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NEXT MEETING

APRIL

7.30pm
Tuesday 21st April
Leys Institute (upstairs)
20 Saint Marys Road
Ponsonby

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THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

Dear Club Members

This month we're holding the AGM so please make the extra effort to come along. The main business will be electing in a committee for 2015. The AGM is also a good time to take stock of the year and get your input for the next 12 months or so. See page 2 for the AGM Agenda.

I'm pleased to advise we've been confirmed a large room to ourselves at the Westwave Events Centre for the Model X show on Queens Birthday Weekend in June. I'm working on finishing my Airfix Stirling and some larger multi-engine 1/72 scale aircraft in time for the display.

Last month's silent auction was very popular, and we'll be running another one this club night...the auction list is published in this issue for you to consider in advance.

Check out Mark Robson's Tempest Tales article on the website, it's a very interesting and particularly well written piece.

Remember to bring along a model or two that you consider your best of the year for our annual competition.

I look forward to seeing you all this coming Tuesday.

Cheers

Peter

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IPMS NZ INC AKLD 2015 AGM AGENDA

IPMS NZ INC AKLD AGM TUES 21 APRIL 2015 AT 7.30PM LEYS INSTITUTE

1. **APOLOGIES - BARRY BURTON, PETER FOXLEY**
2. **LAST YEAR'S MINUTES**
3. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
5. **PRESENTATION OF 2014 CLUB AWARDS**
6. **CALL FOR VOLUNTEER FOR TEA AND COFFEE DUTY**
7. **CALL FOR MODEL X VOLUNTEERS**
8. **PROPOSAL TO REMOVE AUDITOR'S REQUIREMENT FROM CONSTITUTION
(Proposer Barry Kelleway, Seconder Peter Harrison)**
9. **PROPOSAL FOR STORAGE OF CLUB ARCHIVES AND CLUB ASSETS TO
MOVE WITH CLUB EXECUTIVE.
(Proposer Peter Harrison, Seconder Peter Foxley)**
10. **ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE:**
 - Chairperson**
 - Treasurer**
 - Secretary**

 - Up to 5 other committee members**
 - Peter Foxley (Nominated Peter Harrison in absentia)**
11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

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APRIL CLUB NIGHT NOTES

SUBS DUE

We'll be offering a free Spitfire or Cortina Mug (with Socks) or Mini Mug (without Socks) when you pay your 2015/16 subs.

SILENT AUCTION

A number of kits have been donated to the club - we'll be bringing some along each club night until they are gone. All proceeds go to the club funds. See the list of kits available on page 11.

BEST OF YEAR COMPETITION

Our annual end-of-year Best Of competition takes place at the April meeting, so bring along your best or favourite completed model from the last 12 Months.

The rules are the usual standard things:

One entry per club member only.

Model must be substantially plastic or resin (& can feature non-plastic detail parts)

Any Subject

Model started or majority of building must have been done in the last 12 months.

Prizes are a certificate and Modelair Gift vouchers for:

1st \$75

2nd \$50

3rd \$35

Judging is by your fellow club members by secret ballot as per usual.

APRIL FOOLS THEME

Bring along anything that might surprise or deceive the more serious amongst us. Prizes for the most creative or silly entries.



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CLUB SUPPORT

The following retailers have kindly agreed to offer IPMS Auckland club members a discount on their purchases upon presentation of their current IPMS Auckland Membership card.

The discount only applies on selected product lines and remains at the discretion of the retailer.

ModelAir

12 Kent St Newmarket
Auckland
p: 09 520 1236
10% on kits

Stoker Models

Cnr Market Rd & Gt South Rd
Auckland
p: 09 520 1737
10% on kits and modelling supplies

Apix Photographic Supplies

130 New North Rd, Eden Terrace
Auckland
p: 307 3177
10% on memory cards, tripods, and accessories.

Avetek Limited

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28 Lauren Grove, RD 2, Papakura,
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New Zealand Master Agents for:
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TOYWORLD

Toyworld Henderson
56 Railside Rd, Henderson
Toyworld Westgate
1 Fernhill Dve, Westgate

15% Off the normal retail price on:

- All models and modeling accessories
- All Hornby
- All Siku
- All Schleich & Collecta figures and accessories
- All Meccano
- Lego (Excludes Lego Mindstorm's they will be 10% if available as most have already been preordered)

(Note: not in conjunction with any other promotion)

Capital Books

110 Featherston Street
Wellington
<http://www.capitalbooks.co.nz>

10% off most items on presentation of IPMS Auckland Membership Card. CB has a list of current IPMS Auckland members for internet purchases.

