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Guess who bought the decals for this at the Nationals?

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Southern Expo is on! 15th & 16th March 2008

Yes we've booked the hall and sent out invitations to the traders and clubs. The dates are 15th & 16th of March 2008, so put this in your diaries. Apologies to Charles Thompson for putting him in a dilemma, does he come to the show or celebrate 50 years of marriage?

At the moment we are inviting those traders and clubs which attended the last show, Robin and I handed over as many of the invites as possible at the Nationals and we were really taken aback at the depth of gratitude expressed by both clubs and traders alike. Pretty much all of the traders expressed an interest in attending.

When the time comes we would be grateful for volunteers for jobs such as setting up on Friday night, door entry duties, competition marshalling and of course breakdown of the show and organisers on Sunday evening. Not to mention of course running the club stand too!

Adventures in a Different Scale

As those of you at last months meeting saw I managed to finish my P-40 in time. It was entered into the Nationals Competition but as expected didn't win. I nearly couldn't enter the model though as in my rush to get ready on the Saturday morning I forgot to take the box and instructions (these were part of the entry conditions as the build was to out of the box rules), thankfully I managed to buy another copy of the kit at the show to use, phew!

Forthcoming Shows in 2007/2008

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.

2008	
3 rd February (Sunday)	ModelKraft 2008, Milton Keynes. New venue, Stantonbury Campus Leisure Centre, MK14 6BN. I've not had an "official" invite for this but I'm sure we'll be going.
17 th February (Sunday)	IPMS Wakefield present Huddersfield 2008 to be held at the Huddersfield Sports Centre, Southgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD1 1TW
15 th & 16 th March (Saturday & Sunday)	Southern Expo 2008
6 th April (Sunday)	Modelsport 2008 to be held at the Holiday Inn, St Quentins Gate, Telford.

Peter

Robins Ruminations

By now I suppose many of you will have heard that Southern Expo is to go ahead next year. After many false starts, twists and turns from the council, we finally got to pay a deposit on the hall and have the receipt in our grubby hands, phew, at last!

What followed can only be called a mad rush for Peter to update all the forms, invites and artwork before he disappeared off on holiday and for myself to get all the printing done, lists and labels made up and packs put together ready for the Nationals. So 5 a.m. on Saturday the 10th saw us making tracks to Telford with everything ready to be given out to the attending traders and clubs.

The Nationals, (I don't think that I'll ever get used to calling it Scale Modelworld), were as big as ever, but as ever a little soul-less. As trading under the tables was banned again this year it seemed the feeling was even flatter than in previous years and has proved a cause for much "lively" debate between members and the I.P.M.S. committee. I think that Peter is correct in saying that the Nationals are an experience, not so much a large model show. However I digress, the club stand looked good, was full of models and did the Hornchurch branch proud, even more so on the Sunday with the models brought down for display by Ian & Paul.

With the kind assistance of the members attending and those that had made the trip just for the day on the Saturday and Sunday, Peter and myself could get off of the stand and managed to deliver all the Southern Expo trader and club packs. A big thank you to those members involved. I always knew that Southern Expo was a highly thought of show by both traders and modellers alike, but I think that both Peter and myself were surprised by the warmth of response that we experienced. As I type this article two days after the Nationals, we have already had seven positive replies back and five enquiries for club and trader spaces by those not on the invitation list from 2 years ago. So things are looking good for Expo.

I will sign off now to allow Peter just enough time to compile this month's Sticky Fingers and wish you all the best and happy modelling.

Robin

Competition Standings after the 2nd Round.

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

1/72nd Scale or Less

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1st	Ian Brown	de Havilland Dragon Rapide	57
2nd	Paul Bennet	Grumman Panther	49
3rd	Charles Thompson	Fairey Swordfish	45
4th	Charles Thompson	Hawker Osprey	31
5th	Alan Wright	Mig 1.44	27

Greater than 1/72nd Scale

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1st equal	Robert Smith Peter Bagshaw	Grumman Avenger Curtiss P-40B	59

Positions after 2nd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Robert Smith	105
2 nd	Peter Bagshaw	75
3 rd	Alan Wright	61
4 th	Ted Taylor	50
5 th	Robin Bellamy	46
	Charles Thompson	40
	Ian Brown	25
	Paul Bennet	23

IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Military Vehicles

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1st	Kevin Curley	Matador & Gun	56
2nd	Mick Pitts	Daimler Armoured Car	51
3rd	Peter Bagshaw	Russian Truck	34

Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1st	Danny Alvisse	1967 Chevelle	60
2nd	Ian Brown	Mini Cooper	52
3rd	Danny Alvisse	German Gunner	49

Positions after 2nd Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1st	Danny Alvisse	75
2nd	Mick Pitts	71
3rd	Peter Bagshaw	57
4th	Ian Brown	48
5th	Kevin Curley	25
	John Huston	23
	Greg Brand	21
	Phil Worth	21
	Alex Smith	17