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NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER

AIRBRUSH SHOOTOUT

7.30pm
Tuesday 16th September
Leys Institute (upstairs)
20 Saint Marys Road
Ponsonby

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THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

Hi Everyone

I look forward to seeing you all this Tuesday with double the usual number of models on the table... well that's the theory given we had a month off! To that end I've managed to complete a couple of models with another possible finish this weekend.

Last month's Project Airfix Speedbuild was great fun. Thank you very much to Peter Foxley for organising the event and adjudicating. It was a close run thing with more than half of the teams completing the task in the allotted hour, and the final decision coming down to a group vote.

Just on the horizon is the IPMS National Competition in Christchurch. I'm looking forward to visiting the event and encourage you to come along. The event is always very enjoyable and like all shows there are always standout models to see and the camaraderie of spending time with fellow modelling enthusiasts.

Cheers Peter

BULLETIN BOARD

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.

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Newmarket
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Build the Same Kit - English Electric Lightning Completion Deadline: December Meeting

What could be simpler... everyone builds the same subject and comes up with the same but different! We put them all on the table, compare notes and pick a winner. The English Electric Lightning has been kitted by FROG, REVELL, HASEGAWA, and most recently AIRFIX with definitive kits in 1/48 and a new tool 1/72 kit for 2014. (Not to mention the Trumpy 1/32 kit and the soon-to-be-available Sword T2 and T4 kits and Airfix 1/72 F.6...)

MODELAIR has kindly offered club members a special price of just \$25 for the new Airfix 1/72 kit... so what are you waiting for. The challenge is all the greater given the bare metal finish that was often sported by the Lightning... get your afterburners fired up and your model finished by December!



BULLETIN BOARD

NEW MEMBERS AND SUBS ***** 2014/15 RENEWAL DUE *****

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.



EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

September 16th 2014 - IPMS Auckland Club Night
Airbrush Shootout

October 21st 2014 - IPMS Auckland Club Night
Avetek Glues Demo

November 18th 2014 - IPMS Auckland Club Night
Paint Demo Evening

December 16th 2014 - IPMS Auckland Club Night
Build the Same Kit - EE Lightning & Xmas Drinks

MODELLING EVENTS

September 28th, 2014

Model Petrol Heads
1st National Show
(see details on page 18)

October 3-5, 2014

IPMS Nationals
Christchurch
(see details on page 13)

BUY, SELL & SWAP STASH

Collectors Toy & Model Fair

Saturday 27th Sept. 2014

Auckland Hobbies Fair
Freemans Bay Centre
Cnr. Wellington & Hepburn Sts
Auckland

11.00am to 3.00pm

Entry: \$5 per person

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



The Model League

By Vince Kelleway

Hi there fellow model whittlers,

Recently I have been aware that as we have had a recent influx of new members and although I have attempted to explain the League, some member's, especially new members, are not aware of the purpose and rules of the monthly league. So here is a replay with some slight adjustments.

PURPOSE.

- To recognise the achievements of all members of IPMS Auckland outside of the annual best of year competition in a competition that encourages a wider participation by all.
- To promote interest in other genres.
- To inspire members through peer judging.

PROCESS.

Every model that is placed on the table will be automatically entered into the monthly competition and the results will be entered into a league. The outright winner will be the member who achieves the highest running total for the year (12 month cycle).

Every model entered will automatically score 1 point.

- 1: Model placed in appropriate class. (See separate list of classes.)
- 2: Display card to be collected and filled in with the model name /title on the front.
- 3: Member's name **MUST** be placed on the reverse for identification purposes.
- 4: After club business is concluded all members should collect a judging sheet and select what in their best opinion are the best 3 models in each class, placing the model's number in each of the boxes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- 5: Place the completed judging sheet in the "League" box.
- 6: Judging sheets tallied up. 1st = 4points. 2nd = 3points. 3rd = 2 points.
- 7: Winners announced and certificates awarded at the end of the meeting. (Time dependant).
- 8: Monthly winners and running total to be published in the newsletter.

COMPETITION RULES.

