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## Peters Prattling

**T**Next month – March – To be decided at the meeting

### Modeller of the Year Competition

A really good turn out to the final competition night of the clubs calendar, many thanks to all of you who brought something along, the Southend guys really had a hard time judging. Here are some photos to show the tables groaning under the weight of the models entered.



### Milton Keynes Show

A bit of a cold and damp start to the day but after having found our tables in the warmer main hall and setting up the stands, Robin and I had a wander round whilst we waited for some of the other members to turn up. As is usual it didn't take long before we found some bargains, and not under the table this time! How does an Eduard Fokker D.VII and not the Weekend version but the "full fat" version with etch, masks and additional decals for a tanner sound? No bad we thought so snaffled a couple. I personally thought there were quite a few reasonably priced kits under the tables, this past year the prices haven't been that brilliant, but on some web forums others thought that the bargains were thin on the ground, you can't please everyone! The day passed in a whirl of

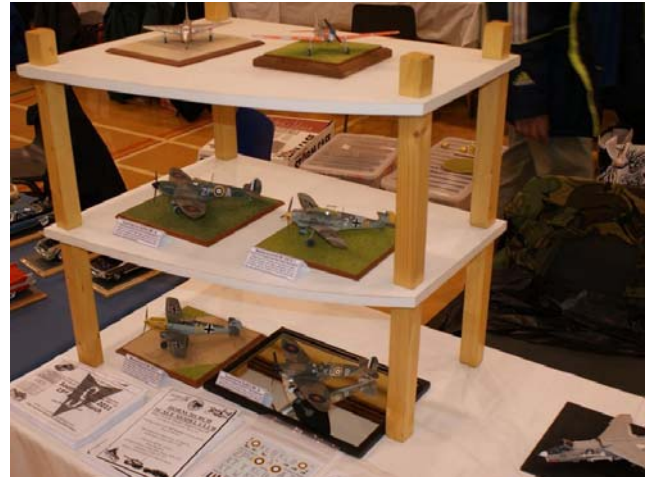


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manning the stand, wandering round the show in all its various locations and generally talking to people about Southern Expo, they do seem keen to get to the show.



## Southern Expo News & Decals

Work continues to finalised Southern Expo, nearly all the traders are booked in, as I write this, there are some changes to the line up from last year as some have cut back on the numbers of tables required or just simply couldn't make the show. Never the less we are fully booked.

Work on the decals is frustrating at the moment but they have gone to be printed and there is an outside chance that they will be ready for the show. Watch this space.

## Judging @ IPMS South East Essex (Southend)

As return match, the guys at IPMS South East Essex (Southend) have asked us to come along to their meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> to judge their end of year competition.

## Forthcoming Shows in 2011

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.

2011	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> March (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Southern Expo</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April (Saturday)</b>	<b>NewMod 2011, Park House School, Newbury</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday)</b>	<b>Poole Vikings Model Show, Poole, Dorset</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> April (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Scottish Nationals, Dewars Centre, Perth PH2 0TH</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May (Saturday)</b>	<b>Southdowns Show, Lancing</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday)</b>	<b>IPMS Birmingham – Midlands Expo, Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6ER</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May (Sunday)</b>	<b>Hendon Model Show, RAF Museum Hendon. I've requested space at this show.</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June (Sunday)</b>	<b>IPMS West Norfolk, Downham Market Town Hall</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June (Saturday)</b>	<b>East Anglian Model Competition, Ipswich, Suffolk</b> Note: this is not a model show just a competition
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October (Saturday)</b>	<b>IPMS Abingdon, Larkmead School, Abingdon, Oxfordshire</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>IPMS UK Scale Model World, Telford</b>

Peter





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## Robins Ruminations

Well things are certainly going at full throttle on the Southern Expo front and I pleased to say that things are pretty well wrapped-up on the trader and club fronts. Most of the credit for the preparation for this year's Expo must go to Peter as he has done almost all of the leg work this year due to the change of his personal circumstances. We are still very busy with the decal sheet; by the time you read this article the artwork will be in America and printing underway. Fingers crossed / UPS allowing that the decals get back in time for the show. It is unfortunate that this year's decal sheet has been fraught with delays due to aircraft options and constantly having to check and re-check book and internet references. Once we had decided what to include on the sheet, more questions and doubts as to our choices would almost instantly appear. The final draught was only signed off as it were as a week ago; it was that hard to sort out all the options, questions and queries. How Jon Freeman then managed to fit on the decal sheet artwork all the options we first wanted and a couple of extra ones as well I'll never know, he certainly is good at what he does. Also, I would personally like to thank our own Alan Wright for the help and assistance he gave by trawling through his references to track down the code letters for the Me 110 options on the decal sheet. It was so difficult to find anything on this unit at all within our timeframe that until I saw a photograph of one of this elusive unit's downed aircraft I even began to doubt that they existed! I will have a copy of the artwork with me tonight for you to have a look at. Peter and I will now be busy getting the instruction sheets printed, folded and bagged as soon as we get the artwork done for them that is! No peace for the wicked I guess.

