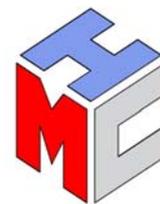




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Peters Prattling

Southern Expo 2013

An update from last month's brief entry, we announced a donation of £5,000 to go to St Francis Hospice, according to their records that brings the total raised to over £57,000 but it is probably more than that as this only includes what they have on computer. On a positive note the company I work for has also offered to match this year's donation when they do their next round of charity donations in July.

ModelKraft 2013

The show at Milton Keynes is on this coming Sunday (21st), for clubs and SIG's access to the venue will be available from 08:00h and the competition room at 09:00h for those entering. The competition room is in the dance studio behind the mail hall on the left hand side.

The full address for those of you with Sat Nav is:
Stantonbury Campus Leisure Centre
Stantonbury
Milton Keynes
MK14 6BN

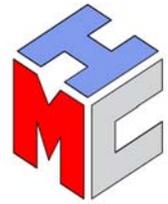
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Please report to reception upon arrival where event staff will be on hand to advise where your tables are and direct you in the correct direction.



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Car parking is at the direction of the stewards, normally adjacent to the venue, but NOT in the loading bay area, which is for the exclusive use of traders or on any grassy areas (the ground is saturated and your vehicles will sink), unless explicitly told to do so by staff.

We would like to remind you that Clubs and SIG's have **three free entry passes** to man the stands and any others, over and above this, are asked to pay at the paydesk once the show has opened.

ScaleModelWorld 2013 – 50th Anniversary of IPMS(UK) Show

Message sent on behalf of Rich Middleton, Anniversary Display organiser.

"Following on from the announcement in Issue 01/2013, here is the latest update on the progress of the Anniversary Display at SMW. My role is to co-ordinate the contributions and where necessary delegate specific tasks as required.

As promised, we want to include as many thoughts and suggestions as we can for the Anniversary Display at this year's Scale Model World and this is where you can all now begin to influence that display directly.

The display will follow a time line from pre-IPMS (UK) through to the present day and hopefully some indications of what the future may hold.

Along that line we will be illustrating how the Society has evolved and also how our hobby has developed in parallel.

What we would like to do is identify and illustrate by example those models we consider iconic or milestones and place them along the time line. We need to encompass all genres, but we also expect the distribution to reflect the availability within the hobby. Supporting paraphernalia will also be included where it is appropriate.

So over to you, the membership, what do YOU consider meets the above criteria? When we have a working list we will be looking for examples for the display. Just because you have made a suggestion it doesn't mean you have to come up with the model! Please contact me either through the Society Forum or via smw13-display@hotmail.co.uk with your suggestions.

Please contact Rich directly with any comments or suggestions smw13-display@hotmail.co.uk

75th Anniversary Exhibition at Sanders Draper School – Saturday 13th July

It seemed like we had a few people interested in putting on a small display at the school. John Huston has a gazebo and possibly some tables, Jackie has said we might be at least under a covered area should the weather be its normal summer self.

Essex Model Show – Sunday 14th July

THE ESSEX MODELLERS SHOW 2013
SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2013 10AM-4PM

Hannakins Farm
Community Centre
Rosebay Ave, Billericay, CM12 0SZ
Adults: £3.00 Child/OAP: £1.50

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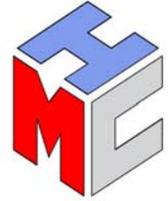
Logos for IPMS, Chelmsford, Essex Model Club, Southend, and Hornchurch.

The show held at Billericay last year has been rebooked. Unfortunately the date of the show has had to be changed due to other sporting fixtures and other show clashes on over the preferred weekends, but at least it's booked.



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Medway Modelling Club Exhibition -at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent

A very cold day indeed, we were sited in a different slip to last year which as it turned out was not necessarily a good thing as the concrete floor seeped the coldness into your feet. We also had to face the added danger of water dripping from the ceiling trusses. Robin noticed some drips on the table where he was sitting and thought someone had slopped some drink on the table. On further inspection it turned out there was condensation dripping off the roof trusses in a line which crossed the table. We moved the tables out of the way and were assured by the organiser that it would stop after an hour or so once the roof had warmed up a bit. As promised this was the case and we moved the tables back once the drips had stopped. We had a reasonably steady stream of people stopping in to see the display, but had to take spells away from the table to walk around to wake up your feet.

