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JUNE MEETING

Judging Demo / Workshop with the
IPMS Nationals Auckland judging
team.

Tuesday 18th June - 7.30pm
Leys Institute (upstairs)
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CHAIRPERSON'S BIT

Hi Everyone

Model-X was a great success for the club this year. A huge round of thanks to everyone who pitched in to help set up, man the stand and help out on the Project Airfix Kids "Build and Take".

The feedback from the many visitors to the stand was all positive and along the lines of the best club display yet. With over 150 models it bodes well for our target of 500+ models for the club display at the Scale Model Show in September.

Last month Henry showed us how to tackle our first vacform kit. So if you're thinking of making a vacform for a chance to win the Geoff Prentice Trophy now's the time to get started. Secretary Peter Foxley and myself have each started work on a "build the same vacform" and I'll keep you posted on how we fare. Thank you Henry for sharing your techniques and tips, it's so much easier than trying to fumble along by ourselves.

This month at club night, the judges will be sharing their collective wisdom with the club on what to be aware of in the quest for modelling gold when you are entering the IPMS modelling competition.

We're be hitting Scale Model Show hyperdrive soon, so I encourage you all to get your models built and let Dimitri know what you're going to have for display soon. Arrangements behind the scenes are going extremely well with sponsors for the show coming on line and the next phase of public relations and advertising about to be ramped up. Remember to tell everyone you know who is keen to party with plastic where to be this September.

Cheers Peter



BULLETIN BOARD

New Members and Subs

Subs for 2013 are now 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

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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
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p: 09 520 1236
10% on kits

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p: 09 520 1737
10% on kits and modelling supplies

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- All Hornby
- All Siku
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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.



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EVENTS

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September 2013

SAT 21st & SUN 22nd SEPTEMBER
SCALE MODEL SHOW & IPMS NATIONAL
COMPETITION

Mt Eden War Memorial Hall
487 Dominion Rd, Balmoral, Auckland

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

June 18th 2013

Judgement Day – The IPMS Nationals judges explain how to interpret the rules regarding categories and the judging criteria for the 2013 IPMS National Competition in September. Examples of winning models from previous shows will be on display as part of the discussion.

July 16th 2013

Quiz Nite – Compete for prizes in a fun activity based around your knowledge of modelling and the 2013 Scale Model Show. Crib sheets will be provided. Visit our club website and start swotting now.



2013 IPMS NATIONALS

2013 Scale Model Show



Saturday Sept 21st

11am - 6pm

Sunday Sept 22nd

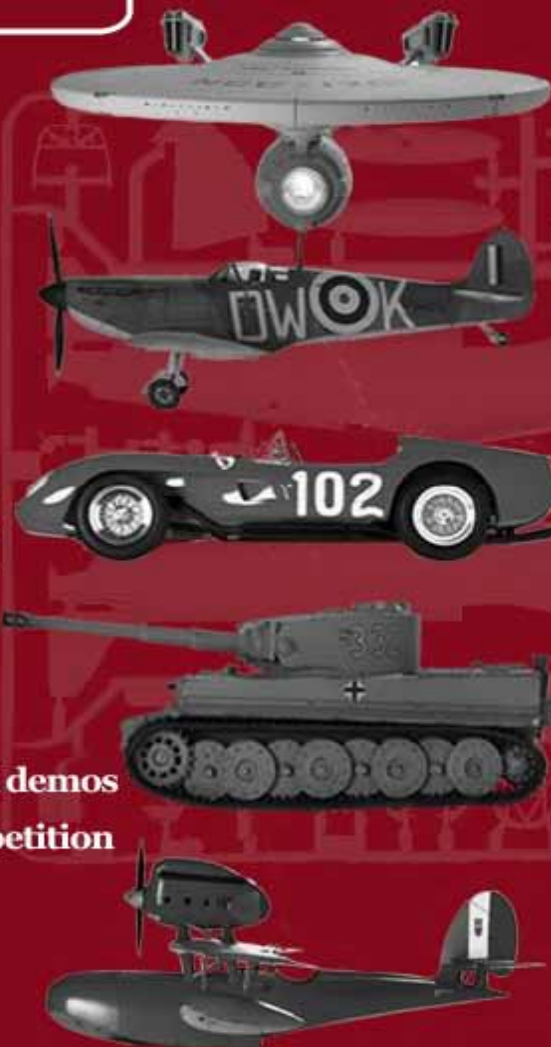
9am - 4pm

Prizegiving from 2pm

**Mt Eden War
Memorial Hall
487 Dominion Road
Balmoral, Auckland**

Adults (over 16) - \$5
Children (5 - 16) - \$2
Family (2 Adults, 1 or
more children) - \$10

