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Peters Prattling

Medway Festival Of Steam And Transport 2014

I've booked us a couple of tables at this show at Chatham Dockyard for the Sunday 20th April but we could always extend to the Monday too if there's interest. It's the Easter holiday which is why it's Monday, just in case you were wondering. Thankfully this year we are under cover, no more hyperthermia and frost-bite. The model display is being hosted in The Smithery which is now an art gallery so we will be nice and dry and warm. A great day out for all the family.

Last 2 Flying Lancasters Together

The last two Lancaster bombers still flying in the world will come together in a series of events this summer, in a meeting unlikely to happen ever again.

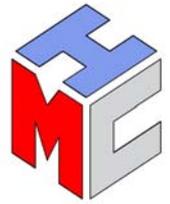
The Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (RAF BBMF) based at RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire will welcome the arrival of a very special guest during August 2014 when the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum (CWHM) fly their prized Avro Lancaster to the UK for a month long visit.

The Canadian Lancaster will join the only other airworthy Lancaster in the world, owned and operated by the RAF BBMF, and participate in several events and activities while overseas.



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The CWHM Lancaster will depart from Hamilton, Ontario on August 4th with plans to arrive in England on August 8th. The North Atlantic crossing will include en-route stops at Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada, Narsarsuaq, Greenland, and Keflavik, Iceland, prior to arriving in the UK.

Shortly after arriving, the Lancaster will undergo a scheduled maintenance inspection. The CWHM crews will then complete a short training program with the BBMF in preparation to participate in several air displays and fly pasts with the BBMF Lancaster and fighters starting on August 14th. These displays will celebrate the exceptionally close British/Canadian relationship and to commemorate the sacrifice and dedication of Commonwealth Bomber crews and the professionalism of both nations' air forces today. The CWHM Lancaster will also conduct a limited number of UK Bomber Membership flights from Humberside Airport, flying over historic Lincolnshire for those fortunate few who have obtained CWHM UK Bomber Memberships. Further information on the UK Bomber Memberships can be found at www.warplane.com.

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum President and CEO, Sqn Ldr (Ret.) David G. Rohrer C.D. who is a current Lancaster pilot, stated that this Trans Atlantic crossing and visit to the BBMF and England is a "Once in a Lanc Time" event as it will not happen again. Rohrer indicated that this year, "a rare window of opportunity was identified to bring the last two flying Lancasters in the world together as a special salute to all the veterans of Bomber Command, many of whom are in their late 80s or older now." It is also an opportunity for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum to fly together and showcase a flying display and tribute to all those who served in the time of need, in Canada, Britain, and the entire Commonwealth, that likely will never be seen again.

Officer Commanding the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, Sqn Ldr Dunc Mason said "To see these two aircraft flying at events together will be a unique sight and also the opportunity to truly commemorate those who paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Judging at Southend

Haven't been officially asked but I would expect we will be asked to supply some judges for their end of year competition. Date for this will be Wednesday May 21st. They are now meeting at the Royal Naval Club, East St, Southend.

Forthcoming Shows in 2014

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.

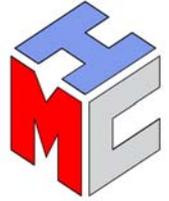
2014	
26 th & 27 th April (Saturday & Sunday)	Scottish Nationals, Perth
20th and 21st April (Sunday & Monday)	Medway Festival Of Steam And Transport 2014, Chatham Dockyard
27 th April (Sunday)	ModelKraft, Milton Keynes
11 th May (Sunday)	Hendon Model Show, RAF Museum, London
24 th May (Saturday)	Lancing Show, Lancing, West Sussex,
22 nd June (Sunday)	West Norfolk IPMS, Downham Market, Norfolk
28 th June (Sunday)	"It's a Small World", Orchards Shopping Centre, Dartford
27 th July (Sunday)	Essex Modellers Show, Hannakins Farm, Billericay
20 th & 21 st September (Saturday & Sunday)	Maquette Club Opale, Complexe Sportif, Rue de la Mairie, Frethun (near Calais)
21 st September (Sunday)	Wings and Things, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 2PJ
8 th & 9 th November (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale ModelWorld, Telford

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Robins Ruminations

My official hat is now on.

Robin

Wrighty's References



The Raptor Incident

A veil of secrecy has been lifted by the CinC of WrySpy to give this edited report of an air incident between USAF F-22 Raptors and Iranian F-4 Phantoms on 12/03/2013 in the Persian Gulf.