Merv Smith Hobbies

27 Davis Crescent
Newmarket
Auckland

10% off most items on presentation of IPMS Auckland Membership Card.



Avetek Limited

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NEW MEMBERS AND SUBS ***** 2015/16 DUE APRIL *****

Subs for 2014/15 are well overdue - see below for club account details or see the club secretary at the next club meeting.

Annual Membership Fees

Membership Type	Description	Cost
Full	Living in the Auckland metropolitan area	NZ\$45
Out Of Town	Living 75km or more from central Auckland	NZ\$30
Junior	Same rights as full membership for those under 16	NZ\$25

IPMS BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

03 0162 0012960 00

Please add your details so we know who has paid.



EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

April 21st 2015 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

- Annual General Meeting
- Best of Year Display
- League Table Winners and Prizes

May 19th 2015 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

- Best of Year Winners and Prizes

MODELLING EVENTS

2015 IPMS NZ National Competition

10th - 11th October, 2015

Westpac Bowls Stadium
38 Tahuna Road
Dunedin

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Build The Same Kit 2015 Challenge

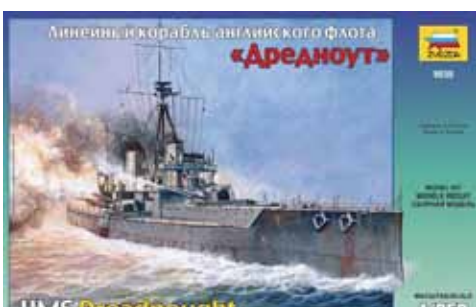
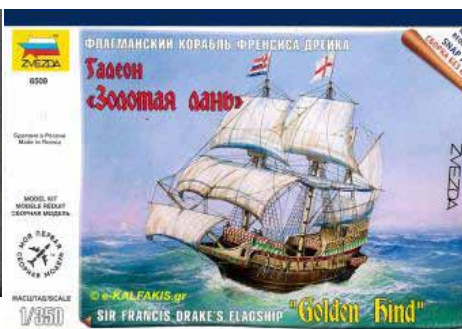
So after some debate on club night last month, the Build the Same Kit challenge has become a Build the Same Kits challenge! The options are:

- BAe Hawk / Folland Gnat (or both - knock yourself out)
- Anything from the VW family.
- Any maritime subject

And the TRIFECTA - the TRIFECTA is a new idea. This year it is proposed that the club offers 3 - yes count them 3 - Build The Same Kit challenges. An Aircraft, A Vehicle, and A Maritime subject with winners' prizes of \$50 and runners' up prizes of \$25 for each category.

PLUS

A major prize of \$100 is on offer for the winner of the Trifecta, the modeller who has built the best 3 models in the BSK competition. One model must be from each category.



BUY, SELL & SWAP STASH



SOME SAY MODELLING IS A CHEAP HOBBY
I just say it is a way of spending the kid's inheritance....

Collectors Toy & Model Fair

Sunday 27th July, 2015

Collectors Toy and Model Fair
Mt Eden War Memorial Hall
487 Dominion Road
Auckland

10.00am to 1.00pm

Entry: \$6 per adult

For future information on Collectors Fairs,
Hobbies Expo's, Swapmeet etc.

Visit their web-page:
www.aucklandhobbyfair.wordpress.com/events/

**ALWAYS CHECK TO CONFIRM FOR DATES
AND TIMES OF THE EVENT**



MODEL-X 2015

MODEL-X QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2015 WESTWAVE EVENTS CENTRE HENDERSON SAT May 30th, SUN May 31st & MON June 1st

CALLING ALL MODEL MAKERS

Model X is an expo featuring a wide range of crafts and hobbies including plastic scale modelling, RC Aircraft and Ships, model railway layouts, Meccano, miniature steam engineering, painting, dolls, woodwork, 3D printing demonstrations and much more.