- Model displays, workshops and demos
- IPMS National Modelling Competition
- Open modelling Competition
- Project Airfix build and take
- Plus lots more...



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOW VISIT:
<http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com/nationals.html>**

2013 IPMS NATIONALS

News & Information

Club Display for the 2013 Nationals

The count down continues, 3 months to go. Cards on the table or should I say models.

Model X over Queens Birthday weekend was a proving ground for Arthurs tiered display system and it proved easy to assemble and provided height and depth to our display area. Have a look at the club web site for pictures of the event (http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com/galleries_2013.html).

We had 10 lineal meters for display and presented 150+ models a good effort considering it was a holiday weekend. At the nationals we will have 18 lineal meters for display so we are looking at presenting about 400 built models.

Last month I mentioned the "Achtung Spitfire" theme and have had a good response from members.

"Boeing Plane Makers to the World" is another theme I would like to present. I'm sure we all have various Boeings tucked away, so consider any Boeing models civil and military for display and also any airline related ephemera that would enhance the display.

These themes will be part of the club display but we still need a good cross section of models so break out your ships, figures, sci fi and fact, civil and military vehicles, dioramas, aircraft, etc.

There is no limit on how many models you can bring, well I suppose it depends on how many you can carry, I managed 12 models for ModelX without difficulty. So have a look at your vast displays and decide what to bring and how to transport them.

It is up to us to put on a good show so let's not disappoint the public.

Cheers

Dimitri.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOW VISIT:
<http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com/nationals.html>

BUY, SELL & SWAP STASH

Sun. 23rd June 2013
Wellington Toy & Diecast Fair
Saint Marys College Gym.,
Hawksstone Street
Thorndon. Wellington
11.00am till 3.00pm.
Tony Dowman p: 04-9711 090
Steve Brown e: sara@pie.co.nz ph 04-970 7653

Sat. 20th & Sun. 21st July
Taupo HOBBY EXPO.
Enquiries to Brent p: 07-378 2691

Sun. 28th July
TOY Collectors Fair
Mt.Eden War Memorial Hall
Dominion Road AKL.
10.00 till 1.00pm.
p: Allan 09-2724648
p: 279 0101 evg.

Sunday 4th August 2013.
TOY Collectors Fair
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE
569 FERGUSON STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH
11.00am – 2.00pm.
p: Bernie Brady 06 353 7475

Sat. 28th September 2013
AUCKLAND CITY COLLECTORS FAIR & HOBBIES EXPO.
Freemans Bay Community Centre,
Cnr. Wellington and 52 Hepburn Sts. Auckland City
11.00am till 3.00pm
Adults \$5.00
Web-Page and Booking Form:
www.aucklandhobbyfair.wordpress.com
e: graemeah@orcon.net.nz
p: 09- 480 9117

Sun. 24th November
Mt.Eden War Memorial Hall
TOY Collectors Fair
Dominion Road AKL. 10.00 till 1.00pm.
p: Allan 09-2724648
p: Ross 279 0101 evg.

For future information on Collectors Fairs, Hobbies
Expo's, Swapmeet etc, may we suggest you visit their
web-page:
www.aucklandhobbyfair.wordpress.com



International Trade

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



Hannants - www.hannants.co.uk

Hannants is an online shop that has been around for a long time and most likely most of us will have heard of them or dealt with them at some stage. They have been around as a model shop since the early 90's and have been online for many years.

Their website is easy to navigate and features a very easy to use but comprehensive search function which I use a lot. Recently I needed some bits and pieces to add to a few kits - mainly some resin and decal sets. No kits this time (which I have ordered from them in the past and my advice would be you need to compare prices with the Asian online sellers before pressing that 'buy' button...).

