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NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER

7.30pm
Tuesday 15th December
Leys Institute (upstairs)
20 Saint Marys Road
Ponsonby

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THE CHAIRMAN'S BIT

Hi everyone,

Wow! Christmas already! They say time goes faster as you get older and that certainly seems to be true for me. I think I need a really boring year on a desert island with only books to read and no internet or phone to feel like time can be slowed down.

The attendance and participation at meetings this year has been pleasing and I hope everyone has found something good about the meetings, especially the practical sessions. We can't be all things to all people but as long as you find something stimulating about the meetings then we are doing our job.

Now that I am involved in the retail and distribution side of modelling as well as being a consumer I feel more than ever enthusiastic about modelling as a hobby for kids and adults. I'd like to think IPMS plays its part but you might be amazed at how few of the modellers that come into Modelair are IPMS members, and in fact most have never heard of us.

Modelling can be a solitary hobby but I will do my best to promote IPMS membership to the customers at the shop. Believe it or not there is still a hangover from the "bad old days" of IPMS where innocent newbies would have their models loudly trashed by senior members who should have known better. As we know, those days are long gone but it amazes me how the aura hangs around the letters "IPMS". More work needed here....

Mark Robson

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EVENTS THIS MONTH & DECEMBER CLUB NIGHT NOTES

This Month...

Christmas is traditionally a slightly abbreviated meeting followed by a short trip down the hill to the Cavalier for some liquid refreshment and a chat. This year will be no different but we have a lot to get through so I will need to ask you to get to the hall promptly and we will kick off in good time.

Clubman of the Year

The committee will announce the recipient of this award. The criteria guiding our decision are largely to do with how much work and effort has been done by a particular member on behalf of the club. There will be a Modelair gift voucher for \$50.00 awarded to the recipient.

Shelf of DOOM! Competition

As you all know we promoted this as a fun attempt to get some of those models finished that have been sitting unloved on the shelf for years. Mine is not going to make it for Tuesday but will hopefully be done by 31.12.

We will have quick vote to decide the most impressive Shelf of Doom escapee. Vouchers were offered from my Whangarei store Replicant Hobbies but now I am sure Modelair vouchers will be better-received for geographical reasons.

Categories are;

\$50.00 for oldest model completed (ie had been started the longest time ago).

\$50.00 for the model that has made the most dramatic transformation from the time when it was first brought to the meeting and completion.

\$100.00 for the best overall model.

Build the Same Kit Competition

As has been repeatedly promoted in Scale Mail and at the meetings we decided on a variety of Build the Same Kit subjects. For aircraft fans you could choose any Folland Gnat or Bae Hawk, automobile/tank modellers could choose any vehicle from the VW family and for ship modellers the choice was infinite.

The club is offering a \$50.00 prize for the winner of each category and \$25.00 for each runner up PLUS a \$100.00 additional prize for the best Trifecta containing one model from each category.

Winner will be decided by vote as usual.

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Dave Stewart's Little Black Book

You may be aware that club stalwart Dave Stewart makes a note of all the grandiose predictions that members make at the Cav during the last meeting of the year. Cunningly he waits until a couple of beers are on board before asking you to make your prediction, so be careful!

Predictions are for the calendar year so I currently have until December 31 to finish 8 models, because I said I would do 10 and have only finished two! Doable?

Get your prediction to Dave....it is a good stimulus that we will revisit during the year.
I am saying 25 in 2016.....

That's all from me, thanks to all those who have helped out with the club activities during the year.

Mark Robson

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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.

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12 Kent St Newmarket
Auckland
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(Note: not in conjunction with any other promotion)

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Wellington
<http://www.capitalbooks.co.nz>

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Merv Smith Hobbies

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Newmarket
Auckland

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



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Build The Same Kit 2015 Challenge - Ends This Month

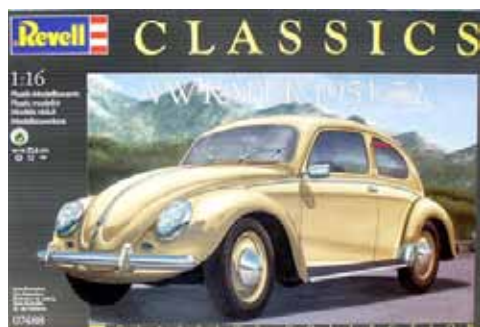
So after some debate on club night last month, the Build the Same Kit challenge has become a Build the Same Kits challenge! The options are:

- 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.