IPMS Auckland has a large room to itself where we can hold a display of our own. We have a large tiered stand that will hold up to 300 models, and a workbench area where we can sit down and work on our own personal modelling projects during the day.

Club members are invited to put their models on display for the weekend... the more the merrier, but typically anywhere from 1 to 20 models is the norm. Larger models are always welcome as they have greater impact from further away but all scales are fine. Variety is the key. It's a good idea to put a label indicating what your model is, the kit manufacturer and your name.

The club also runs 2 one hour long Project Airfix workshops each day with up to 15 children taking place during each session, where they each build an airfix starter kit that they can take away.

Club members can also share in a group build of some of the sample kits that we are supplied... last year we knocked off an Airfix 1/700 Titanic over the weekend.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN is a theme that we're featuring this year. If you have any models that fit that theme please be sure to bring some along. We'll be putting up some giant Battle of Britain posters and showing some excerpts from BoB themed movies.

Other items that can be displayed are modelling ephemera such as vintage kit box art, or catalogues.

Model X is a lot of fun, yes there is some work involved in setting up on Friday night but also the opportunity to pick up some bargains before the doors open. You can volunteer to help out for half a day or more over the weekend, we'll keep you awake with a barrista coffee during your stint and there's always drinks to toast a successful weekend at the end of the event. If you haven't taken part in Model X before, we encourage you to join in... it's a great way to meet your fellow club members and a chance to get some modelling done on a traditionally wet and cold weekend.

Details on how to get involved will be supplied on Club Night.

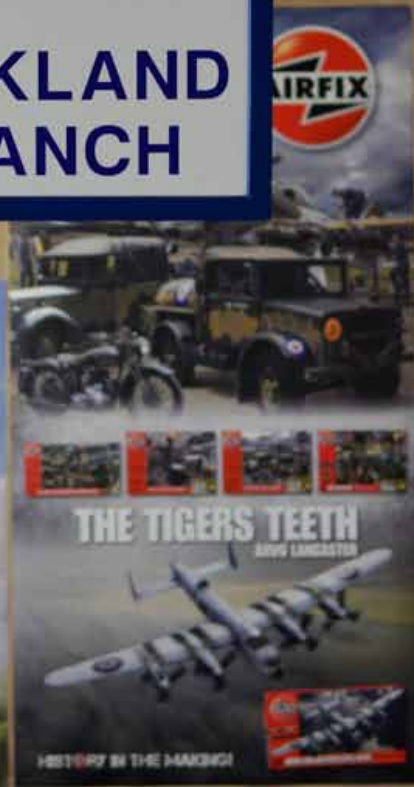
MODEL-X 2015

International Plastic Modellers Society



IPMS
NEW ZEALAND

**AUCKLAND
BRANCH**



There has been much speculation lately about the "creature" who lives beneath the model table eating dropped model parts. Being a professional wildlife biologist, I took it upon myself to study this elusive animal in order to better understand it and its habits. After several months of intensive life history research, I will now share with everybody what I learned about this fascinating and most maligned beastie.

First of all, its name: it is known among scientific circles as *Styrenus consumptiverus*, which literally translates to "eater of plastic." It is commonly known by several local names, including "that %* & \$!@ thing," and "#!% & *@!" In Asia it is called "#* & @\$=!" and in Europe: "%\$ #*!&" In this study, I will simply refer to it as *Styrenus*.

Physically unimposing, some people would consider *Styrenus* to be downright tiny. They average approximately 5 cm long (almost half of which is mouth), and weigh between 30 and 35 grams (females are slightly smaller). They are hairless, with short, stubby tails, small ears, and large snouts. Their active lifestyle and the high-petroleum content of their food supply (qv) keep their metabolisms high enough to maintain homeothermy even in the coldest climates.

Contrary to common assumption, *Styrenus* is not a solitary animal, and it is likely that if you have one beneath your table, you have several. They have short lifespans (on the order of one to two years) and are prolific breeders. Those unusual bumps that you hear in the middle of the night are probably the romantic encounters between a couple of them.