A good day out just spoilt by the lack of heat, apparently next year the show will be in mid/late April so should, "fingers crossed", be a bit warmer.



Theme Build for 2014

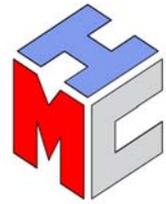
At the AGM we decided to have the theme build complete to coincide with the next AGM in February 2014. The theme will be "Stars of Stage & Screen", so it's anything that has appeared on TV or in a film, should give everyone something they could build.

At the last club meeting Paul Bennett offered/volunteered or was coerced into acting as build co-ordinator to ensure we don't just end up with too many duplicate subjects, not really something I'd have expected with such a wide range of subjects to choose from but worth keeping an eye on. So if you are planning on doing something for the build please have a quick word with Paul to let him know what's on the bench.



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For my part I have dug out of the stash the Airfix Dr Who and Tardis set released a few years ago. If nothing else the figures will be a bit of challenge! If time allows I might even have a go at a James Bond Autogyro or even the Landrover and figures from Shaun the Sheep.

Christmas Present Competition

At the AGM we decide to have a "fun" competition for a build starting at the November meeting to complete for the December (Christmas) meeting. The idea being that we buy a cheap (£5 or less) kit and it's given to me to wrap up as a Christmas present before the November meeting.

So far I have bought something for the competition and Ralph Hebron has too.

Forthcoming Shows in 2012/2013

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.

2013	
21st April - (Sunday)	ModelKraft, Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes, MK14 6BN
27th & 28th April (Saturday & Sunday)	Scottish Nationals, The Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth, PH2 0TH
11th May (Saturday)	Southdowns Show, Lancing.
19th May (Sunday)	IPMS Barnet + IPMS(UK) AGM, RAF Museum Hendon
25th May (Saturday)	Model 2013, Torquay Town Hall
1st June (Saturday)	IPMS Salisbury Model Show, Wyvern College, Sports Hall, Church Street, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1RE
13th July (Saturday)	Sanders Draper School Display
14th July (Sunday)	Essex Model Show, Hannakins Farm, Billericay, Essex
28th July (Sunday)	Midland 2013 Model Expo, Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre & Golf Course, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 6ER
1st September (Sunday)	East Riding of Yorkshire Model Show, Driffield Showground, Kellythorpe, Driffield, East Yorkshire, YO25 9DN
8th September (Sunday)	Model Spectacular 2013, Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, B73 6AB
22nd September (Sunday)	Wings & Things 2013, Spalding High School, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 2PJ
29th September (Sunday)	St Ives Model Show , Burgess Civic Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU
9th & 10th November (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale ModelWorld 2013 - 50th Anniversary Show , Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH

Peter

Robins Ruminations

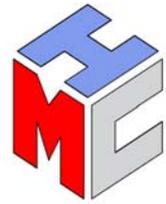
Last week was a very good time for me in a modelling sense, you guessed it, golf was on television. Not just any old beat the little white ball all over the park type golf but the U.S. Masters. That meant something like 27 hours of live coverage over the four days of play. Most of which my Wife would have been watching like a hawk, in fact it wouldn't be too far from the truth if I said that it would have needed a crowbar or desperate call of nature to move her off of the settee! This did have a couple of advantages for me as it meant that dinner was done and tidied away before coverage started at around 6pm. Also, as long as I kept a steady stream of tea and rich tea biscuits flowing into the living room I had a goodly amount of modelling time upstairs in total peace and quite. I'm beginning to think golf is a really good game!

Earlier this month I had one of those days from hell that I can laugh about now but at the time almost reduced me to tears of frustration. It all began when I could not sleep one night, not real reason, just tossing and turning in bed. As some of you know I have to get up early for work so when the alarm went off at 04:30 it seemed I had only just



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closed my eyes. So off to work I went with bags under my eyes and feeling pretty tired and irritable. However looking at on the bright side I finished at 13:30 and could come home, have a cup of tea, some nibbles and curl up on the settee for an hour's snooze, heaven. My day got even better when Adele called me and said that she wasn't working that day and so she would sort out all the boring domestics and our dinner.

