



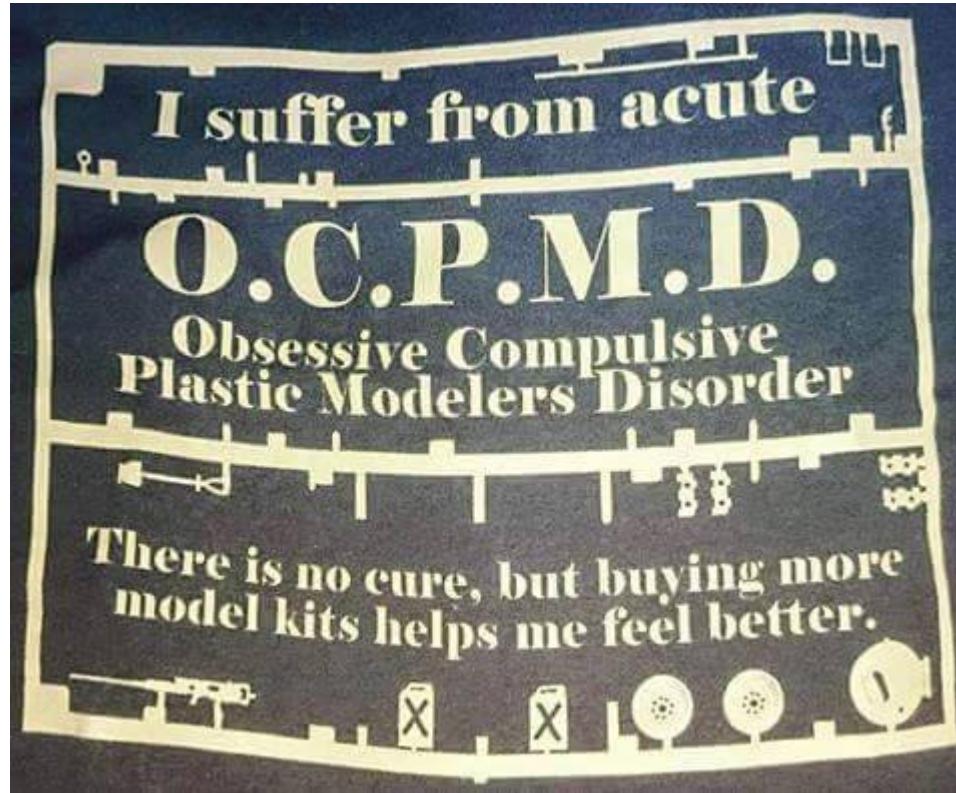
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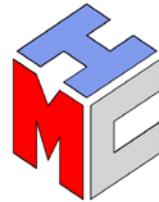
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Peters Pratting

Annual General Meeting Tonight

Tonight's meeting is the AGM and as such we need to decide on who will actually run the club, look after the money and run our internal club competition or any other tasks the club thinks need doing. In addition we also need to think about what we will actually do for our monthly meetings and this is your opportunity to raise suggestions or put forward ideas which you think need discussion.

Southern Expo

I would like to ask that some club members be available on Friday evening from 7:00pm onwards to help setup, more importantly as many as possible attend the show and help populate the stand with models (they don't have to be to the club theme of "Best of British") and just in case the message hasn't sunk in yet, **all club members are eligible to put models on display**, and then man the stand throughout the show, you are the best recruiting tool for the club I can think of. Help breaking down the tables on the Sunday evening will also be most appreciated.

Will someone please "volunteer" to be the display organiser?

Engineering Show @ Alexandra Palace

I received a letter from the organisers thanking us for our attendance and hard work, as a thank you they also enclosed a cheque for the club for £65, which I thought was extremely generous of them as it was entirely unexpected.

IPMS(UK) Branch Submission & Address List

Just because it's a good time to do this, before I complete the branch return please check the current address list I have to ensure you are on there and the details are accurate & complete. I will also need to know whether you are IPMS or not and your IPMS number if you can remember it.

Forthcoming Shows in 2016

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.

