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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday 17th September - 7.30pm Leys Institute (upstairs) 20 Saint Marys Road Ponsonby

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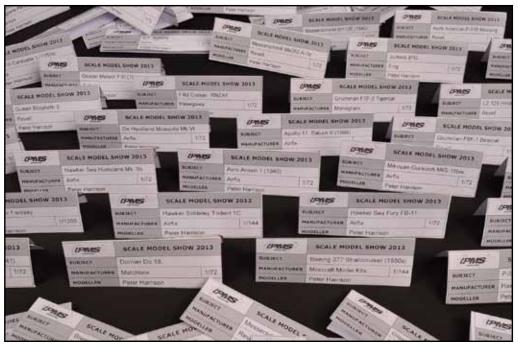
With just a week now to the "Big Show" my modelling focus has been on fixing up all the stray bits that have fallen off my models over the years, giving them all a quick dust off, making up display labels and packing them into suitable containers for transport to the event.

I wish everyone who is entering models into the competition the best of luck. May the modelling Gods be smiling and your devilish seam lines remain hidden by a trick of the light.

Thank you to everyone who has worked to get us to the position of making the show a reality. Here's to 2 days of great fun and a cold beer at the end!

Cheers Peter





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Subs for 2013/14 are now overdue - see below for club account details or see the club secretary at the next club meeting.

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EVENTS

MODELLING RELATED

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

September 17th 2013

IPMS Auckland Club Night

October 15th 2013

IPMS Auckland Club Night

November 19th 2013

IPMS Auckland Club Night

BUY, SELL & SWAP STASH

SATURDAY 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

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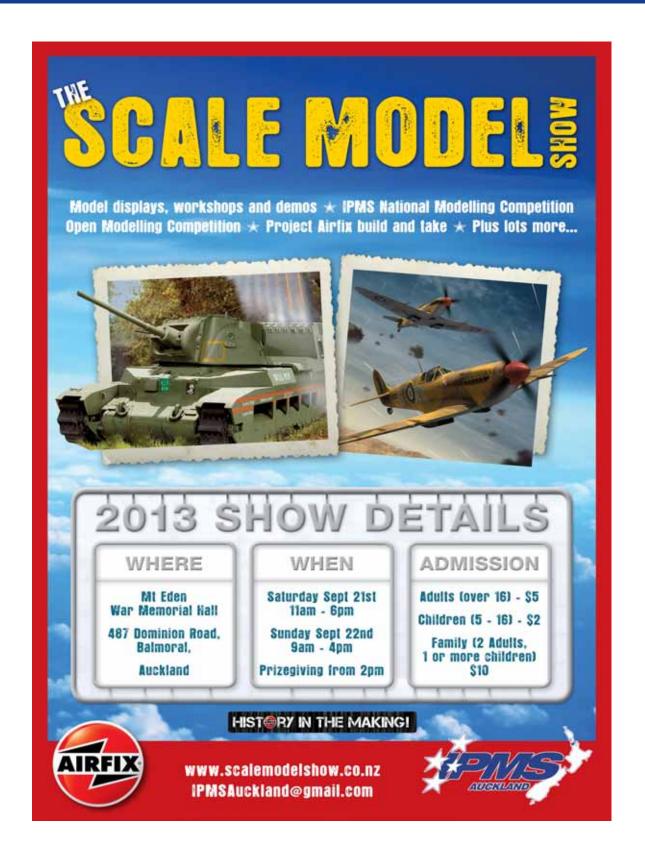
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2013 IPMS NATIONALS



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOW VISIT: www.scalemodelshow.co.nz

2013 IPMS NATIONALS News & Information

Club Display for the 2013 Nationals GAME ON!

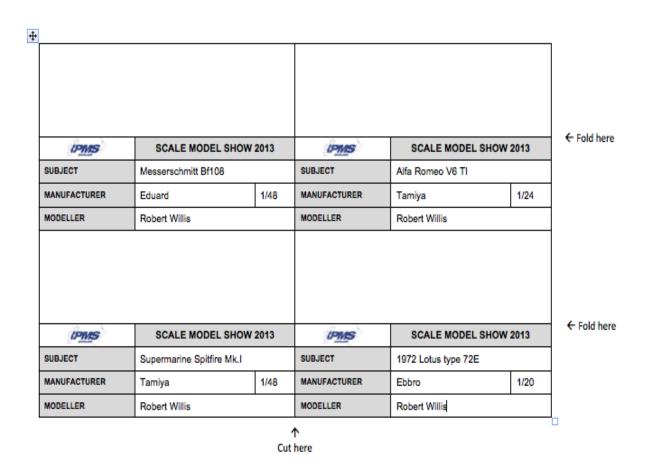
Greetings everyone, yes it's game on with just over eight (8) days to go till the show, as I write. Fortunately there's a club meeting next Tuesday for any last minute questions.