So I got home and Adele had a sandwich and cup of tea waiting for me, how bad can it be? Adele now told me she had to pop up and see her mother for a couple of hours or so, also my Son was at work and wouldn't be home to late. So instead of curling up on the sofa why not stretch out on the bed and she'd wake me up when she came in? Now we're talking! I think that I was asleep before my Wife was out of the front door and it was at this point that my afternoon turned to custard.

Ring, Ring. "Good day sir, my name is George," (thick Indian accent,) "I'm calling you about your unclaimed payment protection insurance. You could be owed thousands of pounds in compensation".

Ring, Ring. "Good afternoon Mr. Bellamy, I'm calling on behalf of Solar Improvements. Have you heard of the possible financial benefits of solar power?"

Ring, Ring. "Ah, Mr. Bellamy, our records show that you or somebody in your household has been involved in an accident in the past three years. You could be owed thousands of pounds in compensation".

Now I try to be polite to these cold callers as let's face it, although annoying, these people are like most of us just trying to earn a living in what must be the most thankless way. However by now I was in no mood and the next cold caller was in for an earful.

Click, Slam. My Son had come home early from work, the first time ever this early in the afternoon. Thump, thump, thump up the stairs "Hi Dad, are you asleep?" What could I say? I explained the situation and so he decided to beat a hasty retreat to the safety of his room.

Ring, Ring. "Good afternoon Mr. Bellamy. I'm calling today to enquire if you've received your new copy of the Yellow Pages this week". By this time I didn't even have the energy to be abusive and so I just said yes and put the phone down.

Click, Click. The front door opening and closing, followed by the soft tread of my Wife coming up the stairs. "Time to get up darling. Did you have a good sleep?" ARGHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On a brighter note I've finally finished the Pfalz! Yes, I know that it's a shock to the system but it will be on the table tonight barring any sort of major disaster. Although I could have done more with the model I'm pleased with the end result as it's the first biplane I've rigged simulating turnbuckles. That's the screw thingies that keep the wires at their correct tension for the non bi-plane buff. All I will say is that it took a very steady hand, a big magnifying glass and much cursing to manage to get the invisible mending thread through the tiny pieces of tubing. Now comes the next question, which part built, part painted kit do I finish next? The Me.109E, F-84, Israeli A-4, King Tiger, La-7, Bristol Fighter, Stug III, Tempest or even the Mirage III? Choices, choices.

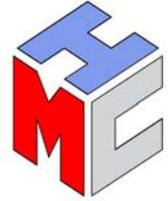
Chatham Dockyard Show Report

Peter, my Wife and I travelled down to Chatham on Easter Sunday for the show with hopes for a good show. The venue, a covered slip, had a large open doorway and guess where our stand was? You guessed it, right in front of the doorway. Unfortunately with a still air temperature on, or fractionally above freezing it was not a very pleasant show for its participants, i.e. Peter, Adele or I. We set up our stand and were pleased with the results and got ready for the show to open to the public. It was now that I looked down at my models and realised that somebody had spilt some liquid on a couple of my models and on the table. I was not a happy bunny, it was only then that I realised that the "spilt liquid" was in fact dripping from the roof! It appears that this happens quite often in the venue when ice defrosts on the roof and drips off of the joins between the overlapping roof sheets. Nice to be told before it happened! Peter and I picked up the loaded tables and moved them out of the line of "rain drops" coming from the roof. Other clubs were quickly moving their models as well. When the internal dripping eventually finished we switched the tables back into their proper positions.