2016	
February 28 th (Sunday)	North Devon Model Show , Fremington Village Hall, Higher Road, Fremington, Barnstaple , Devon, EX31 3BG
March 5 th (Saturday)	Aldingbourne Inaugural Modelex , Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre, Olivers Meadow, Westergate , West Sussex, PO20 3YA
March 6 th (Sunday)	East of England Model Show , The Voyager Academy, Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, Peterborough , PE4 6HX
March 19 th & 20 th (Saturday & Sunday)	Southern Expo
March 20 th (Sunday)	Stoke on Trent Model Show , Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, Beaconsfield Drive, Blurton, Stoke on Trent , Staffs, ST3 3JD
April 3 rd (Sunday)	Shropshire Scale Model Show, RAF Museum Cosford , Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
April 9 th (Saturday)	IPMS Dorset / Poole Vikings Model Show , Parkstone Grammar School, Sopers Lane, Poole , BH17 7EP
April 23 rd & 24 th (Saturday & Sunday)	Scottish National Scale Model Show , The Live Active Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth , PH2 0TH
April 24 th (Sunday)	ModelKraft 2016 , Milton Keynes, Stantonbury Leisure Centre.
May 8 th (Sunday)	IPMS Gloucester , Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown , Gloucestershire, GL3 2JH
May 14 th (Saturday)	Southdowns , The Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing , West Sussex BN15 8AJ
May 28 th (Saturday)	Torbay Military Modelling Show , Torquay Town Hall
June 19 th (Sunday)	MAFVA Nationals 2016 , The Burgess Hall, Westwood Rd, Saint Ives , Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU
	West Norfolk IPMS - Downham Market Town Hall, Norfolk PE38 9DE



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June 26 th (Sunday)	IPMS Coventry & Warwickshire Model Show , Rowley Road, Coventry , CV3 4FR
	Ipswich IPMS Model Show , Willow Suite , Gresham Sports and Social Club, 312 Tuddenham Road, Ipswich , IP4 3QJ
July 3 rd (Sunday)	North Somerset Modellers Society Model Show, The Helicopter Museum, Weston Heliport, Locking Moor Road, Weston-Super-Mare , BS24 8PP
July 9 th (Saturday)	Hailsham District Scale Model Club , Community Civic Hall, Vicarage lane, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 2AX
July 24 th (Sunday)	Essex Model Show , Hannakins Farm, Billericay .
July 31 st (Sunday)	Midland Expo , Leasowes Sports Centre, Leasowes High School, Kent Road, Halesowen , B62 8PJ
August 6 th & 7 th (Saturday & Sunday)	Essex MAFVA , Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Averly Road, Upminster, Essex. RM14 2TN
September 17 th & 18 th (Saturday & Sunday)	Maquette Club Opale , Complexe Sportif, Rue de la Mairie, Frethun (near Calais)
September 18 th (Sunday)	Wings & Things 2016 , Fenland & Spalding, Spalding High School, Spalding, Lincs.
September 25 th (Sunday)	St Ives (Brampton) show , Burgess Civil Hall, St Ives, Cambs.
November 12 th & 13 th (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale ModelWorld 2016 , Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH

Peter

Robin's "Ruminations"

Not a lot to report on the modelling front unfortunately, nothing new there I hear you thinking, but I must admit to musing over this year's Expo build for a while. I had a couple of interesting thoughts on the matter, my first thought was for a R.A.F. F-4 Phantom, in gulf war colours, markings and weapons fit. It would certainly look a lot different from the usual Tornado's, Jaguars and Buccaneers. The other thought I had was while doing a bit more research for a Hornchurch decal sheet, what if H.M. Government had invested in Frank Whittle's Power Jets Ltd. in 1936 instead of ignoring the project? I sat musing over the thought of a Gloster Meteor in a Hornchurch squadron based markings and Battle of Britain colours, an interesting thought that the Battle of Britain could have been fought with Meteor jet fighters instead of Spitfires and Hurricanes. Alas, my thoughts and musings have remained just that unfortunately but I may well return to such thoughts at a later date, in can see in my mind's eye a LGB equipped desert pink Phantom sitting on a desert hardstand, mmmm!

Although I'm sure that Peter will have written an Expo update, from my point of view things seem to be settling into a nice gentle slide towards the show. That's not to say there isn't still lots to do, but the major bits and pieces seem to be falling into place. I'm now looking to sort out all the competition bits and pieces, a couple of evening's time consuming, boring but necessary work. After that it will be the entry tickets, raffle tickets, (colours various), raffle prizes, paperwork, finances.....could somebody please explain to Peter and myself just why we are doing this?

