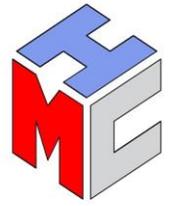




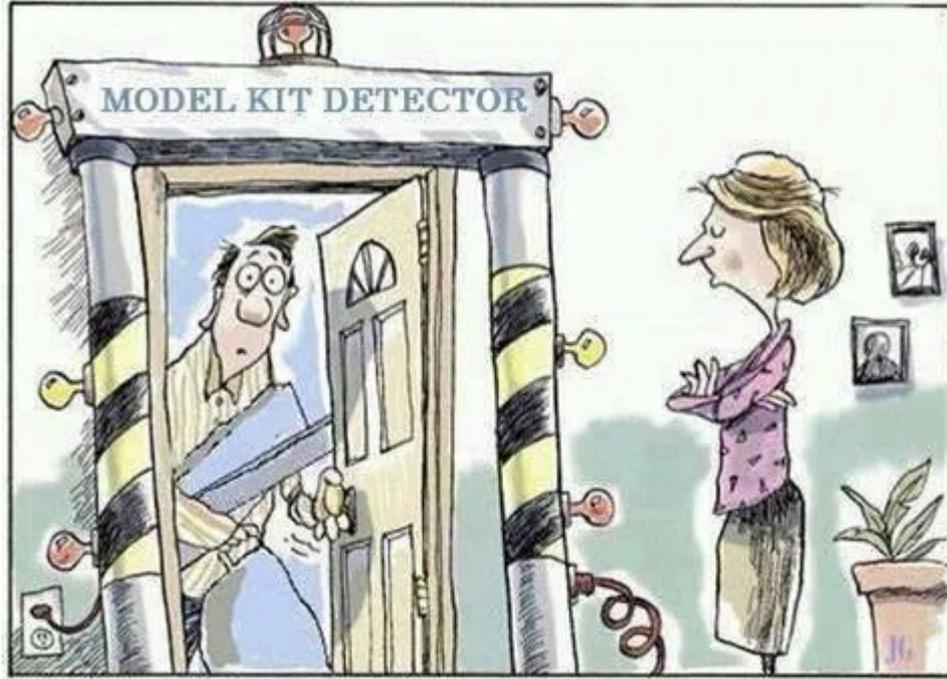
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ScaleModelWorld 2014

Wow, what can I say other than THANK YOU. To all those club members who turned up with models and manned the stand over the weekend, you all did a fantastic job. Allen Roffey, Brian Thomas, Steve Crust, Phil Worth, Bob Smith & Bob Plumridge to name just those I remember seeing there. For me and Robin it really made a great change to be able to wander round the show talking to Expo traders and clubs without the constant checking of watches to make sure we were back to the stand in time.

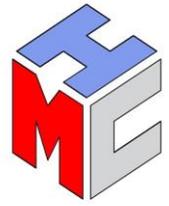
I attended the Club & SIG leader briefing on the Sunday morning; unfortunately it was the usual cry of "we don't have enough volunteers!", again whilst on the subject double thanks to Allen for stepping in to the volunteer slot allocated to the club. There were various discussions and suggestions on how to "encourage" clubs to allocate a volunteer or two, ranging from making it a condition of entry to SMW up to giving the volunteer a meal voucher. Other ideas were floated to encourage or capture the non-club based members (which is about half the membership) to step forward and help. Thankfully the idea of making it a condition of entry was rejected. Strangely at no point did anyone think that perhaps they should adjust the scope and size of the show to fit the number of volunteers available.

Other highlights of the show were some announcements by Airfix of some new releases for 2015, namely new Boulton Paul Defiant, Heinkel He-111 P2 and Sea King helicopters in 1/72nd scale. The moulds for the Defiant were on show and it