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

Subs for 2015/16 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

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EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

January 19th 2016 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

February 16th 2016 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

March 15th 2016 - IPMS Auckland Club Night

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Washing Models / Assessment Night

This meeting promises to be a very busy meeting with quite a bit on. First up - washing models. This isn't a case of dumping your model in the sink with some Palmolive - there will be demonstrations on giving models a wash to highlight panel lines and various features to give them the beginning of that well-weathered look.

Various modellers will be showing different techniques that work for them, and then you can decide which you prefer. If you have a model that you have given a wash and would like to explain your technique, bring it along to put on the table too.

The June meeting will also be an assessment night. So if you want to see how your finished model stacks up against competition judging criteria, bring it along to be assessed. Lance will also be organising a photo shoot, so if you have a favourite model you want pictures of, bring that along too.

The Editor's Desk

Hard to believe that we're now half way through the final year of this millennium and that the millennium bug is fast approaching. It seems like only yesterday that I took over as editor of the newsletter and I would certainly like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have provided such positive feedback.

This edition includes Terry Moyle's article on using the ALPS MD-1000 printer to create decals for your models, and I must say that mine is already paying for its self. I have produced two sets of markings for aircraft that were either not previously available or would have cost me \$25. With savings like that, this device has made obscure colour schemes much more accessible and easier to produce. No more rummaging through the spares box or sending off overseas for the necessary decals to finish a project. I must admit that the printer is not without its drawbacks, but it has certainly opened many more avenues for modelling.

After the very successful Model Expo at Queen's Birthday Weekend, discussion turned to current developments in the modelling industry to make life "easier" for the modeller and to present more detail for those aftermarket detail sets. Such things were discussed as:

- full 3-dimensional etching techniques, which would allow those etched brass sets to give full 3 dimensional detail parts, including rounded shapes
- computer driven paint programs, whereby the finished model is painted by a computer controlled airbrush and software
- producing parts from a tank of liquid, whereby the part solidifies under UV light, and the intensity and direction of light determines the shape, producing mould-free parts

While a lot of this may seem far-fetched, most of these are already in use on a commercial level. How long then before they are available to the modeller for personal use at a reasonable price (remember the near \$40,000 price tag on the first Pentiums - now available for a couple of hundred dollars?). We then have to ask, when does true modelling end, and computer aided construction begin. How far does the hobby need to go before the enjoyment is taken out of it, and models are built at the press of a button? Like everything, is automation destined to make display cases fuller, and modelling skills unnecessary?

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Anyway, that is not something we will have to worry about for quite some time, and the club meetings we have planned for the next part of the year should see these skills expand, as we endeavour to impart skills and tips on producing more realistic models.

See you at the next meeting,
Craig.

The Chairman's Bit

A big Thank You to Terry Moyle for his very inspiring talk on making your own decals. I know of 4 members, including myself, who have already purchased an ALPS printer since the last club night, so keep your eyes out for a few original schemes in the future.

Thanks to all those that turned up at Model Ex this weekend (especially Bob Cox for arranging it). We had a good-sized display and I am sure we'll get some new members judging by the interest shown in our display.

A lot of the questions coming from the public and prospective members were related to weathering in some way, so It is appropriate that the next couple of club nights will focus on this subject.

Cheers,
Kevin.

New Releases - 1/72 Revell Tornado IDS "Tigermeet"

This is NOT the Italeri Tornado repackaged by Revell Germany as the Tornado ECR variant. Instead, it is a scaled down model of their newly tooled 1/32nd scale Tornado. This means there is now a very finely detailed model of the Tornado at a much more competitive price than the (still very buildable) Hasegawa kit (\$18 for the Revell kit, as opposed to \$35 for the Hasegawa kit).

The parts come moulded in dark green plastic on 4 large sprues. There are 10 clear parts including canopy and windshield, HUD, and navigation and landing lights. Instructions for this kit consist of a 20-page black & white booklet, including 55 clearly illustrated assembly steps and 5 pages of painting and decalling instructions.

All panel lines are finely recessed, including some beautifully executed rivets. Instrument panels, have details moulded on, and the consoles are moulded to the cockpit tub and consist of raised detail, though there are decals on the sheet for these items. Each main gear consists of 4 parts including nicely flattened tires and brake lines.