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We took it in shifts to walk around and wander off into the dockyard proper to get the blood moving and warm up. Lunch for all of us was a hot pie, mash and gravy in a box, it doesn't sound much but it was hot and tasty and given how cold we were, simply marvellous! When the breeze got up in the afternoon it became pretty grim although we made the best of it by extending the covers to the floor and piling our boxes and bags behind it. We stuck it out until 17:00 before packing up the stand and Peter and I took some of the boxes to the car. We put the boxes in the boot and got in the car, as the sun was coming through the windscreen the front seats were very warm and when we both sat in them we both let out a collective "ah"! There then developed a short discussion as to whether we should go back for Adele or warm up for a few minutes. Decency and good sense prevailed and we drove back to the slipway and picked up Adele and finished loading the car before heading home, with I might add the heaters ON!

We took most of that evening to defrost ourselves fully and feel normal, well as normal as I get anyway. I know I am painting a bleak picture of the show but it was biting cold and not a pleasant experience for me. The show is three weeks later next year and hopefully will be warmer, there is much to see in the dockyard and the model show is a good excuse to get into the venue for free. With a family ticket priced at over £30 it's a good way to get into the dockyard for a day out, worth bearing in mind.

My official hat is now on.

Tonight is the first competition of the 2013/2014 "season", after seeing the impressive display (briefly) on the Hornchurch stand at Expo I'm hoping to be fairly busy booking in all the models for the tables.

Also tonight I'll have the trophies back from the engravers for presentation, better late than never. I will put my hands up and apologise to the winners for not having the trophies available for the last meeting. However I'm sure you will forgive me as this was the day after Expo and I was busy with counting the different piles of money and getting it in an acceptable state to pay into the bank. This was as well as getting all of the paraphernalia of the show sorted out and putting Expo to bed for the summer as it were.

Robin

Allan's "Annotations"

First impressions of the show

Well that's over with and the wounds are healing nicely. My first time on the other side of the barbed wire! Now I'm not unfamiliar with setting up shows as I've done a few bonsai shows in my time but this is crazy! and I don't know how Peter and Robin find the time.

Well there I was frisking the public for money with Bob, "Adult", "Senior", "Senior", "Adult", "Senior", "Wrinkly" and so on with a good smattering of both youngsters and wheelchair users, peppered with the less than infrequent Do you know where the gents is? (the answer "yes" caused much amusement to those with legs crossed) Those of us who sat on the desk were throwing tickets around like confetti.

Since returning to the modelling scene I've been to a few shows, but what an event.

I've been twice before and probably spoken to some of you reprobates and from a modelling perspective we (you) put on a great display, as did all the other clubs.

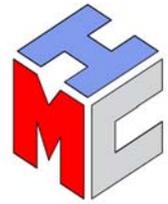
Anyway great job!

Allen



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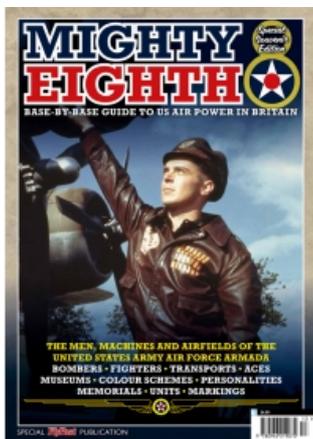
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Following on from Supermarine and Fairey the latest in the series is North American by the same author Martyn Chorlton, Keysey Publishing Ltd. Excellent coverage of the Mustang, Mitchell, Sabre, Texan and all the lesser known types, all the detail you want. As before *** 4 stars, excellent volume @ £7.95 post free.

The Mighty Eighth (Special Souvenir Edition)



If you're serious about studying the 8th Air Force in Britain in WW.2 this is the magazine type book for you, compiled and edited by Ken Ellis and friends, from Key Publishing, covers all the airfields used by the 8th, many coloured photos also black and white photos, some previously unseen, codes, groups and their squadrons, composition of bomber and fighter groups at a glance, colour references and profiles all for £4.99. An absolute snip, easy to slip in your bag when you drive into Norfolk and Suffolk looking for airfields, rather like Michael Portillo with his "Bradshaws" on his rail journeys. ***** 5 stars naturally.