However the decal sheet is not the only trans-Atlantic link associated with the Bellamy household at the moment. I was told some time ago that by my Son that his girlfriend and family were coming over for a family holiday this year. Good news I thought, at last I will meet Violet and her parents and we could arrange to have a few days out together, show them the sights as it were. Just before Christmas my Son gave me the travel dates and of course they fall right over the Expo weekend, had to happen I guess. So although I will definitely be at Expo all weekend of course, if I seem a little distracted, (well more than usual), you'll know why. However if my Son is around on the Friday evening at all, he will of course be roped into Expo as normal and if Violet is around, well, there is always tea to be made, buttered buns and nibbles to be handed out on the night. Mind you, we'll have to keep an eye on her, the last time the English left any tea around any Americans they tossed the lot into the water and look what trouble that ended up causing!

As ever, Peter and I would ask if any club members could assist us in setting up the tables and chairs on the Friday evening, the help would be greatly appreciated. Somewhere around 7 o'clock and don't forget your gloves. Of course, as ever, refreshments will be provided for those members that have assisted in the setting up of Expo. As soon as set-up is complete the Hornchurch stand can be assembled and models put on the tables for those that wish to, it would be easier than carrying the boxes in on Saturday probably. I will be bringing along the full stand to enable the members to put as many of the models on display as possible. So don't forget to bring a few with you!

### My "Official" hat is now on.

Well it's the AGM tonight, the night that we have all been waiting for with bated breath or perhaps not. As nobody has spoken to or contacted me with any problems or issues with the club they would like to have brought up at tonight's AGM, I guess that the membership are either happy with the way things are or simply fast asleep.

Well tonight is your chance to voice your opinions, ideas, concerns or general gripes, please use it. **It is your club** and **your opportunity** to change it or its direction. So I want lots of gouging in the clinches, punching below the belt, rabbit punches and kicking the person on the floor and when it's all over, a nice cup of tea with a biscuit. Whatever the outcome of tonight's meeting and I don't expect a very long one, always remember, it is only a hobby and should be a fun one at that. Enjoy your modelling and this evening's club night. See you at Expo.

Robin



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## Wrighty's References

### The Sinking of the Laconia

Good evening and a happy new year to you all, I had promised myself I would finish my U-Boat stories with the end of the year, but then I saw that the BBC were doing a dramatised version of the sinking of the Laconia. It meant nothing to me; I ran some checks and soon had the basic story. Dramatised by playwright Alan Bleasdale, with the basic story I had unearthed, it was really only needing a love story woven into it, a 14 year old school kid could write it. As it was on BBC 2 I hope most of you saw it (Thurs & Fri January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>), where as most of my previous stories came from Sky TV. Therefore a tale against all the stories of war, I bring you the true story of the Laconia.

### The HMS Laconia

HMS Laconia (19,695 tons), built in 1921 was a former passenger vessel, seconded to the Royal Navy as a troop transport vessel, and in August 1942 was at Port Tewfik at the Red Sea end of the Suez Canal. She was loading and about to return to the UK carrying 2,732 people (made up of 483 crew, 286 various service personnel, 80 civilians, 1400 Italian PoWs & 103 Polish armed guards for the prisoners). The prisoners were captives of the British from the Desert War to be sent to the UK to get them out of the way, the guards (Polish Army) to look after them. How many of us knew that? I suppose they needed to make use of the Poles somewhere? I must also point out that the Mediterranean was a no-go area at this time. The Pedestal convoy had just relieved Malta but it was no place for lone ships, largely it was controlled by the Germans. Therefore the Laconia would have to go the long way round. Sailing via the Red Sea into the Indian Ocean via Aden, then down the east coast of Africa, rounding the bottom of South Africa and to Cape Town via the Cape of Good Hope.

### U.156

A Type 9c U-Boat under the command of Korvette Kapitän Werner Hartenstein since September 1941. Sailed from its base at Lorient (France) forming the "EISBAR" Gruppe in company with U.68, U.172 & U.504 on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 1942. They were to take up station on a new area of operations in the South Atlantic. On 25<sup>th</sup> August they encountered the convoy "SL119" east of the Azores. The U.156 acting independently from the Gruppe sank the convoy straggler Clan McWhirter (5941 BRT) N.N.W. off Madeira, then proceeded on her patrol.