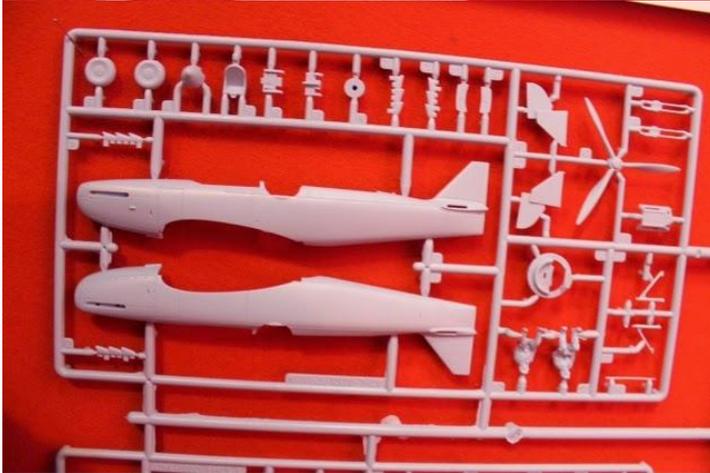
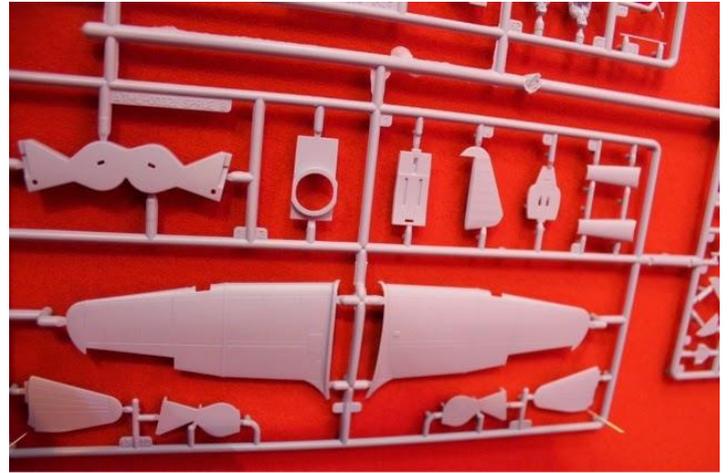
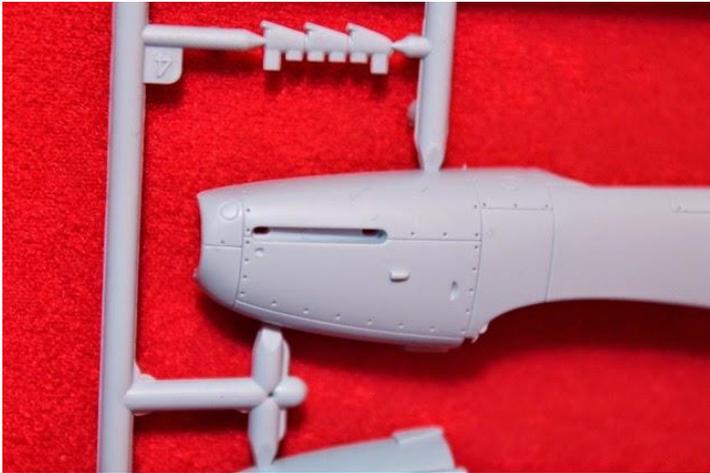
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did look really nice. Apparently they are now using LIDAR to capture the outer shape of the subjects as accurately as possible. More announcements on the full 2015 release schedule will follow in December.



Apologies to Bob Lawrence & Paul Bird

My sincere apologies to Bob Lawrence and Paul Bird too, I mistakenly attributed the Fokker DVII entered by Bob in the last competition round to Paul. Sorry chaps. I can't promise it won't happen again but I'll do my best. In light of this I've redone the points for the competition.

Positions after 3rd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Paul Bennett	124
2 nd	Bob Lawrence	96
3 rd	Ian Brown	90
4 th	Brian Thomas	80
5 th	Peter Bagshaw	66
	Allen Roffey	47
	Peter Bellamy	44
	Paul Bird	41
	John Huston	40
	Alan Wright	26
	John Bennett	22
	Charles Thompson	20



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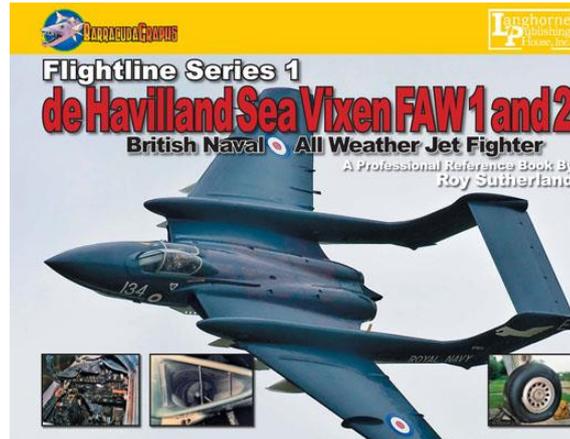


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Can Steve Crust have his book back please?

Steve Crust lent his Barracuda book on the Sea Vixen to somebody, but he can't remember who. Can you all have a look on your bookshelves and check whether it was you? If you find it please can he have it back? No questions asked!

Hint: it looks like this:-



Forthcoming Shows in 2014 & 2015

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.