The Phantoms were on a mission to intercept "drones" (pilotless UAVs), which were active in locating nuclear development in Iran and other intelligence etc. The F/A-22 Raptors (F/A stands for "Fighter Attack" although the F-22 has always been promoted as a fighter), in this case they were operating from a United Arab Emirates base (Al Dhafra), which is some 200 miles from Iranian territory, the base has 2 asphalt runways each 12,000 feet long.

With the F-22s on their doorstep the Iranians were less than happy and referred to it as a needless "in your face" provocation. The response was to back up the fighters (F-4 Phantoms) with SAM missile systems of various types supplied by the Russia and Belarus. These defences are of course more effective against the slow moving drones, these defences are kept at a high standard of readiness with good logistics and training. Militants in Tehran pressured for a more aggressive posture towards the West, in response Iranian Su-25 Frogfoot aircraft shot down a drone in November 2012. This was where the 3rd deployment by F/A-22s came about 2012/13 at Al Dhafra as a rapid response force against the aforementioned background.

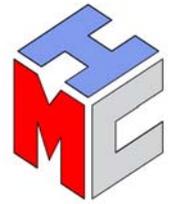
In the March 12th incident the Iranian Phantoms were vectored onto an MQ-1B Predator drone, it was unclear whether they intended to shoot it down but cue entry of the F/A-22s escorting the drone high over the Arabian Sea, the lead F/A-22 dived and flew beneath the F-4s to check out their weapons load, a message was then sent by the Raptors to the Phantoms, "you really ought to go home you know". Not knowing the F-4s radio frequency, it seems the message was delivered by other means; it was enough the older F-4s made what is known as a tactical withdrawal. With Iran's radars which cover the area they could claim "we learned a lot from the 1st encounter regarding the Raptor", so the end result was a 1-2 win but Iran learnt a lot!

Alan



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IPMS Hornchurch 2014 Annual General Meeting Report

Thank You

Firstly a big thank you for the vote of confidence from the club at the AGM in wanting me to continue in the role of club secretary, but as I pointed out on the night at some point 1 or all of the committee may decide to give up so please give some thought to whether you could or would consider taking on a more active role within the club. As per previous years, here is a very quick rundown of the AGM with a list of the meeting schedule for 2014/15. This report will also appear in the March 2014 issue of Sticky Fingers.

Branch Secretary Report 2014

The good bits, club attendance at shows has been very good; the recent Model Engineering Show was a really good example of enough people volunteering and ensuring there were enough attending on each day to put on a really great display, and to this end the club was sent a cheque for £65.00 from the show organisers as a thank you. I presume it was more for coming back again after the dreadful weather last year. This led on to a diversion to tell the club that a proper bank account has been created for the club as the cheque was made payable to "IPMS Hornchurch". The cheque has been paid in and has been credited to the account, currently both myself and Robin are signatories on the account but we will add Bob too. Going forwards Bob will be transferring the club money from his account to the club one for safe keeping.

Also I was heartened to hear quite a few of the members looking forwards to Southern Expo and the possibility that the club might win the trophy again for "Best Club Stand", I like the fact you are thinking positively about this.

We have seen less participation in submission of articles for the club newsletter (Sticky Fingers), and this is really disappointing as the few people who contribute put a lot of effort into it. We try hard to keep you all in touch with what is going on or coming up with the club through the newsletter, but also I would hope include articles, like Alan Wrights', about subjects which may be of interest to others, which aren't necessarily directly related to plastic. So thinking caps on chaps we do want some articles off you.

Treasurer Report 2014

Bob presented a rundown of the accounts. The club is still healthily solvent, so no plans to up the subs for the meetings. We did have reduced revenue from the Essex Modellers Show but we had fewer guest speakers which mostly off-set this.

Competition Secretary Report 2014

Nothing much to report, the standards were as high as ever and as usual a plea for more entries next year.

Election of Officers

The current officers were re-elected unopposed, although plenty of opportunity was given for others to step forward, sadly none did.

Club Competition Winners

The winners of the club competitions were announced

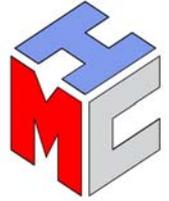
Wally Arrowsmith Trophy – Aircraft	Bob Lawrence
IPMS Hornchurch Trophy – Miscellaneous	Mick Pitts
Modeller of the Year Competition	Mick Pitts

The format of the competitions was then discussed; it was felt that the general club competitions were OK as they were.