On a serious note, if any club members could give us a hand with setting-up, breaking down and any odd jobs over the weekend your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

My "official hat" is now on.....

Tonight is the AGM and so I'm sure you will all have your questions and ideas ready for the committee, whoever the committee might be at the end of the night. Yes, you can oust the committee in a bloodless coup and take over; go on give it a go, how hard can it be? As far as the club competitions are going, the numbers have dropped this year but so has the club attendance due to changes in some members changing personal circumstances. Fewer attendees, fewer models I'm afraid. The best I can say is that the quality of the models is as good as ever.

Just a reminder, could the members that are holding the trophies from last year please bring them back tonight so I can get them engraved for presentation at next months meeting? Thank you gentleman.

Robin



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Wrighty's "References"



Shoreham Plane Crash

See Sticky Fingers 2015 No.136 for full report to refresh your memory of the Hawker Hunter and the formation loop that ended in disaster when the aircraft went out of control and dived into the road after losing height and position. The fuel explosion wiped out a number of cars and killed 7 people and with lesser injuries for other travellers.

Well let's continue forwards to Wed 3rd Feb where the inquest began to determine the cause of the crash. ITV News reported with a review of the fatal days events whereupon references were made to some "WrySpy" selected reasoning made in the days following the crash but it all then went quiet, other than the fact that the pilot was in hospital too ill to talk. Apparently too ill to op-operate with the police?

No mention was made of any backseat passenger, were they affected/killed? That's if there was anybody in the backseat (side seat as its side by side seating!). One last point to make, an onlookers phone camera showing the out of control plane flying into the road and exploding in a sheet of flames (caused by the aviation fuel), the pictures were too blurred to show whether the Hunter carried drop tanks, the wing tips looked squared off, rather like a clip winged Spitfire.

The last item from the inquest reported that ground control to the Hunter was flying too low and not to try and pull any stunts. Question why did the pilot ignore the message? The inquest concluded that the aircraft lost control due to the lack of height and dropping below safety over the display area height. Attempts to use the road as a last ditch landing area proved fatal. Answers to these questions can only come from the pilot and he has yet to provide answers.

The final comment from ITV News was the Southport incident, where the Hunter pilot was warned about his height and low flying during a display in August 2015 above Southport Beach Air Show. The pilot made no comment on the incident at the time or after. It seems he was willing to try again still not keeping himself and aircraft in check with the display control area.

The final findings are due May 2016, please keep your eyes open for them.

U-Boat Lost For 100 Years

An interesting story that you may have heard of in the 3rd week of Jan 2016. The story is herewith, the vessel lay on the seabed 55 miles off the Norfolk coast, some minor research showed that the vessel departed Wilhelmshaven on 13/01/1915 from which it never returned.

WrySpy have been checking the records and can confirm the dates of the U31 and patrol area off the east coast of England, Norfolk is a fair bet and loss of ship in a minefield.

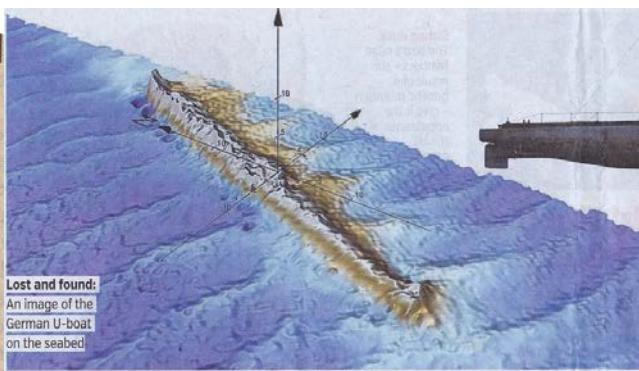
U31 was a "Class Leader", her length was 212 1/2 foot x 20 3/4 foot beam, she was the first sub (i.e. Class Leader) built and followed by 10 more U-Boats of the same design with a displacement of 878 tons and a ships company of 32 men, powered by 2 diesel engines giving a speed of 16/17 knots. For reference the builders were Krupp Germania Yard @ Kiel.