### Saturday September 12 1942

The Laconia has now rounded the Cape of Good Hope and was steaming northwards up the coast of Africa, "steaming" is hardly the word, from her funnel steamed a filthy black smoke trail, (a cardinal sin in the Royal Navy). Although warned of this the Captain said it was due to the fact that the boiler needed cleaning and the fuel oil was poor quality, (even so it would appear something could have been done to limit the effects, which was to be their undoing).

Aboard u.156 lookouts spotted the smoke cloud on the horizon, moving in cautiously the U-Boat picked up on the zigzag course being used by the troop transport, gained a suitable firing position from the port side bow tubes. No.1 tube torpedo was despatched and hit amidships on the waterline, soon after No.3 also fired and hit aft. The situation aboard Laconia was soon akin to the scenes aboard the Titanic sinking.

### Laconia's Sinking

The damage inflicted by the explosions soon had the ship flooding in the lower deck areas, this presented a problem where the Italian prisoners were caged in No.3 hold, orders were given to "stand firm below" and panic set in, prisoners attempting to break out, shots were fired by the guards (confirmed by survivors). Up top passengers and others rushed to the lifeboats, the usual "women and children first" was observed, but time was taken filling the lifeboats. Late arrivals at the boat stations clambered in and some jumped into boats as they were lowered, many were swimming in the water. One boat was so overloaded the fall (lowering rope) broke and all were tipped into the sea, the boat going upside down (confirmed by survivors). The Laconia sunk in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour, leaving the lifeboats on the surface and lots of people in the water. The Italians either broke free or were released and a number of them were now in the water. They made for the nearest boat and tried to clamber aboard, but the crew kept them at bay as the boat was overcrowded and as they tried crew members shot them in the head while they were still in the water (survivors confirmed).



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Part 2 will follow next month.

## Annual Review

Yes it's that time again, the AGM, and it's time to thank our fellow modellers on the committee for the hard work they put in for the smooth running of the club. Also Peter and Robin for their extreme patience and perseverance to ensure that Southern Expo will once more appear in March on home turf at Harrow Lodge.

My wife says I personally lack patience in everything but modelling and I admit this is true. So when I hear the problems created by Havering Council and St Francis Hospice, who both get a nice little earner out of it, yes if it was me they would be told to stuff it, so thanks Robin I hope your patience is rewarded.

## Personal Review

I have carried out a personal review of a large amount of my own hobbies and the equipment, magazines and so forth attached to them. The cold and wet weather we have enjoyed (no, sorry endured) since Christmas has provided me time. As a non-working OAP it has its advantages (for retirement has never been boring to me). Yes the time to complete 2 simultaneous projects, one a Sukhoi Su-33 carrier based Flanker, but it's got to be difficult, so all wings, tail parts are made in the folded positions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is the 1945 "C" Class Destroyer I mentioned in December's Sticky Fingers, made totally from scratch, with additional bits of balsa, sheet plastic and stretch sprue, there were no plans, no instructions, only a couple of photos, but having served on the ship for 15 months in 1956-7 the computer in my brain has a massive memory for the vessel. Unfortunately I could not bring it up to the club (due to the Modeller of the Year competition) as I had promised, to observe progress, however you may see it soon in all its completed splendour. This will then leave me with 3 kits, the F-22 Raptor, French Rafale and single seat Eurofighter Typhoon to complete for my modern jets section, unless the Sukhoi T-50 kits comes out.

That's enough for 2011, with the end of the football season, the start of summer the Speedway and Super Bikes are back. Holidays and grand children to fit in, a little photography and some water colour paintings will help complete a busy period until October. I might even find time for house maintenance and those sorts of things that need to be done, like gardening and shopping.

Lastly in looking forward to a visit to the Imperial War Museum next week, its 3 years since I last visited, so maybe there will be some new exhibits, maybe I'll even be able to write a review on it next month?