Options include open or closed speedbrakes and canopy, extended or retracted refuelling probe, sweepable wings (including a circlip arrangement for the pylon mounts to allow them to swivel), moveable tailplanes, and raised or lowered landing gear (though no pilot figures are included).

Revell Germany has accurately captured the fine lines of this modern NATO aircraft (currently used by Britain, Germany, Italy and Saudi Arabia). The canopy is the correct length and in the correct position (as opposed to the slight errors in the Hasegawa kit). The only faults I could find with the Revell kit, was

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firstly, the nosecone is still not quite the right profile, and the air intake at the base of the fin is also about 1 mm too long.

Unfortunately, this model is only configured for a Luftwaffe aircraft. Various small changes will be needed if this aircraft is built as an RAF variant (GR.1, GR.1A, etc.). These are mainly small changes. The rear ECM fairing on the top of the tail is about 1mm longer on the kit of Luftwaffe aircraft. The most noticeable omission for an RAF aircraft though, would be the Laser Ranger and Marked Target Seeker (LRMTS) fairing under the nose. The pylons have sway braces moulded on and these should be removed for the wing pylons and replaced with the fairings which cover the ERUs on the RAF aircraft. The intake ramps on RAF variants (except the F.3) are fixed fully open, so some surgery will be needed to change the position of these.

Stores on this kit include two AIM-9L Sidewinders, a Cerberus ECM pod, BOZ-107 chaff/flare dispenser, MBB/Aeritalia reconnaissance pod, as well as a buddy-refuelling pod, and a pair of 1500 litre drop tanks.

The decal sheet has the decals printed in semi-gloss finish on the new lower-visibility carrier film. A multitude of stencilling and marking decals are included. Options for three German IDS aircraft in the current Luftwaffe camouflage are included:

- Aufklärungsgeschwader 51 "Immelmann", "Tigermeet" 1998, Landsberg, Lech
- Jagdbombergeschwader 34, Memmingen 1998
- Jagdbombergeschwader 31 "Boelcke", Gosse Bay, Canada 1990

The first option is the aircraft illustrated on the box top and includes an impressive single piece decal for the artwork on the tail, of which the modeller is expected to paint the yellow background first. I can highly recommend this kit for anyone wishing to build a 1/72nd Tornado, and with some simple modifications, one which will represent the IDS, GR.1, GR.1A or GR.4.



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Member Profiles - Kevin Benson

Name: Kevin William Benson

AKA: Insect

DOB: 26 November 1964

Place of Birth: Auckland, NZ

Occupation Scientist (mad)

Modelling Interests: Anything not glossy, Anything that has seen combat, Anything offensive, Anything with tits, Anything with a big gun

Excludes: cars, trucks, factory fresh Spitfires, civilian aircraft etc.

Includes: figures, armour, military aircraft, gross paint schemes

Other Interests: Women, Music, Cricket, Astronomy, Women, Alcohol, Films, Wrestling, Dogs, Women, Sci-fi, Internet, Soccer, Spicy food.

Current/Future Projects:

Atrocities of the 20th century (various bad taste military dioramas in 1/35th)

1/32: F-4 Phantom, GR.1 Tornado, F-14 Tomcat

1/48: F-84 Thunderjet, Skyray, Zero, He 111, F-117, Skyraider, etc.

Misc.: heaps of 1/16th, 1/9th and 1/6th figures

Member Profiles - Mark Robson

I am a 34 year old veterinarian who builds mostly aircraft. One of my earliest memories is battling my father to let me build the Airfix Wellington instead of him having all the fun - I must have been about 5. Hence I have a sort of infatuation with Airfix kits, even if the company is a shadow of its former self.

I build in any scale, and am more likely to be attracted to subjects with pleasing aesthetics, or those associated with an historical event. I am just as interested in full size aeroplanes. I haven't built a ship for 15 years, but intend to restart soon, and I have one half-finished tank kit, so I guess I'm an armour modeller also. My new millennium resolution is to finish more of the approximately 35 kits that I have half-completed, and more of the 800 - 1000 I have yet to start.