Styrenus has a very small home range, with usually two or three territories per modelling room. Competition between them, males in particular, can be fierce. The males compete not only for food, but also for the female, who is impressed with the male that can swallow the largest piece of plastic (an entire aircraft canopy is usually guaranteed breeding rights). You can probably find a den buried in the debris behind your airbrush compressor, or in the closet behind your stack of unbuilt kits.

Gestation is about one week, after which the female gives birth to two to four young. After reaching full size in 18 to 20 days, the young disperse. Preferred dispersal routes include hiding within old, collectors kits with the hope of being traded to someone at the local model club. Regional model shows in particular, are necessary for the required genetic mixing to maintain a viable species. Without national model conventions, the range of this creature would probably be much more restricted. Nobody knows from where exactly *Styrenus* is native, but the best guess is the little known Styrolomon Islands in the South Pacific. How they spread from there is open to conjecture.

Styrenus is neither a carnivore, nor an herbivore, but rather a styrenivore, due to their most common food source. Fecal analysis has revealed that styrene plastic is the most abundant food in their diet. Chi-square analyses have shown, however, that their preferred food is actually brass. Brass is higher in nutrient value, which is why any dropped photoetch brass piece is almost immediately consumed. They tend to avoid cast resin, and cast metal, unless the pieces are small, in which case they are sometimes eaten by mistake. They usually hide behind boxes, spray cans, and other visual barriers, only to dart out to snatch up fallen pieces, sometimes before they even hit the floor. Nighttime allows them to prowl at their leisure, picking up missed pieces. If you can't find a dropped piece within a couple of hours of losing it, then you should probably forget about ever seeing it again. Some pieces are not eaten immediately, but rather carried off for use in the little-understood mating ritual. This explains why you can find pieces you lost weeks ago, sometimes even in a different room.

Management recommendations are few. I have heard a great suggestion of feeding them some pieces from a cheap model on a regular basis. Keep in mind though, that the higher nutrient value in expensive plastics and brass will always lure *Styrenus* away from the cheap feeding stations. Try not to be over-zealous in the cleaning of your modelling area. It is beneficial to keep debris piled in all corners of the room, and especially along the base of the walls, so as to provide hidden movement pathways of which *Styrenus* can take advantage. Leaving open model boxes stacked in large piles throughout the room maximizes intrinsic habitat value, and allows for more than one breeding pair per household. Water is unnecessary, and in fact, open water containers can prove a danger to *Styrenus*, who is not capable of sustained swimming.

In conclusion, I hope that the results of my study have helped to enlighten everyone about this remarkable, and in my opinion, quite charming, little member of the animal kingdom. Though not an endangered species, it is still a wonderfully adaptive and intriguing animal, and deserves our respect and care, and yes, even a little affection as well.