**Alan**

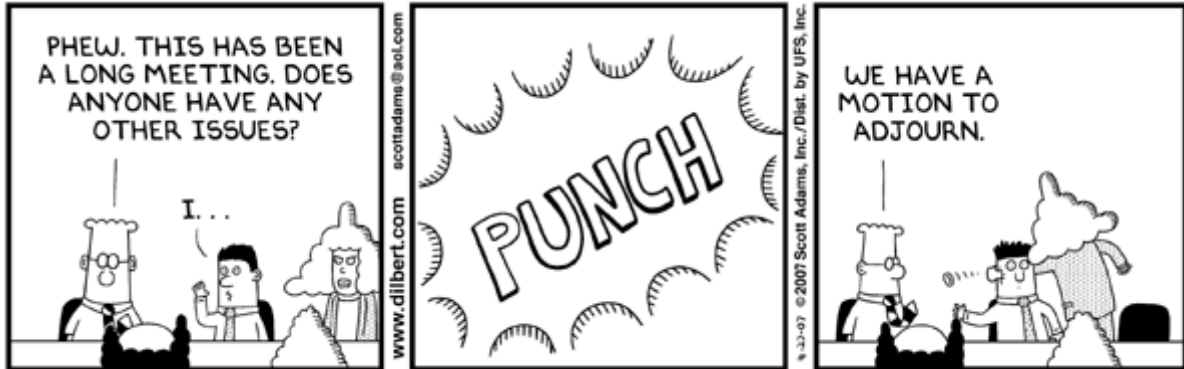


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## IPMS Hornchurch AGM 2011 Agenda



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1. Committee Reports
  - i) Secretary's report – Peter Bagshaw
  - ii) Treasurer's report – Bob Plumridge
  - iii) Assistant & Competition Secretary's report – Robin Bellamy
2. Election of Officers
  - i) Secretary
  - ii) Assistant & Competition Secretary
  - iii) Treasurer
3. Club Competitions
  - a) Announcement of winners for 2010/2011 competitions
    - i) Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft) – Brian Thomas
    - ii) IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous) – Steve Hide
    - iii) Modeller of the Year –

1 <sup>st</sup>	Colin McAuliffe	Stug IV Diorama
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robin Bellamy	Messerschmitt Bf-109E
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ian Brown	Fokker D VII
  - b) Competition rules – Same as last year?
4. Formulation of outstanding monthly dates for 2011/2012

I have one suggestion for a themed build – “Get your finger out!” Let's bring along a model project that has been stalled for some time or even quite a long time and then actually finish it.
5. Club Sweatshirt/Polo shirts

We need to decide on a design for any new club sweatshirts/polo shirts
6. Any Other Business



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## Club Competition Rules

- The competitions are split into 2, the Wally Arrowsmith Trophy for Aircraft subjects and the IPMS Hornchurch Trophy for Miscellaneous subjects.
- Each competition will be run over rounds determined at the AGM (normally 4).
- The schedule and any "Themes" for the competitions are decided at the AGM.
- All models must have been completed for that competition year.
- Each competition has been split into 2 categories.

	Category 1	Category 2
Aircraft	1/72 <sup>nd</sup> scale or less	Greater than 1/72 <sup>nd</sup> scale
Miscellaneous	Military vehicles any scale	Anything else, i.e. not an aircraft or military vehicle subject.

- Registration of models must be made before 20:15 to allow voting to start at this time.
- Members vote for the winning models in order of preference from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> places in each category and competition.
- For each competition round a competitor may enter a maximum of 2 models per category, i.e. For the Wally Arrowsmith competition (Aircraft) 2 models in Category 1 and 2 models in Category 2 are the maximum allowed per round.
- Modellers may enter models in either or both competitions and categories, Aircraft and Miscellaneous.
- A model may only be entered into any competition once.
- Dioramas count as 1 model.
- Two models on one base, but not a diorama, count as 2 models.
- Modellers are not expected to vote for their own entries.
- The person with the highest overall number of points in each competition (Aircraft or Miscellaneous) after the last round will be the club champion.
- In the event of a tie on points the number of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc. will be the deciding factor.
- All models entered into any of the rounds are eligible for entry into the "Modeller of the Year" competition.
- **In the event of a dispute the Competition Secretary's' decision is final.**

## Scoring

Every model entered in each competition scores 5 points.

The following points will be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup> five places in each competition category.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	20 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	18 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	16 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	14 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	12 points

i.e. a person entering 1 model who comes 3<sup>rd</sup> will score 5 points for entry plus 16 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, giving a total of 21 points.

## Modeller of the Year Competition

### Rules

- Judging for the competition will be performed by external judges with no association with any of the entered models.
- Any models which they have entered into the IPMS Hornchurch competition over the year are eligible for entry.
- First, second and third places are to be awarded with the following prizes being awarded.

Winner (1 <sup>st</sup> place)	£20
Runner up (2 <sup>nd</sup> place)	£10
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	£5
- **In the event of a dispute the judge's decision is final.**





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## 2011/2012 Schedule Template

March 21 <sup>st</sup>	
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Competition Night
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Competition Night
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Competition Night
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Competition Night
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz and nibbles
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Competition: Modeller of the Year
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	AGM