Member Profiles - Craig Sargent

My modelling exploits began at the tender age of 5. For my 5th birthday, my grandparents presented me with a 1/72 Revell Macchi C.200 Saetta and four bottles of paint - red, blue, white and black. Made for an interesting colour scheme reminiscent of something that might be found on an American Bicentennial aircraft. Over the ensuing 1/4 century, I've built multitudes of kits - aircraft and helicopters mainly, but there have been 3 ships (Admiral Hipper, Bismark and currently, an Airfix Leander to HMNZS Waikato conversion), 3 cars (RX-7, VW Golf, and "General Lee"), more than a few tanks, and the odd figure. Unfortunately most got "binned" when I left the Air Force, due to non-repairability or missing parts, from lots of moving around due to postings.

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I left school and joined the RNZAF, where I spent 10 1/2 years trying to keep our front line aircraft working electronically. This also allowed me to follow my interest in aircraft and got me to some places not many people would be able to get to - flights in Macchis and Strikemasters, Orions, and Hercules. In fact other than the Skyhawk, I was able to fly in every aircraft the RNZAF currently has on inventory. I also had a 6-month tour of duty in Italy training to maintain the Macchis. During this posting, I had the opportunity to look over the AMX, Tornado, MC.200 and 205, MB339K and Starfighter (unfortunately, no photos were allowed).

Main interests now are 1/72nd Israeli and US Marine Corps aircraft and helicopters, though I have some 1/48th and 1/32nd aircraft in my collection. My collection currently only numbers 84 (small by some standards), and most are at least 50% finished.

Current projects nearing completion:

IAF F-16A-10 and Meteor F.8

Me 262-1a/U4

IAF helicopters in 1/72nd - AH-64A Apache, AH-1S Cobra, CH-53A Stallion, Bell 47G Sioux, S-58, UH-60A Blackhawk, and UH-1D and N models of the Iroquois, with a view to eventually finishing one of every type used.

Several 1/72nd USN/USMC aircraft - F4D-1 Skyray (Drone Controller), EA-3B Skywarrior (Desert Storm), ERA-3B Skywarrior (Low-viz), A-7E (Desrt Storm), F-8E Crusader, AD-6 Skyraider

2 Fw 190 A-8s, 8 F/A-18 Hornets, 3 F-104 Starfighters, a Jaguar, Tornado (and a partirdge in a pear tree)

Creating Decals with the ALPS MD-1000 Printer

by Terry Moyle

The lack of appropriate decal sheet material for model makers has been a barrier that has inhibited model makers the world over. That obscure airline livery, that signage for a truck, the distinctive emblems on shields, those details that weren't included on any commercial decal sheet - the inability to faithfully render these details has been a restriction for both commercial and professional model makers for years. All that has changed. Custom-made decals can now be produced conveniently and accurately, and mean that the model maker is truly free! If you are now so inclined, you can really make anything you desire. The technology responsible, the ALPS MD-1000 dry-ink printer, paired with a personal PC, has the ability to print on clear decal film, and create high quality decals.

This technology has an undeniably revolutionary quality about it, for it means that untried liveries, markings and just about any subject you had no way of doing (especially those 'little letters and artwork'), is now possible using dry ink printers.

The 'dry ink' technology is affordable, offering comparable value with ink jet and laser colour printers. Colours are applied in individual cartridges of coloured ribbon. Although the MD-1000 holds four colours, additional colours (such as white and metallics) can be applied. This is done by activating the overlay

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function in the print set-up, and introducing the other cartridge which overlays a single colour from a file mirroring the original.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Greyware

Some computer literacy - including ability to scan graphics and then manipulate them using appropriate graphics and publishing software.

Hardware

The ALPS MD-1000 printer costs \$150 (incl. GST). This includes black, cyan, magenta and yellow cartridges, but the white cartridges are an extra \$25 each. A Pentium computer system with decent memory, including a scanner is recommended. If you're looking at large complex graphics, go for as much RAM as possible; price: say \$2000

Software

Graphics software varies in price. I used the fairly basic Photoplus to do the graphics job and used MS Publisher for the layout (a CD-ROM with graphics software is included in the printer purchase - Ed.).

Decal Sheets

These aren't easy to get hold of. I used Microscale clear decal sheets. These cost between \$4.00 and \$7.00 per sheet.

Doing Decals - Case Study

New Zealand Civil aviation subjects have been a focus of mine for many years. The civilian airliner standard scale, certainly for pre-jets, is the established 1/144. Over some ten years, I have acquired a number of kits and vacforms able to be made, one day, into presentable representatives of Kiwi aviation heritage.