I've had an account for years so I logged in, added the items to my cart over a period of 2 weeks (the store keeps your order in the cart for 30 days allowing some give and take....). Finally made my purchasing decisions and paid through PayPal. One feature I love about the site is the package size and price is updated as your order changes so you don't get any postage cost shock. I find for many of the small items, UK prices and postage costs are very reasonable - compare the same item out of the US and you'll see what I mean.

Six days later (including a weekend) the parcel arrived on my front doorstep. Fantastic service as usual. So now now no excuse to not finish some of my kits...

Rob



Hobby Easy - www.hobbyeasy.com

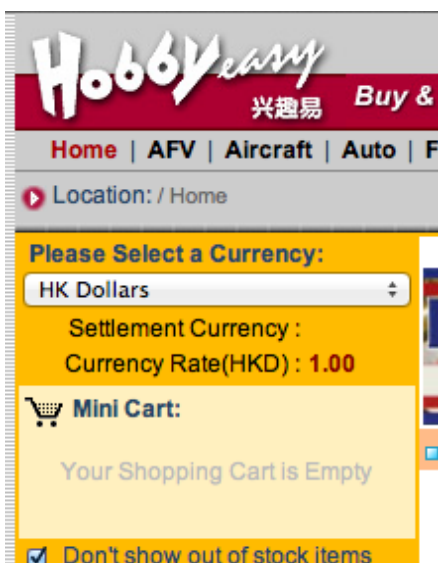
I've not traded with Hobbyeasy very often - only 2-3 times in the last 2 years. but each time I've always been pleased with the service. It's easy to register an account with the site and log in.

The search function isn't as comprehensive as Hannants but once you get used to the differences, it's fairly easy to navigate around. An excellent feature is the ability to change all the prices to NZ currency - exchange rates are updated daily.

This time around I decided to purchase a few items that were on sale but indicated as being supplied out of France (from the manufacturer). Interestingly the same item on the manufacturers website was twice the price as Hobbyeasy's listing....

Anyway, order placed, postage from France confirmed, paid with PayPal and then wait. About 10 days later another lovely parcel turned up on my doorstep - well packaged in French newspaper and padding - brilliant! So again an excellent experience with Hobbyeasy and although buying from France through Hobbyeasy, it was just as easy..... oh I get it.... hobby easy..... (yes lame I know)

Rob



Plastic Rescue

Words & Pictures By Rob Willis



Can an old model be rescued?

Ok, since last month progress on the TA-4J has been glacial, in fact, Fox Glacier has probably shifted faster... What with Model X and my own home renovations, I've had very little time to do any modelling at all, let alone the revival of an old kit.

So I thought I'd touch briefly on the second kit that I was going to try to rescue. This is the old Hasegawa 1/32 F-104J, basically the same boxing of the F-104G with decals for the JASDF.

Briefly, Mitsubishi built F-104G's, J's and DJ's (two-seat trainers) - these were a combination of Lockheed parts assembled by Mitsubishi, and a number built entirely by Mitsubishi. The F-104 in JASDF service ended in 1986 when most were replaced by F-4 Phantoms (go figure...). Some were converted into target drones for training purposes.

The Hasegawa kit was initially released back in the 70's I believe - the only other kit

in the scale being the Revell kit heralding from the same era. Italeri is releasing a new tool kit in this scale this year, but that's been coming for a few years now so I'll believe it when I see it. Plus Italeri are often hit and miss in regards to quality so I'll wait to see the kit before I get too excited.

Anyway, the Hasegawa kit has some areas of beautiful detail - the cockpit, ejector seat and wheel well detail is pretty good for the age of the kit. The external detail is not so pretty - clunky detail and raised panel lines common on kits in general of that era.

My plan of attack is to strip the kit but not dismantle it like I did with the TA-4J, rescribe the main panel lines and registers where access is easiest, repair any damage and re-assemble. One of the trickiest parts will be rejuvenating the clear parts which show evidence of my hamfisted building talent (or lack of) from 30 years ago - I'm hoping that polishing with micromesh cloths will restore the clarity.

