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NEXT MEETING JULY

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

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THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

Hi everyone,

Meeting Theme July 21st 2015

Your Oldest Complete Model that is Still in Your Possession.

Here is something a little bit different; hunt out the oldest model (meaning - the one that you finished the longest time ago) that you still have in your possession. It needs to be still in a condition to be displayed, ie largely complete. Dust it off if it needs it!

Be prepared to say a few words, particularly about how your modelling has changed and how different the same kit would look if you completed it now with your current skill set.

Practical Tips This Month

Continuing our planned roster of skills discussions/demonstrations we begin this month with the first session on weathering. This is a huge topic, and it will take multiple sessions over many meetings to cover much, so we will keep coming back to this subject repeatedly.

This month we will focus on the use of an airbrush to achieve weathering effects. This will include the thorny topics of pre-shading, post-shading and also the use of an airbrush to create filters, exhaust stains etc.

We will have a couple of airbrushes there so feel free to come armed with a scrap model to demonstrate some of your favourite techniques. This is a collegial round-table discussion, not a lecture, so feel free to join in.

The meeting will begin with this demonstration as we did last month, then we will move on to discuss the Oldest Models, half finished kits and finished models, as well as get updates on the Shelf of Doom entires.

Mark

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JULY CLUB NIGHT NOTES

Shelf of DOOM! Competition

Remember there are cool voucher prizes from Replicant Hobbies to aim for. If you have progressed one of more of your models since last month then feel free to come along and skite!

We will follow the progress of your rescue this year with interest, and in December there will be prizes awarded by my new business Replicant Hobbies (based in Whangarei):

Oldest Shelf of Doom kit rescued: \$50.00 Replicant Hobbies voucher
Best Improvement of a Shelf of Doom kit from the state in which was presented this month and the end result: \$50.00 Replicant Hobbies Voucher
Best Overall Shelf of Doom Result: \$100.00 Replicant Hobbies voucher.

“The Monthly Guru”

Once again one experienced modeller will be wearing a bright yellow cap indicating that he is happy to answer any questions you might have on tools and techniques, or find the man who can.

Back to the Future

The now-defunct modelling magazine Scale Models was once my favourite mag, and the best bit for me was a column written by a guy called Geoff Prentice under the pen name Icarus. I took a chance in the 80s and wrote to Geoff, and we ended up becoming good friends after I spent quite a bit of time with him during my OE in England and the USA.

In around 1990 I started writing a column for the Auckland IPMS Newsletter of the time under the name Daedalus. Daedalus of course was the more successful aviator, being the one whose wings DIDN'T melt, which was a small joke that Geoff appreciated. Geoff died of lung cancer in the late 90s and I still miss his wit and humour.

I wrote the column on page 3 in 1991. It was a “science fiction” piece looking ten years into the future, as if written in 2001.

From 2015, it is interesting (I think) to see which of my fantasy predictions came true....the resurgence of Airfix and the rise of WW1 modelling certainly have!

I hope you enjoy a little blast from the once-was the future....remember it was written in 1991!

Mark Robson
Chairman

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DAEDALUS : An Occasional Commentary.

February 2001

In this, my first column of the 21st Century, I think it's appropriate to look back at some of the advances in the last ten or eleven years in the field of modelling.

The phenomenal growth of the hobby in the last decade has seen it become the Number 1 home recreation activity in terms of dollar sales. I.P.M.S. membership has cracked the one thousand level for the first time and the new I.P.M.S. meeting centre, in Newmarket, is well on the way to completion. This venue will be a magnificent location for meetings and workshops and is a tribute to the current popularity of the hobby.

There are now five major manufacturers of kits and decals in N.Z. with overseas sales of well over ten million dollars, and there is plenty of potential for growth. The Convention last year, attracted 20,000 visitors and over 1,000 models, and the standard was higher than ever. The only significant downward trend is the rapid waning in popularity of figures, which have ceased to be a major force in the hobby.

For me personally, the highlight of the nineties has to be the return of Airfix to a pre-eminent position in the world of kit manufacturers. The brave decision to re-start the 1/24th scale series with the Hawker Hunter in 1991 has paid enormous dividends, and now the modeller of British aviation subjects has a huge selection to choose from. My own favourite is the 1/48th scale Handley Page HP-42 with complete interior detail down to the drinks trays in the galley. The Japanese manufacturers too have gone from strength to strength. Their forte now is operating features, using amazing silicon chip technology. The recent Hasegawa Tomcat with operating cockpit controls and working HUD is a marvel of engineering and great fun in the dark, if a little tricky to put together.

One of the more interesting trends in the last couple of years is the move into previously ignored areas of aviation history. This has largely come about due to the complete absence of new military subjects in the late nineties. The collapse of the NATO and Warsaw Pact alliances has taken the impetus out of the warplane industry, and governments are loathe to commit billions to unnecessary and unpopular weapon programmers. The latest craze seems to be British between-the-wars civil aviation, the rejuvenated Matchbox leading the way. Their 1/32nd range includes the superb Dominie, and example of which won the 1999 I.P.M.S. world championship. Monogram have taken WWI German planes to their hearts, and have stuck to 1/48th scale for their main range, which includes an impressive collection of Gothas.