- All completed models will be automatically entered.
- Only complete and finished models may be entered.
- Models can only be presented once in this competition. NB; This does not exclude those models from being entered the monthly competition from being entered into the annual Best Of Year competition.
- Models must be displayed in the designated class area. (This is for ease of judging).
- Models must display a number with the description/type/title of the model. These will be given out or are available as you enter the meeting.
- The member's name **MUST** be written on the reverse of the card.
- In the event of only one model being entered in a class, then said model will be declared default winner and a maximum of 5 points will be awarded. (Entry=1 point, 1st place =4 points. Total= 5 points.)
- In the event of there being **NO** entries in a class, then no points will be awarded, nor carried across to the next meetings competition.

The Model League

By Vince Kelleway

- Themed meetings will carry a separate themed class. The same rules will apply but models entered previously can be entered again only if they fall within the context of the theme.
- In the event of a tie for any of the placements, equal points will be awarded. 2 equal second places equal 3 points each and so on..

CLASSES.

Large Aircraft: 48th/32nd/24th

Small Aircraft: 72nd/144th/200th.

Armour/Soft skin Vehicles: All scales.

Maritime: All scales.

Figures: All scales.

Sci Fi: All scales.

Diorama: All scales.

Junior (<16 years). All scales and classes.

Theme: All scales and classes.

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	Points	PLACING
Adrian Hills			1	4										5
Alan Sannazzaro	1													0
Andt Andras														1
Arthur Winterton														0
Barrt Flatman														0
Barry Burton														0
Barry Kelleway	1	3												4
Brett Sharman														0
Chris Brennan														0
Colin Swager														0
Craig Sargent														0
Dave Stewart														0
Dimitri Berdebes	2	7												9
Doug Partington														0
Duncan Sue														0
Henry Ludlam	4	7	11											22 3rd
Ian Robertson														0
John Darlington	1	4	1	4										10
John S	5	5	11	10	8									39 1st
John Watkins	1			2	3									6
John Weir														0
Lance Whitford														0
Mark Robson														0
Peter Harrison	1	2	1	4										8
Peter Messong														0
Pter Vanderschaaf														0
Robert Noke														0
Robert Willis														0
Vince Kelleway	3	6	4	12	1	4								30 2nd
Models Displayed	19	22	7	24	13	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134



Airfix Speedbuild

IPMS Auckland Airfix Speedbuild Challenge

August brought the (nearly) annual Speedbuild Challenge, where intrepid members put their glue where their mouth is and attempt to build and paint a kit in an hour!

Twelve such adventurers turned out on the night and split into teams of two. Unfortunately, I had to act as judge, so in the interests of impartiality, poor old John Watkins ended up as the odd man out. Not that that was going to deter him having a whale of a time and he was in his element just sticking stuff together. As last time, we were attempting the 1/72nd Airfix Spitfire from a batch of Project Airfixes left from Model-X.

Last time we did this, Henry Ludlam's team maxed out on the points front and turned in an exceptional effort, fully painted and decaled, with painted canopy frame. So the pressure was on and Peter Harrison was going for it big style with Barry Kelleway. With gritted teeth, he became the drill sergeant of the plastic and poor old Barry had no choice but knuckle down on pain of... well heaven knows what really!

Not to be outdone, Barry's son Vince and team mate Neil Gatland also got the bit between their teeth and launched a swift counter-attack from the first five minutes on, as soon as they realised that it was Game-On and Serious. Meanwhile round the corner, Team B, consisting of Colin Swager and Dave Stewart, were taking an altogether more leisurely approach to things. In fact, at one point in the evening, Dave was giving a really excellent impression of not having a clue what he was doing. Still they were having fun, which was the point really!

Elsewhere, Lone Wolf Watkins was making his kit the same way as always with filler and sanding (nice job John, but not much good when you only have an hour!), whilst Barry Burton and Adrian Hills seemed to be having paint troubles. Despite applying several different colours, everything seemed to be coming out a murky used-dishwater kind of hue, so although painted, their final effort lost a lot of points by not really being in the right paint scheme.

Last but not least were Barrie Flatman and New Guy Alex valiantly slogging away but fast losing ground to the determination of Obergruppenfuhrer Harrison and Kommandant Kelleway.