Most of the other parts really just need



repainting. Which brings me to the next challenge - paint scheme and markings. I hunted around for some considerable time for a set of markings. The only ones I could find were of the Taiwanese Air Force, or a number of NMF USAF schemes - none of which really appealed - my main reasoning being the TAF didn't appeal and the NMF finishes may not look so good on a re-scribed kit.

So the project got put on hold until I could find markings that appealed. About 6 months ago I came across decal sheets from Dutch Decals available through Hannants. Being of Dutch descent meant that these markings had some relevance and appeal.



The kit as it is - complete bar a few pieces that have dropped off - and 30 years of dust, cobwebs and fly poop!

However I still had a conundrum - the Dutch have a habit of decorating the last service aircraft with graffiti - so the Dutch Decals set have two components - the standard markings (which 2-3 are quite nice) plus the sheet with the graffiti which you apply over your very nice markings. I'm in two minds whether to stick with a standard marked aircraft or to 'graffiti' it...

Maybe I'll have to get one of the Italeri kits after all so I can have both!

I toyed with the idea of adding a resin cockpit as well but the thought of pulling the kit apart just doesn't appeal - so I'll compromise and add a resin seat. Many of the European operators of the F-104 changed over to a Martin Baker seat in the early 70's but the Dutch retained

the Lockheed C2 seat for some reason. I sourced the Quickboost resin seat from Hannants as well.

So with a bit of luck I may be able to start the stripping process in the next few weeks - I've got all the bits, just need the motivation (and of course no other kits to build...). Cheers!

Plastic Rescue



1/32 F-104 Ejector Seat by Quickboost (sourced from Hannants)



Above - the Dutch Decals 'Graffiti' set.



Above - Dutch Decals RNethAF decal set with markings for 3 single seat F-104's and a TF-104 two-seat trainer.



Right - The clear parts will be a challenge to restore.

Air Scouts Model Gala

A note from Richard at Modelair supporting the Air Scouts initiative

We have been involved in teaching modelling skills to a number of youth groups in the last couple of years. These groups ranged in age 8 thru to 15 years and were done in 3 separate events.

A common thread amongst all these kids was a lack of the basic tool handling and interpretational skills that are so fundamental to model making. I know from my own experience as a child that by 7 I was making my own models and by ten was quite competent in both build and paint.

It seems that large numbers of our kids are losing the fine motor skills necessary to do modelling and no doubt this is heavily influenced by the intrusion of electronic media (and that is unlikely to change).

When we did the college kids, we had an entire class of teenagers that had never built a model and they were at a very basic level of skill, struggling to complete an airfix series one aircraft. It's scary to think that some kids are passing through the entire youth period of their life without ever having the experience of model building.

The answer is simple: more kids need to be exposed to modelling. Whilst we can't change the whole world we can take a small step in the right direction.

So were asking for support of the air scouts initiative for 2 reasons:

1. If we are to get more kids excited about models and secure the future modellers of tomorrow then we need to do more at grass roots level. This event is a fantastic way to impact a large number of kids across a broad age range - keas, cubs, scouts, venturers and leaders covers ages 7 through to adult.
2. Giving back to the community is good for the clubs PR profile and a great way for the members to be more actively involved in club activity and with something fresh and new. Maybe even, long term , gaining future members?

The intent of this initiative is simple.

