real surprise for me is that there was not one entry into the armour section, most unusual to say the least!

Robin



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Wrighty's References

The Silence is Broken

The “deafening silence” I mentioned in last months JSF F-35 article with regard to the Royal Navy’s two new supercarriers has finally been broken.

Firstly in mid-August it was tacitly suggested that it would be a good(ish) idea to share carrier duties with the French and only building one vessel in order to save money. This caused a “hoo-haa” in the press, the Government then said they would have to review the position of the carriers in the Defence Budget spending cuts planned. At the time of writing (mid-Sept), this has been pushed back to the end of the month before a decision is taken, to either proceed or cancel them.

Then comes to the good bit, about 250 subcontractors have started work, preparing and fabricating steel parts like masts, towers, deck fittings, no doubt various electrical components and computerised components etc, etc. Bearing in mind these will be nearly outdated by 2018 with the speed of these technologies.

Well this little lot has already racked up a bill of 2.3 billion pounds (that is 2,000,300 million pounds!) hardly small change is it! Also the nearly 5,000 lost jobs, these jobs of course only will exist if the project goes ahead and if it's cancelled they will not exist anyway.

Then the JSF F-35, is way behind schedule, still only in prototype stage (12 have been built) see my article in last months Sticky Fingers. “Combat Aircraft” reports, large scale redirections and cut backs on the number of aircraft originally ordered by participating countries. Well its make your mind up time! What do you think we should do? Best suggestion will be sent to Cameron and Clegg.

Alan

Competition Standings after the 3rd Round.

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

1/72nd Scale or Less

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st =	John Huston Peter Bagshaw	Hurricane Mk.1 FW 190 A-4	40
2 nd	Brian Thomas	Lockheed T-33	39
3 rd	Paul Bennett	North American XP-51	36
4 th	Alan Wright	Sukhoi Su-34	35
5 th	Paul Bennett	North American XP-86	26
	Peter Bagshaw	Douglas DC-9	17
	Brian Thomas	Bae 146	13
	Alan Wright	Hawker Tempest V	6

Greater than 1/72nd Scale

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Robin Bellamy	Messerschmitt Bf109 E-3	70
2 nd	Steve Crust	F-15I RAAM	64
3 rd	Brian Thomas	Republic F-84G	54
4 th	Brian Thomas	Jet Provost Mk.3	43

Positions after 3rd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Brian Thomas	119
2 nd	Peter Bagshaw	80
3 rd	John Bennett	66
4 th	Charles Thompson	62
5 th	Alan Wright	55
	Robin Bellamy	50
	Steve Crust	46
	Paul Bennett	43
	John Huston	30
	Robert Smith	28
	Phil Worth	25
	Brian Breeze	23
	Ted Taylor	21
	Ian Brown	19
	Danny Alvisse	5

Battle of Britain Special

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1st	Robin Bellamy	Messerschmitt Bf109 E-3	47
2nd	John Huston	Junkers Ju-87	46
3rd	Peter Bagshaw	Heinkel He-111	36
4th	Ian Brown	Supermarine Spitfire 1a	20
5th	Ian Brown	Messerschmitt Bf109 E	20
	Peter Bagshaw	Messerschmitt Bf109 E	19
	Brian Thomas	Supermarine Spitfire 1a	18
	Brian Thomas	Messerschmitt Bf109 E	16
	Alan Wright	Boulton Paul Defiant	7
	Alan Wright	Hawker Hurricane	6

IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Military Vehicles

No entries

Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1st =	Barry Brown Steve Hide	Enzo Ferrari Aston Martin 214	65
2nd	Brian Thomas	Tram	54
3rd	Steve Hide	AC Cobra	54

Positions after 2nd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Steve Hide	73
2 nd	Peter Bagshaw	63
3 rd =	Phil Worth	48
4 th	Colin McAuliffe	44
5 th	Barry Brown	25
	Kevin Curley	25
	Ted Taylor	25
	Brian Thomas	23
	Paul Richardson	22
	Rob Smith	22
	Ian Brown	21
	Danny Alvisse	19
	Chris Bunting	10

1/72nd Scale or less

John Huston - Hurricane Mk.1 	Peter Bagshaw - FW 190 A-4 	Brian Thomas - Lockheed T-33 
Paul Bennett - North American XP-51 	Alan Wright - Sukhoi Su-34 	Paul Bennett - North American XP-86 
Peter Bagshaw - Douglas DC-9 	Brian Thomas - Bae 146 	Alan Wright - Hawker Tempest V 

Greater than 1/72nd Scale

Robin Bellamy - Messerschmitt Bf109 E-3



Steve Crust - F-15I RAAM



Brian Thomas - Republic F-84G



Brian Thomas - Jet Provost Mk.3



Battle of Britain Special

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John Huston - Junkers Ju-87



Peter Bagshaw - Heinkel He-111



Ian Brown - Supermarine Spitfire 1a



Ian Brown - Messerschmitt Bf109 E



Peter Bagshaw - Messerschmitt Bf109 E



Brian Thomas - Supermarine Spitfire 1a



Brian Thomas - Messerschmitt Bf109 E



Alan Wright - Boulton Paul Defiant



Alan Wright - Hawker Hurricane



Miscellaneous - Other

Barry Brown - Enzo Ferrari



Steve Hide - Aston Martin 214



Brian Thomas - Tram



Steve Hide - AC Cobra