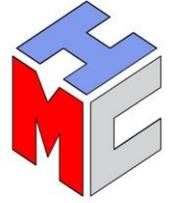
2014	
7 th December (Sunday)	London Model Show, Islington Business Design Centre, London, N1 0QH
	December Model Fair, Midland Air Museum,, Coventry Airport, Baginton, Warwickshire, CV3 4FR
2015	
16 th - 18 th January (Friday – Sunday)	London Model Engineering Exhibition, Alexandra Palace, London
14 th February (Saturday)	On Track 2015, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, Kent, United Kingdom, CT20 2DZ
15 th February (Sunday)	Huddersfield Show, Huddersfield Sports Centre, Southgate, Huddersfield, HD1 1TW North Devon Model Show, Fremington Village Hall, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3BG
1 st March (Sunday)	Peterborough Show, The Voyager Academy, Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, Peterborough, PE4 6HX
21 st & 22 nd March	Southern Expo
22 nd March (Sunday)	East Midlands Model Show, The Leisure Centre, Coventry Road, Hinckley, LE10 0JR
12 th April (Sunday)	Shropshire Scale Model Show, RAF Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
18 th April (Saturday)	IPMS Dorset, Parkstone Grammar School, Sopers Lane, Poole, BH17 7EP
26 th April (Sunday)	ModelKraft 2015, Stantonbury Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes, MK14 6BN
12 th July (Sunday)	Moorlands Model Show, The TA Centre, Martin Leake House, Waterloo Road, Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 3HJ
18 th July (Saturday)	North Somerset Model Show 2015, The Helicopter Museum, Weston Heliport, Locking Moor Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 8PP
7 th & 8 th November (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale ModelWorld 2015, Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH

Peter



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Robin's "Ruminations"

Just a short article this month as I have been "lazy" not starting to write an article until the very last minute almost. In my defence however my Wife and I have been busy in the evenings getting all of the Southern Expo paperwork printed, flyers printed, club and trader invitations labelled and envelopes labelled. All of this had to then be checked, folded, stamped and posted at the allotted time. Of course Peter and I are now receiving the first cheques and club replies back and so we all have more work to do on the paperwork and accounting side of things but we are more than happy to do it to put on, dare I say it, one of the country's most enjoyed shows. Not only does this take up a fair bit of both households spare, (modelling), time but can also have other "disadvantages" as we were reminded of at the Nationals at Telford recently. When we set off for a quick look around the show on Saturday morning it took almost two hours before we returned to the club stand. As we are now recognised as the organisers of Southern Expo we are often stopped, button holed and engaged in conversation by traders and modellers alike. Now don't get me wrong, it's really nice and enjoyable to talk to so many people in the hobby and we are always happy to do so but it can mean that we can't see as much of model shows as we like. I'm sure that there were still some stands that I didn't see at the Nationals, so when we say that we see more of Southern Expo on John's DVD than we do in person, we're not joking!

This year I decided to take two days leave before the Nationals to get ready for the show and take my Son to Gatwick airport as he was flying out to Egypt for eight days of sun, sand and diving. On the Thursday I got all of my show gear together and packed. The latter half of the day was spent getting Peters diving gear checked and packed ready for a reasonably early start on the Friday to get ahead of the normally horrendous Friday traffic over the bridge. We got away on time and spent a very enjoyable day together having a meal and then calling in on some old friends in Sussex before heading over to the airport. I got home at about 21:30 and fell into bed after a cup of tea to be ready for Peter to pick me up at 05:00 on the Saturday morning. After a fast and safe journey to Telford we arrived in time to queue up to get our wristbands that had to be pre-ordered and affixed, it was simply handed to us after a quick check of our membership cards, what was the point? As the stand was fairly full of models when Peter and I arrived, we decided to give our models a rest and left them in the car for the duration of the show. After a couple of extended wanders around and clutching a bag or two of bargains it was time for the show to close at 18:00, we both asked ourselves where the day had gone? We went back to the hotel to have a good look at our respective purchases and get ready to go out for dinner. Bargains "in the bag" was a 1/48th Eduard Mig-21 for £12, Fokker Eindecker £5 and a Spitfire Mk.IXc for £7.50 to name but a few. We certainly didn't need any rocking when we got to bed that night.

After a good breakfast at the hotel we were back in the hall just after 09:00 and so the whirl of the show started again, which was only stopped by the service of remembrance at 11:00. It didn't seem more than a blink of the eye and the show was brought to a close at 16:00 and so clutching another bag or two of bargains we quickly packed up the stand, loaded the car and headed home, arriving at about 19:15. Adele looked over my purchases and listened to how my weekend went with the normal mix of enthusiasm and sufferance (and possibly pity), that only a Wife can.

During the show Jason of LSA Models told us that he was closing the doors of his business on the 31st of December. He also said that he would probably be holding a half-price sale in December if anybody is interested in a run to the south coast; keep an eye on his website. We will miss Jason at Expo but have already filled his trade space from the reserve list.

Robin