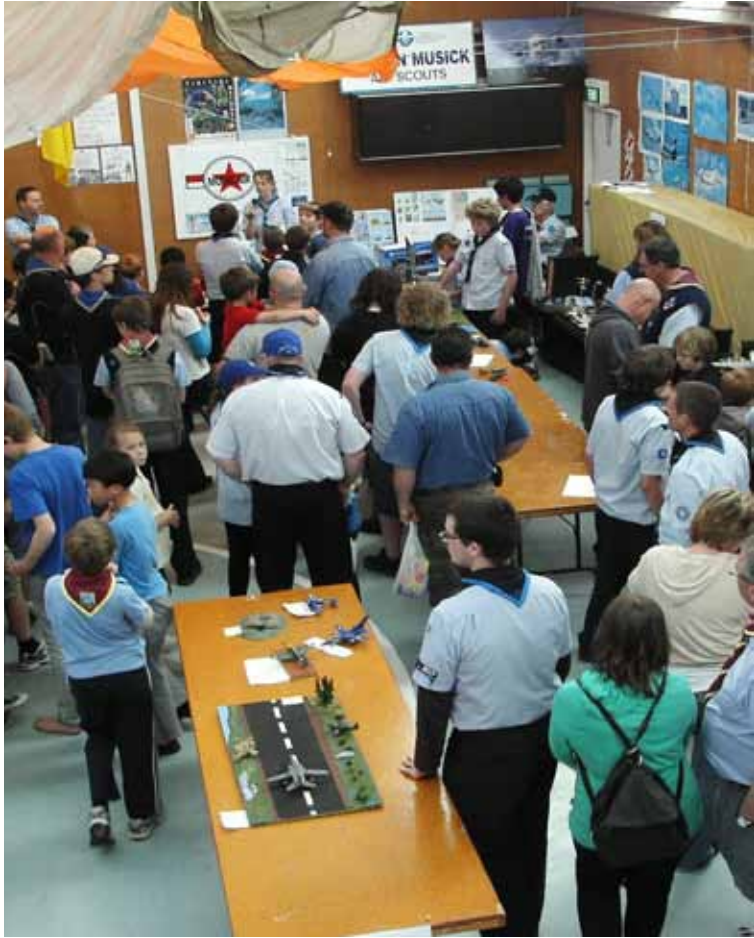
If you have a kit which you think you will probably never build (maybe it's old or has been superseded or you've just lost interest in it) then why not donate it to this worthy cause?

Many thanks

Richard T

NOTE: See Page 12 for further details.

Air Scouts Model Gala 2011



See Modelairs Facebook page for more images.

KITS

WANTED

Air Scouts Model Making Competition

Do you have a kit to spare and are willing to help the Northern Area Air Scouts? If so simply bring along your kit to donate for this event to any club night up to and including August. You can also simply drop your model into Modelair at 12 Kent St. Everyone who donates a model goes into a draw to win a gift voucher worth \$50.00 courtesy of Modelair and each model donated gives you one entry into the draw.

The models are being donated to the Northern area Air Scouts as prizes for competing at their Model Making competition on Sunday, 8th September to be held at Captain Musick Point Air Scouts den. This competition forms parts of a skill badge for the scouts and is part of an initiative supported by Modelair.

Donating a kit is an easy way for individual modellers to help out the scouts. The competition is a bi-annual event and this years major theme category is 'The Battle of Britain aircraft'.

Many thanks to everyone who can help out.

Our club will also have a small display at the Air Scouts Gala Day and has been asked to help with the judging of the Scouts' models. We will advise more details closer to the date of the Air Scouts Model Making Day.

Italian Jobs

Kits of Classic Italian Aircraft & Vehicles

Protar

1/12 Alfa Romeo 179 and 179C

Words & Pictures By Rob Willis

The 179 made its debut in the 1979 Italian Grand Prix, replacing the flat-12 engined Alfa Romeo 177. During its life there were many versions and version 179D was last used in the 1982 South African Grand Prix.

At the start of the 1981 season, the 179s were equipped with adjustable dampers and were denoted as 179C. 179D was the next evolution and the final version was completely carbon fiber - the 179F. Alfa Romeo suffered a sad loss when Patrick Depailler was killed while testing the car at Hockenheim in 1980.

Alfa Romeo is unique, along with Ferrari, in that they are one of the few teams in F1 history that raced a car powered by their own engine - albeit in Alfa's case not so successfully...

The 179s best achievements were Bruno Giacomelli's pole position in the 1980 United States Grand Prix at Watkins Glen and 3rd place in the

1981 Caesars Palace Grand Prix. The car scored a total of 14 points in 61 races.

Category: Formula One

Constructor: Alfa Romeo

Designer(s): Carlo Chiti & Robert Choulet

Predecessor: Tipo 177

Successor: Tipo 182

Technical Specifications

Chassis: Aluminium monocoque & Carbon-fibre monocoque

Suspension (front): Lower wishbones, top rockers, inboard shocks

Suspension (rear): Lower wishbones, parallel top links, inboard shocks

Engine: Alfa Romeo 1260

2,991 cc (182.5 cu in) 60° V12 naturally aspirated, mid-engined, longitudinally mounted