The recent addition of Minicraft 1/144 airliners - the DC-3, Catalina and DC-6, meant these hitherto rare subjects were now available, as was the technology to render their liveries. Although I had 'batch made' aircraft before (a subject in its own right), the decision to proceed like this was determined by the need to justify the economics of the decal paper and give the decal making process a decent work out. I started modelling in January 1999 with a view to getting nine New Zealand aviation subjects completed by the date of the IPMS Nationals in April.

Research for decals had involved locating old promotional literature for and obtaining as many photographs as the budget will permit. For the TEAL logo, SAFE Air logo and the Mount Cook Lily, I scanned off old timetables. Measurements for the decals were taken directly off the models and backed up with photographic reference. In most instances the typeface desired will not exist. One method I found useful was to use a type that characterises the intended one, print out the words you want in monochrome, scan the words and create a graphics file and modify the graphic as required. I finished full decal sheets for seven 1/144 civil aircraft (although a few door panel decals weren't applied in time) in a period of about ten weeks.

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CONCLUSIONS

Time

On the basis of the seven aircraft completed, which included two vacforms and three conversions, the time taken to create a full decal sheet for each aircraft took about 20 - 30 hours per aircraft (not including research). Obviously time varies depending on the skill of the designer, the availability of typefaces and complexity of design.

Opacity

The printer decal is not particularly thick and some commentators recommend putting the decal sheet through the 'white ink' stage to make it less transparent. I tried this but would not recommend it. The ink deposit on the decal proved crumbly, and the quality of the overprinting was compromised. To get around the covering quality on the white I produced two decals, superimposing one on the other and spraying with finish to hold them in place.

Detail Quality

The Dry Ink printer is superb for small decals and suits any of the small scales, or when smaller decals are required. When printing large areas of colour at 600 x 1200 dpi, a discernible 'dot matrix pattern' is visible. Paint should be used rather than decals in these instances.

Copyright

If you're planning on doing 'one off' decals and not getting into producing them, then this will not be a problem. However if you're reproducing images (brands) that have a commercial origin (the livery on trucks and airlines for example), it may be worthwhile contacting the appropriate (usually marketing) representatives to check on copyright issues.

- I strongly suggest you use a B&W printer as well as the dry ink printer. This gives you the option of playing around with decal layouts and sizes.
- Try and keep your graphics files to as small a size as possible.
- I used black coloured masking tape as a template for the National Airways stripes on the DC-3, and scanned it to achieve the compound curves defined by the livery.
- All decal sheets should be given a coat of non-yellowing overcoat.

The Future

I would recommend this system to anyone interested in modelling, and who also owns a PC. It is Ideal for any vehicle, railway, or aircraft modeller, and a must for modellers wanting to scratch-build (for myself I am now looking at modelling a local Fish and Chip shop, with its distinctive decorative glass windows a chance to try out the gold ink cartridge). I have an old Revell Fairy Rotodyne for which the decal sheet has seen better days. If I feel so inclined I can scan the old sheet and with a bit of doctoring make up a new one. That's it really. So now we can all "Boldly model where no one else has modelled before..."

(More information on ALPS printers can be found on the ALPS USA website. The Internet address is <http://www.alpsusa.com/new/page6.html> - Ed.)

(This is the new link for ALPS Printers: http://www.alps-printer.com/watersilde_decals.php?id=2 - Rob)

Viggen Update

Tarangus 1/48 Saab Viggen



The September newsletter contained this statement from me about this kit... "I confidently predict it will be finished by the September meeting". Doh!

However it is nearly there. The paint looks reasonable although some of the colour photos of the real thing show more washed-out greys so I may have to fiddle with that during the weathering process.

The decals went on well but I had forgotten how many stencils modern jets have! Alas the Swedes seem pretty good at keeping these on the plane even as the paint fades so I couldn't really cut any corners.

The Two Bobs decal sheet looks amazing and although the large fin decal took a few applications of decal setting solution to settle down over the rudder actuator it looks pretty good in the end.

I am currently painting Eduard Sidewinders and AIM7s (to represent Skyflashes) and if you haven't used these new Eduard missiles I would suggest giving them a try. They are amazing!

This one needs to be done by 31.12 so I confidently predict it will be on the table for the January meeting.....cough....

Cheers
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GALLERY

CLUB NIGHT MODELS

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



For those of you with a naval interest, finally someone is releasing a large scale British aircraft carrier! HMS Ark Royal in 1/350 scale to be released by Merit / Trumpter in 2016..... mmm



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