Needless to say when the whistle blew, the Harrison/Kelleway combo managed a very respectable plane with full marks, as did Kelleway Jnr. and Neil Gatland (it's obviously far too easy!). With a tie and an outstanding effort all round, we decided to not invoke the sudden death playoff and ModelAir vouchers were awarded to both teams. Well done guys!



Airfix Speedbuild

Thanks to all who took part for making it a very enjoyable and sociable night and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

Finally, a big thanks as always to our friends at Holdsons for supplying the kits.

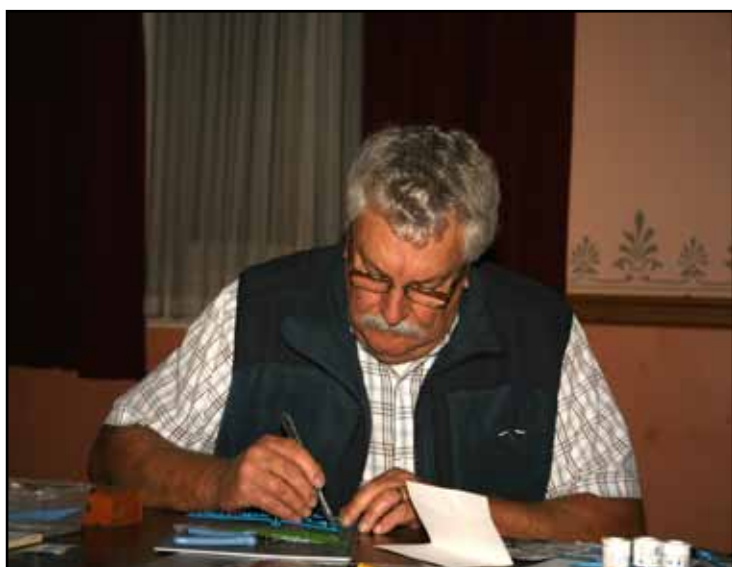
2014 Speedbuild Challenge Final Results

Placing	Team	Points
1=	Peter Harrison/Barry Kelleway	158 (max)
1=	VinceKelleway/Neil Gatland	158 (max)
3	Adrian Hills/Barry Burton	105
4	Barrie Flatman/Alex	100
5	John Watkins	70
6	Dave Stewart/Colin Swager	50





Airfix Speedbuild





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2014 IPMS National Competition

Christchurch, October 3-5, 2014



2014 I.P.M.S National Competition

Christchurch

3 – 5 October 2014

The International Plastic Modelers Society, Christchurch (Inc) is pleased to be able to invite I.P.M.S members throughout New Zealand and the modeling public to participate in the 2014 International Plastic Modelers Society New Zealand National Competition.

The event is to be held at the Woolston Club, 43 Hargood Street, Woolston, Christchurch over the weekend of the 4th and 5th of October 2014. The Woolston Club has full bar facilities, Hatrix Restaurant and bistro, full T.A.B service and gaming room, meeting rooms, an area for kids with internet pc and play stations. There are also pool and snooker tables, darts boards, and indoor bowling mats.

Entries can be delivered and registered between 5pm-7pm Friday the 3rd and 8am-10am Saturday the 4th of October 2014 in the Sports Bar, Woolston Club, 43 Hargood Street, Woolston, Christchurch.

Please remember to bring your completed entry form to speed up registration. Entry forms will also be available on the day should you need them. IPMS Christchurch does not require an essay/detailed description of your Model, if you wish to supply one please submit it on a separate piece of paper and not on the entry form with the full knowledge that it will not be read. The reasoning is due to models being judged on their merit and not the amount of aftermarket attached to it as for some the expense is too much. Late entries will be at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

There is a flat entry fee of \$10 for models and modelers may enter as many eligible models as they wish.

IPMS Christchurch will take all care with your models but will accept no responsibility for any damage that may occur.

All entrants in the competition will receive a free pass to the venue for the duration of the event.

Previous place getting models in any I.P.M.S National Competition (i.e 1st, 2nd and 3rd) are not eligible to re-enter the 2014 I.P.M.S National Competition. Any model that has been previously placed as above can be placed in the display only section of the competition.