Transmission: Alfa/Hewland 5 or 6 speed manual

Fuel: Agip

Tyres:

Goodyear (1979-1980)

Michelin (1981-1982)

Competition History

Notable entrants:

Autodelta (1979) 4 races

Notable drivers:

1. Bruno Giacomelli

2. Vittorio Brambilla (1979)

1. Andrea de Cesaris

2. Bruno Giacomelli

3. Patrick Depailler (1980)

1. Mario Andretti

2. Bruno Giacomelli (1981)

Debut: 1979 Italian Grand Prix

Races: 63

Wins: 0

Poles: 1

Fastest laps: 0

Constructors' Championships: 0

Drivers' Championships: 0

So a fairly typical Alfa Romeo story...



PROTAR

Protar Models was founded by Tarquinio Provini - the name coming from PROvini TARquinio (so why wasn't it TARPRO...?). Provini was an Italian world championship-winning Grand Prix motorcycle road racer. He won the Isle of Man TT 4 times and won 13 Italian national championships. In 1966 he suffered a serious crash in the Isle of Man TT that broke his back. It was at that point Protar was born, initially specialising in making scale racing bike models based just

outside of Bologna. The company was sold to Italeri in the early 2000's, shortly before Provini's death in 2005.

The company also made a series of 1/24 and 1/12 racing cars, including this awesome (in my opinion), if not flawed Alfa Romeo 179.

The kit is typical Protar from the 70's/80's - some elegant features in the kit combined with rather soft detail in parts. Not up to the same standard of Tamiya kits from

the same era, yet can still be made into a spectacular kit (I hope).

I picked both versions up many years ago (probably close to 17-18 years ago) and even then, Protar kits were getting thin on the ground. The 1/12 th kits still pop up for sale every now and then, but some, like this kit, are rarer than rocking horse dung now.

So back to the kit. I've always found the quality of Protar plastic a bit odd, almost a hard plastic compared to the lighter

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and more consistent plastic used by the likes of Hasegawa and Tamiya. It's hard to describe - those familiar with Tamiya kits from the late 70's, early 80's would know what I mean. Overall though the quality of the mouldings is very good considering the age of the kit. The kit includes rubber tyres (more on that later), tubing to detail the engine, screws for assembly in places and wire. One aspect of the kit I don't like (and don't like in any kit...) is chromed plastic - it's particularly garish and fake looking in this kit.

BUILDING THE KIT

Construction of the kit is very straightforward and follows pretty much the same path of any Formula One model - drivers tub/front suspension, mounted to engine/rear suspension assembly, clothed in a large body of slightly curved panels - in fact far easier than a modern F1 kit.... Only consideration is the size - it's a large kit in this scale. Due to the size and expanse of the panels I find the look of the kit a bit toy-like, although that's probably as much to do with the kit not being finished more than anything...

I started building this kit some years ago and made some progress until I struck a few issues - the main issue being that the rubber tyres had perished - even though they hadn't even been squished over the rims! The tyres were so bad that I thought the kit was a goner - until I had the bright idea of gluing two of the best halves together, popping it on a rim and making a casting of it. All good in theory and you can see one of my attempts bottom right. In the end I gave it away as a bad job, mainly as my master is of poor quality. I'll try again but using the good, unperished tyres from the second kit I have - the only difference between the kits being rain tyres vs slicks.

The second issue was the decals - most of them have cracked in places so I'm not sure how they will go once dipped in water - although I do have a reprint set from Pattos Place which are inkjet prints I think - quality is average - they look like they have been scaled up from a smaller sheet - I'm hoping between the two sheets I can complete the kit.

That's it for now - with a bit of luck I'll have the kit finished in the next few months.



MODEL X 2013



MODEL X Factor

The people spoke and it was all compliments last Queen's Birthday Weekend at the annual Model-X Show.

The club display was spread over 6 tables with multi-level tiers that were extremely effective in showcasing the club's model display. Making up the display were over 150 models, that included lots of aircraft (including helicopters) in 1/144, 1/72 and 1/48 scale, 1/35 scale armour, sci-fi and vehicles. Thanks go out to Dimitri Berdebes, Rob Willis, Brett Sharman, Brett Peacock, John Watkins, John Weir, Barry Burton, Henry Ludlam, Peter Harrison and the many others who brought models along for the event.