Work In progress Surprise

Congratulations to everybody involved in making last months work in progress event the best ever display on part completed projects, such an interesting variety too. Personally I hadn't any models on the go at present due to family commitments and I thought there wouldn't be much stuff around at this time of year. So I decided to do a presentation of unseen Russian aircraft tracing the line from the Su-27 to the latest Su-50, something a bit different (even the Russian Special Interest Group at Expo didn't have a jet in its display). The 5 on view covered the 3rd & 4th generation from Su-27 to T50. The empty base was for the Su-35, it was WIP as there is no 1/72nd kit available (only for a prototype) for this model.

May I say well done everybody, it looks like the competition will be tough this year with such promising WIP, I can't wait to see the results of the completed models.



WrySpy has had a number of reports come in recently, including an overload on the JSF F-35, but as we called a halt to that one in Sticky Fingers July 2012, I will save that for a brief report encompassing the best bits at a later date.

4th Prototype T.50 flies to Moscow

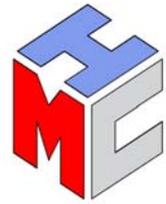
The 4th prototype of the Sukhoi T.50 (Bort 54) made its maiden flight at Komsomolsk on Azur on the 12th December 2012, flown by test pilot Sergie Bogdan, from the Sakhatin Island Facility.

The trial proved satisfactory and the T.50 then flew the 7,000Km journey to Zhukovsky Flight Research Institute (ZFI) taking in 4 stops along the way. The flight was made on 17th January 2013 with pilot Bogdan once again at the controls. This now means that all 4 prototypes are at ZFI, no doubt further testing will take place.



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Su-34 "Fullback" Makes the Frontline at last

From the early 80s, the Sukhoi Su-34 has had one of the slowest gestation periods of all time, before finally making operational service with the Russian Air Force.

It came into being as a development of the Su-27 Flanker as a proposed replacement for the Su-24 Fencer bomber. The main change was a new nose section with side by side seating arrangements to replace the in-line seating of the Su-27.

Given the title T.10 V.0 the prototype now called Furore began a long progression up to the T.10 V.10, each prototype carried out different test programmes, i.e. weaponry, armament, electronics/radar/static tests and engine comparison, mission and targeting systems etc. Then delays were encountered as a massive array of missile and weaponry was tested to find the most suitable items for the Su-34.

At this point we may mention the Su-32, this was the designation to variants of the Su-34 for export, only one problem, "no buyers" at least not yet. It seems they are relying on Arabic nations who operate the Su-24 to fill the gaps in sales.

In 2005 the Russian Defence Ministry ordered 32 Su-34s for delivery in 2010/13. It has been noted in December 2012, 5 aircraft were built by Novosibirsk (NAPO) and delivered to complete this order.

These tactical bombers followed their predecessors to the headquarters of the 7000th Air Base @ Voronezh, the codename Fullback has been given by NATO to these bombers which are to be repainted in dark grey upper surfaces with light blue under surfaces. It seems 2 squadrons will be each equipped with 10 aircraft, expected completion in early 2013. Then surplus bombers will be used to gradually replace existing Su-24 squadrons as further production has finally been agreed.

Su-30 SM (Multi-role Fighter)

A contract was signed for a total of 30 Su-30 SM aircraft for the Russian Air Force in March 2011. The first two examples from the Irkut Aviation Plant were delivered to the Zhukovsky FTC on 22/11/2012 with the balance to be delivered at intervals between 2013/2015 for squadron formation.

More Russian Aircraft For Sale

Following the advert for sale of the Su-35 by the Russians as reported in March Sticky Fingers WrySpy, we now have further offerings for sale including the new Il-76MD, a four engine transport plane, also a Yak trainer (similar to the BAe Hawk) and two helicopters, one a military ground attack type and the other a general purpose army type. I'll repeat the contact point in case you missed it last time.

Rosoboron Export, 27 Stromyaka Street, Moscow, 107076
Russian Federation, www.roe.ru

Russian Air Force Re-Organisation Report

We have received at WrySpy the latest Russian Air Force re-organisation report of a complete shake up of types, bases and many other facets of operational capability. The need to compare it with the Russian Air Force report of December 2011 (Sticky Fingers No.90) and several subsequent issues containing updates will be rendered obsolete by this new report and map. Watch for it soon.

Alan