Awards will be the Gold, Silver, Bronze and Highly Commended ribbon with 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class. Entries may be removed from the tables from 3pm, Sunday 5th of October. If you require to remove your model earlier please let a member of the competition committee know.

2014 IPMS National Competition

Christchurch, October 3-5, 2014

The official prize giving for the competition will be at 5.30pm Saturday the 4th of October, prior to the I.P.M.S Nationals Dinner.

All I.P.M.S New Zealand members and competitors are invited to attend the I.P.M.S Nationals Dinner between 6pm and 7:30pm, Saturday the 4th of October. We do ask that you register for the dinner so we are able to book for all those attending. If registering for the dinner can you have your registrations returned to the organizing committee no later than the 14th of September 2014. The dinner will be directly from the menu as some participants from past competitions have felt that a three course meal for \$35 too much.

The I.P.M.S New Zealand Annual General Meeting will be held at 11am, Sunday the 5th of October. We would like to see representation from all clubs throughout New Zealand but understand that this is not always possible with the distances and costs of travel being a determining factor. It would be appreciated if clubs could RSVP their attendance for the A.G.M.

If you have any queries please contact us at: thomokiwi@yahoo.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you on the 4th and 5th of October.

I.P.M.S Christchurch Committee

2014 IPMS National Competition Class's

Class A: Aircraft

- A1 NZ Aircraft
- A2 Military Aircraft smaller than 1/48 - prop, single engine
- A3 Military Aircraft smaller than 1/48 - prop, multi engine
- A4 Military Aircraft smaller than 1/48 - Jet
- A5 Military Aircraft 1/48 - prop, single engine
- A6 Military Aircraft 1/48 - prop, multi engine
- A7 Military Aircraft 1/48 - jet
- A8 Military Aircraft larger than 1/48
- A9 Helicopters
- A10 Civil Aircraft
- A11 Box Stock

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Class B: Military Vehicles

- B1 NZ Military Vehicles.
- B2 Smaller than 1/48 – WW2 and Earlier.
- B3 Smaller than 1/48 – Post WW2.
- B4 1/48 - Military Vehicles and Equipment.
- B5 1/35 and Larger Armoured Vehicles – WW2 and Earlier.
- B6 1/35 and Larger Armoured Vehicles – Post WW2.
- B7 1/35 and Larger Soft Skin Vehicles.
- B8 Towed Artillery and Misc Military Equipment.
- B9 1/16 Scale Vehicles.
- B10 Box Stock.

Class C: Civilian Vehicles

- C1 NZ Vehicles
- C2 Vehicles - Open Wheel Competition
- C3 Vehicles - Factory Stock
- C4 Vehicles - Modified (custom/hotrod/tuner)
- C5 Vehicles - Closed Wheel Competition
- C6 Motorcycles
- C7 Box Stock
- C8 Trucks/Commercials

Class D: Dioramas

- D1 Diorama – All types

Class E: Ships

- E1 1/500 and Smaller
- E2 Larger than 1/500
- E3 Submarines
- E4 1/48 and Larger

Class F: Figures

- F1 NZ Figures
- F2 Under 120mm (1/16)
- F3 120mm (1/16) and Larger
- F4 Busts
- F5 Vignette's

Class G: Science, Sci Fi and Misc

- G1 Fictional Craft, Real Spacecraft, Missiles and Vehicles
- G2 Any subject not covered elsewhere
- G3 Collections

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Class J: Junior

J1	Aircraft
J2	Military
J3	Civilian vehicles
J4	Figures
J5	Ships
J6	Sci Fi & Misc
J7	Diorama

To be eligible for "Best NZ Subject" the model must be entered in the appropriate NZ section. The only exceptions to this will be NZ subjects in Diorama, Ships, Sci-Fi /Miscellaneous and Junior classes.

Models will be judged by IPMS Christchurch appointed judges. Please indicate your availability when registering / entering if you are able to assist with judging. Entries shall be judged according to the IPMS Christchurch judging guide. All judge's decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into.

Collections will consist of 5 or more closely related items (eg: five different WW2 tanks would not be a collection but five Sherman tanks would). The collection must be the sole work of the entrant.