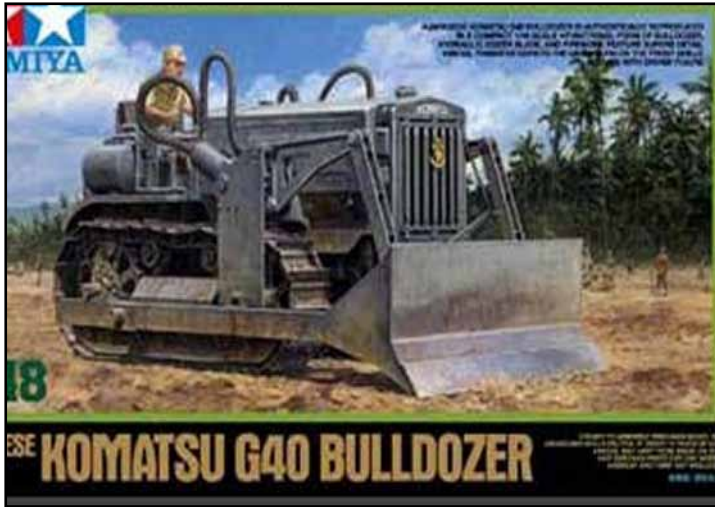
APRIL SILENT AUCTION

IPMS AUCKLAND SILENT AUCTION 21 APRIL 2015

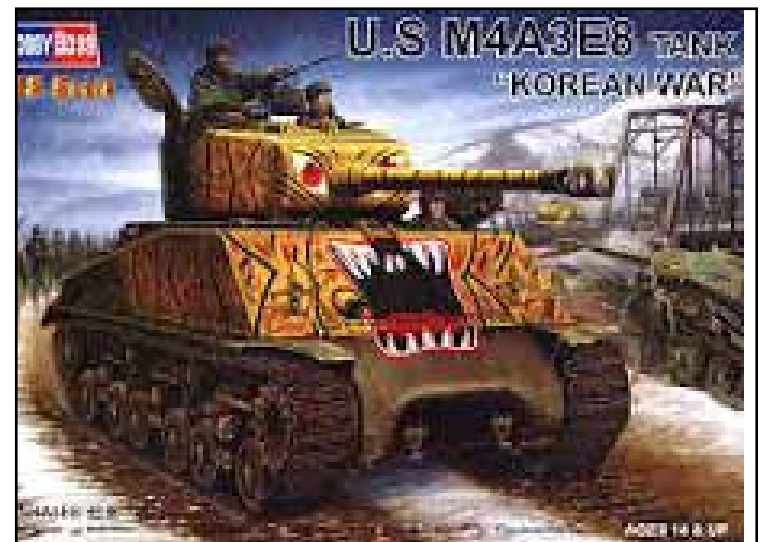
BIDDER			
LOT #	DESCRIPTION	RESERVE \$	MY BID \$
1	TAMIYA 1/48 BRITISH CRUSADER MKIII ANTI AIRCRAFT TANK	15	
2	TAMIYA 1/48 CRUSADER MKIII BRITISH CRUISER TANK Mk VI	15	
3	HOBBY BOSS 1/48 U.S M4A1 (76) W MEDIUM TANK	10	
4	HOBBY BOSS 1/48 U.S M4 TANK MID-PRODUCTION	10	
5	HOBBY BOSS 1/48 U.S M4A3E8 TANK "KOREAN WAR"	10	
6	HOBBY BOSS 1/48 U.S M4A3 (76)W TANK	10	
7	HOBBY BOSS 1/48 T-34/85 TANK (1944 ANGLE-JOINTED TURRET)	10	
8	HOBBY BOSS 1/48 T-34/76 TANK (1942 FACTORY NO.112)	10	
9	TAMIYA 1/48 JAPANESE NAVY KOMATSU G40 BULLDOZER	10	
10	TAMIYA 1/48 BRITISH UNIVERSAL CARRIER MKII	10	
11	TAMIYA 1/48 BRITISH LIGHT UTILITY CAR 10HP	10	
12	AIRFIX 1/72 SHORT SUNDERLAND	10	
13	ITALERI 1/24 WILLYS JEEP	10	
14	LINDBERG WW2 ARMoured CAR - SCALE?	5	
15	DINKY TOYS TRUCK?	-	

Only bids from current financial members of IPMS Auckland will be accepted.
Only bids from members attending in person on the March club night will be accepted.
All successful bids must be paid in full by the end of the March meeting.

MARCH SILENT AUCTION



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GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - MARCH 2015 CLUB NIGHT

This month we're trying something a little different with the gallery.

Instead of trying to squeeze the photographs from Club Night onto these pages, we've decided to try a new gallery format on the clubs website. This means larger images with higher resolution - so you can see all those previously unnoticed finger-prints in hi-def.....

So, for your viewing pleasure, please visit the gallery pages for 2015 on the website or get there by following this link:

http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com/galleries_2015.html

LAST WORDS



RNZAF C-17 anyone?
(Image courtesy of www.airliners.net)

Check out the IPMS Auckland website though as we're trying to keep the content dynamic. We won't be regurgitating content found on other websites but will provide links to sites we think are of interest to members. Also remember to check out the 'On the Table' galleries which will be now only on the website.

...and again, a reminder that if you have anything to contribute, be it images of an event you went to, a model you're building or fancy reviewing, something you've bought online or anything else even remotely modelling related you think may interest the rest of the club, send it through to me at: jaxbw@orcon.net.nz or have a chat with me at Club Night.

Cheers
Rob