The attached photo of U31 on the seabed suggests that the mine made contact on the starboard aft quarter of the hull.

WWI U-boat found off Norfolk coast

THE wreckage of a World War I German submarine has been found 55 miles off the East Anglian coast. The boat, which vanished in 1915, was found by divers conducting a survey for an off-shore wind farm. Project director Charlie Jordan said the find was 'quite a surprise'.

Lost and found:
An image of the German U-boat on the seabed



Mine mystery: The SM U-31, which was last seen leaving port in 1915

PICTURES: PA

Pictures show well-preserved wreck of WWI sub off Norfolk

FOOTAGE has been released of the German U-boat found on the seabed in British waters after 100 years. The World War I vessel, SM U-31, was found 55 miles off East Anglia in 2012 by Scottish Power Renewables engineers working on a wind farm

but has now been officially identified. The 31-man submarine left Wilhelmshaven on January 13, 1915, and is thought to have struck a mine. Historian Mark Dunkley said: 'The submarine appears to be in a remarkable condition.'



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Q-Ships, I assume that we know what they were? No? Well a brief explanation, they were merchant ships disguised as tramp steamers unarmed so they looked easy meat for the U-Boats. In reality they had numerous guns hidden on decks with dropdown wooden case sides to enable them to shoot back against the U-Boats with some success.

Back to the U-Boats

Looking at the war records of the 10 class 31 ships, it came as a big surprise to find 3 out of the 10 boats were sunk by Q-Ships as follows:-

U.34	Sunk off Gibraltar in 1918
U.36	Sunk off Hebrides in 1915
U.41	Sunk off Scilly Isles in 1915
Just for the record	
U.32	Sunk in Mediterranean by destroyer in 1918
U.37	Sunk in English Channel by mine in 1915
U.40	Sunk off Aberdeen by torpedo in 1915
U.33	War Prize in UK, scrapped in 1919
U.35	War Prize in UK, scrapped in 1920
U.38	War Prize in France, scrapped in 1921
U.39	War Prize in France, scrapped in 1923

Comment:-

Judging by the seabed photos it looks as though U.31 could be salvaged and lifted clear with some ease, why not recover and display it, suggested site Chatham Dockyard, after all you don't get 100 year old submarines every day do you?

Alan



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IPMS Hornchurch AGM 2016 Agenda

1. Committee Reports
 - i) Secretary's report – Peter Bagshaw
 - ii) Assistant & Competition Secretary's report – Robin Bellamy
 - iii) Treasurer's report – Bob Plumridge
2. Election of Officers
 - i) Secretary
 - ii) Assistant & Competition Secretary
 - iii) Treasurer
3. Club Finances

Unfortunately as I outlined in a couple of meetings recently the cost for our meeting hall has effectively doubled (but is still less than what it would be for a new booking or using the smaller hall we used to have). With that in mind we need to discuss and agree on monthly attendance fees and what we spend, i.e. competition trophies, prizes & guest speakers etc.
4. Club Competitions
 - a) Announcement of winners for 2015/2016 competitions
 - i) Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)
 - ii) IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)
 - iii) Modeller of the Year 2015 as judged by IPMS South East Essex (Southend)

<p>1st Bob Smith Mk.IV Tank</p> 	<p>2nd Mick Pitts T-26 Tank</p> 	<p>3rd Ian Brown Suzuki GT500</p> 
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- b) Competition rules – Same as last year?

Theme-build suggestions

From a modelling point of view perhaps a "Cold War" theme for the Iron Curtain or just a W.W.I theme for the Centenary would be more "do-able".

5. Formulation of outstanding monthly dates for 2016 - 2017
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 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.

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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Template for 2016 / 2017 Meeting Schedule

March 21 st	
April 18 th	Competition Night
May 16 th	
June 20 th	Competition Night
July 18	
August 15 th	
September 19 th	Competition Night
October 17 th	Polish Armour Brigade Talk by Jan Jarzemowski
November 21 st	Competition Night
December 19 th	Quiz and nibbles
January 16 th	Competition: Modeller of the Year
February 20 th or 27 th (TBC)	AGM + Theme Build Competition

Please note this can be completely changed if requested, this is just a guideline for discussion