Bases are allowed in all categories. They will not be considered in the judging except in the diorama classes or where 2 models may be tied for a placing. Could any models entered on bases be securely fixed to the base or it be made clear that the models is not fixed to that base. All endeavors will be made not to handle models not on a base.

A diorama shall be vehicles with figures on a single scenic base depicting a scene. Note a single figure, vehicle or aircraft displayed on a base with ground cover will not constitute a diorama. A vignette shall be 2-3 figures on a single scenic base depicting a scene.

Box stock classes are intended to recognize excellent models produced from the materials provided in the box from the manufacturer. For those entering Box Stock please note the following:

- Original instructions must be supplied with your entry.
- Alternative decals may be used.
- No aftermarket or scratch built detailing allowed.
- No alterations are to be made to the material of the kit (ie no thinning of edges, no drilling of parts).
- Panel lines may be repaired if damaged during construction. Extensive rescribing of panel lines is not permitted.

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Entries may comprise of any generally accepted modeling material (i.e plastic, resins, wood or metal). All models must have been built and painted by the entrant.

Junior class entrants must be under the age of 17 (i.e not reached their 17th birthday) at the time of the competition.

Final class and category placement of models is at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

2014 I.P.M.S National Competition

Sequence of Events

Friday 3rd October

5pm-7pm Entries and registrations accepted.

Saturday 4th October

8am-10am Entries and registrations accepted.

10am-4:30pm Venue open to the public

5pm-5:30pm Pre dinner drinks.

5:30pm-6pm Speech's and formal announcement of major prize winners.

6pm-7:30pm 2010 I.P.M.S Nationals Dinner.

7.30pm-11pm Socialising.

Sunday 5th October

10am-4pm Venue open to Public.

11am I.P.M.S New Zealand Annual General Meeting.

3pm Models can be removed from the venue.

4pm Competition closed.

MPH

Model Petrolheads

1st National Show

Sunday 28th September 2014

LOCATION

Classic Car Museum/Jukebox Café
11 Rainside Place
Hamilton

TIME

9.30am-4.30pm

ENTRY

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Come and see a great range of highly detailed Automotive plastic model kits on display. There will be everything from Hotrods, Trucks, Dragcars, Tuners, Bikes, Street Rods and much, much more! NO DIECAST.

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PLASTIC PEOPLE

Profiling IPMS Auckland Club Members

A few years ago we ran a series of Club Member Profiles - a bit of an insight into the modelling interests of our club members. So we've found some of the original forms and will resurrect the series, starting with myself. We'll see how we go in getting members to complete the profile and continue the series (for as long as we can I guess.... anyone notice we're scratching for content...??)

NAME	ROBERT WILLIS
What was the first plastic model you ever made?	Don't recall exactly - my old gran used to send a care pack from the UK twice a year with Airfix and Matchbox kits for birthdays and Xmas. I do recall building an Airfix 1/72 Lancaster at some point. My most lucid memories are from the late 70's when Dad started bringing kits from the US - I do remember building 1/48 Monogram Skyhawk, Hawker Typhoon and Me262...
Armour, Aircraft, Cars, Ships, Figures, Fantasy... what's your poison? Tell us what you build?	Mainly 1/48 aircraft, although I dabble in 1/72 for multi-engine aircraft, 1/144 for civil. Favourite theme is Italian WW2, Cold War era (especially RAF) and Skyhawks, and Starfighters, and Spitfires, ... also build cars, mainly 1/24 & 1/20 Italian and British cars (Alfas and Jaguars), and also including some F1. A few ships, some sci-fi (Star Trek, not that faux Star Wars stuff...), a few figures, and the odd tank all grace my stash - whatever takes my fancy at the time....
Why do you model? What makes you tick so you want to stick? What is the Apollo like goal for your modelling?	Always wanted to paint or draw but have very little talent in that area so modelling is a creative outlet in lieu. I have an interest in many areas of history and technology and modelling is an extension of that. I build for the enjoyment of the hobby, not so much to replicate history or an artefact, so I'm not hung up on rivets, colour shades, angles, nose profiles, etc - I model for myself so if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and sounds like a duck, it is a duck...
What's your number? We've all got a secret stash of unbuilt kits. If the kitset police raided your house how many kits would they find and what would most of them be?	Around 760 kits in my stash (all catalogued which is how I know...). Majority of them would be 1/48 aircraft, followed by 1/24th cars...
Is it a kitchen table or a super-sized man-cave? Describe your modelling happy place.	Both - the boss lets me model on the dining table in the evenings (which is now stuffed in a room with junk and narrow aisles to get around the table...) where I do most of the glue and hand paint work. My shed has no power so the extension lead gets dragged out every few weekends for a few hours of airbrushing. I wet sand in the laundry and in the summer, on the deck in the sun...