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We then moved on to some proposed theme build topics for the club display next year at Southern Expo 2015. In the end we decided on a theme called "**Best Of British**". The idea being to model a subject which you consider fits the theme.

There was also a short discussion about whether we could do a sort of group build where a kit is started in March and finished by the October modelling evening. I suggested the Airfix Start Sets as I had picked a few up for less than about £4 each and we could setup teams of perhaps 3 or 4 who pass the model on from month to month. We'd bring the model on every meeting to hand over and see how people are getting on. Just a thought,

Formulation of the Club Meeting schedule

We then discussed the meeting schedule; see the list at the end of the report.

Any Other Business

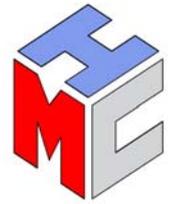
Club sign for shows, following on from a comment in the IPMS Scale Model World Show Report magazine about our sign being slightly out of date with the name of the club, i.e. it should really be IPMS Hornchurch and not Hornchurch Model Club as on the sign currently. I suggested we should update/revamp the sign to say "IPMS Hornchurch" and also have our club logo and new IPMS logo on it too. Also preferably it should be a little bit lighter than the current one. Some ideas were floated around and it would be good for these to come together sometime soon.

Sadly no-one thought to thank the committee for their efforts over the year.



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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 nd scale or less	Greater than 1/72 nd 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 1st to 5th 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 1st and 2nd 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 1st five places in each competition category.

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

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

Modeller of the Year Competition

Rules

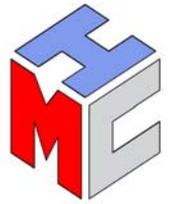
- Judging for the competition will be performed by external judges with no association with any of the entered models.
- Any models which have been entered into the IPMS Hornchurch competition over the year are eligible for entry.
- First, second and third places are to be awarded with the following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

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



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2014 / 2015 Meeting Schedule

March 17 th	Display of the Theme builds What have you bought at the show?
April 21 st	Competition Night
May 19 th	"Good, Bad & the Ugly" Bring up models which fit these descriptions
June 16 th	Competition Night
July 21 st	DVD Night – Southern Expo and others
August 18 th	Weathering Techniques Demonstration by Brian
September 15 th	Competition Night
October 20 th	Modelling Evening
November 17 th	Competition Night
December 15 th	Quiz and nibbles
January 19 th	Competition: Modeller of the Year
February 16 th	AGM + Theme Build Competition

Competition Results for the Theme Build 2013/14

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st =	Graham Hill Ian Brown	Kryton Speeder Bike	28
2 nd	Bob Lawrence	Captured Attacker - Independence Day	21
3 rd	Paul Bennett	Angel Interceptor	20
4 th	Graham Hill	MS230	17
5 th	Graham Hill	Face Hugger	11
	Paul Bennett	Spitfire BoB Movie	10
	Peter Bagshaw	T-Rex	8
	Robin Bellamy	Tie Fighter	4
	Peter Bagshaw	Tardis	2

Final Positions

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Peter Bagshaw	151
2 nd	Bob Lawrence	138
3 rd	Robert Smith	109
4 th	Paul Bennett	62
5 th	Brian Breeze	40
	Paul Bird	27
	Colin McAuliffe	25
	Robin Bellamy	23
	Ian Brown	19
	Glenn Stimson	17
	Charles Thompson	10
	Alan Wright	5

IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Final Positions

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Mick Pitts	73
2 nd	Robert Smith	71
3 rd	Kevin Curley	59
4 th	Peter Bagshaw	49
5 th	Paul Bird	46
	Bob Lawrence	42
	Graham Hill Ian Brown	25
	Colin McAuliffe	21
	John Huston	17

Competition Results for the Christmas Present Build

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st =	Ian Brown	Westland Sea King	41
2 nd	Bob Lawrence	Albatros D.II	29
3 rd	Wally Arrowsmith	Lockheed P-38 Lightning	27
4 th	Paul Bennett	Heinkel He-162	18
5 th	Peter Bagshaw	Bae Hawk	17
	Graham Hill	Grumman F4F Wildcat	12