The club held four Project Airfix "Build and Take" sessions for children from the ages

of 7-16. Congratulations to Project Airfix Leader Peter Foxley who rallied together a motley bunch of club members and turned them into a crack squadron to lead novices into battle with their first Spitfire kit. Net result 48 Spitfires produced and nil Messerschmitts, loads of happy kids, pleased parents and good support for the businesses the club liaises with.

Posters advertising the Scale Model Show were prominently displayed and hundreds of competition leaflets advertising the event were given out. Thank you to everyone who came along and assisted on the stand and took the time to talk to our visitors about the models on display and the things the club is doing.

As well as the usual displays of wood turning, model railways, RC ships, dolls, painting, books etc, was an interesting

demonstration of 3D printing that was at the show for the first time. Plenty of second hand model kits were on sale and no doubt found their way into the stashes of the club members who were attending the show. All in all great fun.

Thanks go to Bob Cox for booking the stand and ensuring the Friday night setting up went off without a hitch as usual, and Arthur Winterton for the tiered stands which elevated the display to a new level (pun fully intended).

Peter Harrison.

MODEL X 2013



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*For more galleries of the display, the models and Project Airfix,
check out the club website:*

http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com/galleries_2013.html



(Junior) Modelling Madness at Model-X

As in previous years, Model-X provided the opportunity to introduce some more juniors to the hobby. This year was a bit of a mad scramble as the organisers left it until the last minute to decide that they wanted us to do it – a large pile of kits appeared in a box on the Friday night, leaving a bit of a headache as to where to actually run the model building. Anyway, turns out that Merv Smith's loss was our gain, the room next to the canteen was hurriedly reorganised with tables, posters and paraphernalia and we were ready to go by 10:00 on Saturday.

For those not familiar with the event, we offer to let youngsters have a go at making a free kit, which we help with and they can then take away to finish at home. In the past we have had a bit of a rum assortment of models (including the Airfix Triumph, which I would struggle with, let alone an eight year old!), but I am pleased to say that, despite the tardiness, this year's selection was excellent, with Toyworld supplying four sets of Project Airfix together with a number of other Airfix series one and two giftpacks. We used the Spitfires in the Project Airfix sets, as they go together well (with the exception of the pilot who has had too many pies and won't fit unless you trim his arms) but had to limit sessions to 8-10 kids, due to space and helper availability.

This year we learnt from previous expeditions into junior building and set a minimum age of seven, although I suspect a few underage modellers snuck in (we didn't read our own notes from last year about asking the kids for their age, not the parents!) Peter H did a sterling job of announcing each session over the tannoy, which resulted in a mad rush of families eager not to miss out, piling over to the corner of the stand to register, where Brett Peacock was holding up an Airfix roundel like some demented tour guide!

Overall, the kids had a great time and we managed to introduce about thirty-six youngsters to the sport. Most managed to get their wings on and enjoyed it all immensely, as did their parents (except perhaps the little lad, for whom it all got a bit much and who took a hammer to his Spitfire! – see my earlier comment about underage modelling...). Incidentally, one child managed to complete the kit, bar decals, in the hour-long session, so look out Henry!

A massive vote of thanks goes to Toyworld and Holdsons for supplying the kits, Bob Cox for organising the room and Dimitri Berdebes, Brett Peacock, John Watkins, Henry Ludlam and Peter Harrison for their patience and help with the sessions. I think we can be proud of what we achieved given the amount of notice we had and a lot of useful experience was gained for the sessions at the September show. Hopefully we will see many of these children again in September, entering the Juniors category – wouldn't that be a result?

Peter F.



MAN CAVE

WHAT A MESS!!!
DOUG PARRINGTON

Hi there and welcome to my man cave.

Here you will find the walls covered with photos, plaques, drawings and book case full of references to military & civil aircraft as well as New Zealand Naval vessels. This is my retreat where I come to melt plastic with glue, do some research, just dream of a future project.