What music is the soundtrack to your model making?	Depends on my mood - lately been listening to Monty Alexander and Ernest Ranglin. Also the latest Sola Rosa album. Or a little bit of Kruder & Dorfmeister.... For an aggressive release (usually while building an old Airfix kit..) I like a bit of Tool... Actually lately I don't have anything on - just a bit of peace and quiet - perhaps as I'm doing most of my modelling around 10pm....
What's your secret ingredient? Do you have a special modelling tip you would like to share?	Recently started using pencil for a lot of shading and highlighting work, both for internal detail and external panel lines. And I can't go without my Games Workshops washes - Devlan Mud & Badab Black - mmm nice!
Desert Island Kits? Name 5 models you would take with you if you were shipwrecked and had to see out the rest of your life like Robinson Crusoe.	Tricky - perhaps start with the kits that would take ages to build: 1/8 Hasegawa Fokker Dr.1, 1/8 Hasegawa Se5a, 1/350 Tamiya USS Enterprise, Wingnut Wings Gotha and 1/8 Monogram Jaguar E-Type... those are ones in my collection - my wish list would add the 1/8 Hasegawa Sopwith Camel, and perhaps a Pocher kit or two or some F1 magic from Model Factory Hiro... A tool kit and paint would help too....
What's the model you are most proud of and why?	Wingnut Wings 1/32 Sopwith Pup - beautiful kit and the first fully-rigged biplane I've built (and completed)...
What was your modelling Hindenburg moment and why?	Trying to speed up the drying time of Humbrol enamel gloss white on an old 1/32 Hasegawa F-18 with a heat lamp many years ago - you can imagine it didn't go well - the back half of the kit sagged to the point that it would have required 1cm of filler to re-profile the kit - that kit took a short trip to the bin.... All I can say is thank goodness for acrylic paints....
How many "works in progress" have you got and when did you last finish a model?	I have a bad habit of starting similar models together - like a Spitfire and Macchi M.202 - to save on painting - same interior colours in this instance. Then getting to the external colours, getting bored and starting something else. I rotate through stages of interest, sometimes not coming back to a kit for a year or two (or more) so at a guess I'd have around 40-50 kits in progress.... I finished more kits in the first 8 months of 2013 leading up to the Nationals than I had in the previous 8 years...
Favourite tool? (a part from the obvious one..)	I have a love/hate relationship with my airbrush, so that rules that out. My essentials would be my base set of Vallejo paints for detail work, GW washes as mentioned, my 0.3mm mechanical pencil and the knarly brush I use to shade the lead, and Micro Crystal Clear - fantastic for the fiddly bits and clear parts...

LAST WORDS



Above: 1/48 Airfix EE Lightning F.2A

Model by Jurek Greinert

<http://www.britmodeller.com/forums/index.php?/topic/234946138-ee-lightning-f2a-airfix-148-plus/>

Apparently I put my name down to complete 15 models this year and so far I think I've completed, er, none. I have about 20-odd models sitting around waiting to be painted but have just lost interest lately in pulling finger out and getting things done. So what to do to get my interest back? Well as part of the Build the Same Kit (which really should be Build the Same Subject...) I bought a new tool 1/72 Airfix Lightning - 1/72 is small enough that you can get away with brush painting the cockpit (almost) which saves the hassle of having to drag my airbrush out from under the myriad of building materials I have stored in my modelling shed - and so the scale and OOB intent has allowed me to press on with the kit quite rapidly. Mind you I still have to airbrush the exterior.... Still, 3 months to go. so there is hope yet!

...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.

Thanks to Pete Mossong for his contribution this month.

Cheers
Rob



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