Accessories, too, have rocketed in variety and quality. It is a poor subject indeed whose release in kit form is not followed by decals, white metal or resin detailing sets and prefabricated wheel-well units. Rub-down decals have finally taken over as the most successful method of applying markings, and have pretty much done away with time consuming and unrealistic varnish finishes. A sad feature of the technological revolution is that vacforms have virtually disappeared as low cost injection moulding machines become widely available.

Overall, few could argue that our hobby has grown to unbelievable levels, and I can't see progress slowing until dogfights are fought in Mt. Smart Stadium between fully working scale models of aircraft of various eras.

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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.

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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.



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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

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Please add your details so we know who has paid.

Wargamers Wanted!

Steve has contacted the club interested in anyone who wargames in World War II, specifically in 1/72 or 1/76 scale. If you'd like to get in touch, email Steve: godcorp@xtra.co.nz



EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

July 21st 2015 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

August 18th 2015 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

September 15th 2015 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

MODELLING EVENTS

2015 IPMS NZ National Competition:

10th - 11th October, 2015

Westpac Bowls Stadium
38 Tahuna Road
Dunedin

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

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Build The Same Kit 2015 Challenge

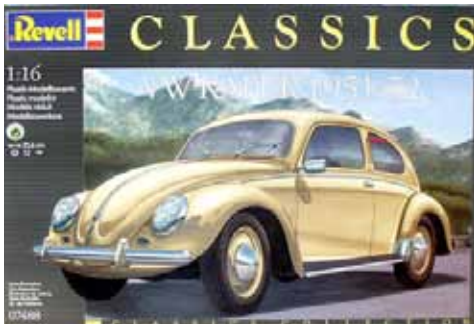
So after some debate on club night last month, the Build the Same Kit challenge has become a Build the Same Kits challenge! The options are:

- 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.





International Trade

Ever bought goods from hobby shops offshore?
Share your experiences with good/bad traders here.

A repeat of a series of articles from 2013 about buying online, including a few updates.

A2ZeeModels

ALLEY CAT RANGE



A2ZeeModels - Now Alley Cat Models

A2Zee Models have closed down with the Alley Cat range of kits being sold and now run as Alley Cat Models (<http://www.alleycatmodels.co.uk>). I haven't purchased off them since the change in ownership but here was my original experience:

A2Zee Models specialise in a small range of resin kits, aftermarket accessories and decals in 1/72, 1/48 and 1/32nd scales. I've bought a few things off them over the years, most recently an AlleyCat 1/48 De Havilland Vampire FB 5 all-resin kit. The buying experience each time with A2Zee is one of the best I've encountered. You do need to create an account to order but it's an easy process - I placed my order online with them on the 23rd of April, paid with PayPal (my payment method of choice - A2Zee offer other methods including credit cards, etc). Within a few minutes I had confirmation that my payment had been made.

The following day I received an email from A2Zee with an update to my order status which had moved to 'posted'. Six days later, a well-packed parcel arrived on my doorstep courtesy of Fastpost Couriers. Happy days! So overall the experience was more than hassle-free and blindingly fast considering the order came from the UK.

I would highly recommend them to anyone - especially if you're after some after-market accessories or want to dabble in your first all-resin kit.

Rob



BNA ModelWorld - <http://www.bnamodelworld.com>

I've purchased kits and accessories from BNA a number of times since I wrote this review and their service is still spot on. Easy to use website, easy payment and quick delivery with email updates during the whole process.

I first bought off BNA ModelWorld some years ago when they sold a lot on TradeMe. Not sure if they then moved to Australia and developed their online presence or were always in Australia - anyway, all my dealings with them have always been quick and hassle-free. They still pop up on TradeMe occasionally - you can tell their items as they state they are shipped from Australia. They carry a range of kits and accessories in most genres and clearly state which items are in stock and which aren't - very handy.

Recently I've been after a few shades of paint for a kit that I could not source here in NZ - my usual brands didn't do the colours I wanted so I searched the InterWeb. I decided to try some Vallejo and LifeColor paints and BNA ModelWorld have most of both ranges listed. So I registered a user account on the site, added the colours I was after to my shopping cart and proceeded to the checkout. A quick transaction with PayPal and it was a done deal. Email confirmation came through shortly to say my order was processed.

A feature of the site is a countdown to the next dispatch - I got in about 2 hours before the next one. A few hours later I received an email from BNA stating my order had been processed and shipped! This was on a Thursday evening and the following Wednesday morning a small package arrived on my doorstep - fantastic. So all-in-all an excellent and quick service from a site that carry a reasonable range of kits, after-market and accessories.

Rob



GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - JUNE 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



Oooh! hold me back!! CAD diagram of the upcoming 1/48 Yakovlev Yak-28P "Firebar" above, and below: CAD diagram for 1/48 IL-28T "Beagle" from Xuntong Models. Release date late 2015.



Check out the IPMS Auckland website as we're trying to keep the content a bit more 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 now be on the website only.

...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