Sometimes just coming into this room gets the interest going again if I've lost my way from the hobby, (which isn't usually too far away) or home /work life has taken centre stage (the joys of growing 2 young boys, 1 teenage daughter and having an awesome partner).

I started modelling when I was around 10yrs old followed by periods of absence due to school, girls and cars.

I left school and joined the New Zealand Defence Force, specialising in Electrical Engineering on RNZN Ships for 10years before transferring to the RNZAF. With real subjects close at hand and meeting others in the "mob" that had similar interests, the hobby was rekindled.

My projects range from 1/32 thru 1/200 scale aircraft and the odd warship, more recently the subjects being items that I have worked on, seen or have particular relevance to New Zealand.

I have acquired approx 200 kits over the years which are spread between this room, the roof space and my parent's roof space (thanks mum and dad). I have gone through the odd splurge of downsizing but as the boys are getting older and starting to show an interest it's nice to guide them and let them pick from the stash.

Most of the construction is carried out here or sometimes I take over the dining room table for the larger jobs and to be "sociable" on these wet winter evenings.

Having the computer just at arms reach is great for reference but I often get side tracked by looking at sites such as Trademe, Hyperscale or Airliners.net.



After looking at what others have built, then leads to AMS setting in, purchasing more aftermarket options and the project finish line disappearing into the distance. I have to admit that most of my projects get to the painting stage before I move onto another subject. I don't have the equipment at home to paint so I usually get

a few kits to the same stage then take them to work and paint during my lunch break.

Since I put in a lot of time and money to my models I get a glass display case made for them. This cuts down on the issue of dusting but is also good for storing under the bed or in the wardrobe if display space is a premium. The case is also a good

deterrent from people who like to look with their fingers.

Well, that's enough from me, thanks for stopping by and sharing in my "man cave". See you all at the next club night.

Doug Parrington





GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - MAY CLUB MEETING



1/350 Hobby Boss USS Arizona by Vince Kelleway



1/87 Revell Big Boy Locomotive by Vince Kelleway



1/20 Tamiya Red Bull Racing Renault RB6 by John Weir



1/35 Land Rover by John Weir



1/35 Su112 by John Weir



Star Wars Anakin's Jedi Starfighter by John Weir

GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - MAY CLUB MEETING



1/72 Airfix De Havilland T.11 RNZAF Vampire by Peter Harrison



1/EGG North American P-51 Egg-Plane by Peter Harrison



1/72 Airfix Messerschmitt Bf-109 Swiss Air Force by John Watkins



1/72 Italeri Bell UH-1B JDSF by Henry Ludlam



1/72 Italeri Super Puma Armee De Terre by Henry Ludlam



1/72 Italeri Bell 204 "Bristows Helicopters" by Henry Ludlam

GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - MAY CLUB MEETING



1/72 Italeri Westland Wessex Mk60 "Bristow Helicopters" by Henry Ludlam



1/72 Hasegawa F-16E United Arab Emirates by Henry Ludlam



1/35 Panzer D4 by Sean Ford



1/72 Italeri Bell UH-1B JDSF by Henry Ludlam



1/48 Revell North American PBJ-1H Mitchell by Barry Flatman



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GALLERY

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1/48 Academy Grumman F8F-1B Bearcat French Air Force by Robert Willis



1/48 Hasegawa Mitsubishi F.1 by Robert Willis

IN PROGRESS BUILDS



1/72 Novo De Havilland DH-88 by John Watkins



1/72 PM Model Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc Trop by John Watkins



1/72 Revell Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc by John Watkins

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LAST WORDS

Ok - my second edition ready to go out. I'll have to start thinking about putting this together earlier in the month as this one snuck up on me. For some reason I had club night pegged a week later than it actually is - it's those damn 3 Tuesdays that throw me!

I've been reading through some of the older newsletters (most dating back to 2010 and now posted on the club website under the Articles and Reviews section) and I have to say that the club has published some excellent reviews of kits and accessories in the past. Considering we all look for different things in kits, build quite varying subject matter and scales, and have quite different experiences of the hobby, it would be great to see something written by someone other than the regular contributors.

So if you have anything to contribute, be it images of an event you went to, a model you're building or fancy reviewing 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



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