Also visit the competition page on our website as it is now open for on line registrations of your competition models. Just go to the Download page and follow the easy as directions. This is very easy to use and will speed up set up on the day.

Also on the Download page you will find a Display Card section (see below). This is for your Display models and again very easy to use. The intention is to have all Display models labelled so the public can have a good idea what they are looking at and will be able to readily identify a model if information is required about some aspect of it.

And whilst on the subject of Display models please bring what you can for display remembering also the themes you can contribute to - Spitfires and Boeings.

Cheers Dimitri.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOW VISIT: www.scalemodelshow.co.nz

The Model League

Hi there fellow plastic fettlers, Here is the current and up to date standings for the Model League for

Henry The Helicopter Ludlam.

your perusal.

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Online Trading

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

So this month my purchasing has been a bit lean - a few bits from Hannants in the UK and a few bits from Lucky Model - both I have mentioned before.

However I do have an experience of an Australian online trader to avoid.

Sandle Hobbies - www.sandlehobbies.com

About 2 years ago I was after a few snap-fit Pegasus kits for my 10 year old nephew who was showing an interest in building model kits (subsequently that interest lasted about that long - yup, you blinked and missed it...). Anyway, Sandle had them listed. This was late October so I thought plenty of time before Xmas, get them in from Australia, no probs. I signed up to Sandles site, created my username, etc - logged on, bought a few things for myself and the Pegasus kits for my nephew, proceeded to the checkout and paid with my credit card (they didn't have PayPal facility at the time). The items were listed in stock so I thought no problems - sit back and wait. And wait, and wait.....

Four or so weeks later, now near the end of November I was getting worried - no kits and no contact from Sandle - also fortunately no charge against my credit card. So I emailed, and emailed, and even tried ringing the contact number on their site - nothing, zip, nada...

So now I was determined to get the kits from elsewhere. I emailed Sandle telling them to cancel the order - not surprisingly I never got a reply to that either.

Hannants had the kits listed - this was by now the first week of December 2011 - so I duly ordered them thinking I might be lucky to see them before Xmas. And low and behold, about 10 days later they were sitting on my front door step one morning - the regular courier driver who delivers my stuff knows exactly where to leave my items and I'm sure thinks my pyjamas are fetching now...

So, almost 2 years on I have still yet to hear anything from Sandle, haven't seen the kits I ordered (was never sure if they did cancel the order) and have never been charged for the kits - maybe I caught them in a bad year....

Surprisingly, not recommended at all!

....and an Australian online trader who was brilliant:

RedRoo Models - www.redroomodels.com

I haven't bought from these guys recently - last purchase was about 12 months ago maybe. An Australian company they specialise in Australian subjects (obviously), including kits, conversion kits, detail accessories and decal sets.

I found the site easy to use - you can purchase from the site without having to sign up. Payment is via credit card only (no Paypal facility).

I ordered a decal set for a 1/48 RAAF Mirage and a refuelling buddy pod for the 1/48th RNZAF TA-4 that I was building at the time. About 7 days later the well-packaged bits arrived - couldn't be easier.

Highly recommended.

Rob

Italian Jobs

Kits of Classic Italian Aircraft & Vehicles

Macchi C.202 and C.205

This month rather than focus on one manufacturer and their rendition of a type, I'll look at a type and the kit manufacturers that make it.

The Macchi C.202 Folgore (Italian for Thunderbolt - although sometimes translated as Lightning) was designed in 1937 as a direct derivative of the Macchi C.200 - which at the time was the principal fighter of the Regia Aeronautica (Italian Air Force to you and me...) - RN from now on.

Making it's maiden flight in 1940, it was powered by a licence-built version of the Daimler-Benz DB601A

1,175 hp engine. The engine choice came about due to the Italian aircraft industries struggles to produce powerful engines themselves.

The new fighter retained all of the C.200's agility and excellent flying characteristics with the addition of outstanding performance and sturdy construction.

The C.202 and C.205 are often acknowledged as excellent machines, and that in the right hands were more than a match for any of the Allied fighters it came up against. However the complex construction, matched with the general inefficiencies of the Italian aircraft industry, meant that sufficient

Macchi C.202 and C.205

Rob Willis

numbers never reached the frontline squadrons in any numbers to be effective.

The C.202's were able to hold their own against the P-40's, Hurricanes and even Spitfires, although of course that had little effect on the outcome of the war in this particular theatre.

The C.205V (Veltro - Italian for Greyhound) followed, equipped with a more powerful engine (1,475 hp) - very similar in external appearance - the main difference being the single chin cooler being replaced with two tubular filters on either side of the chin. Only 262 were produced by the end of the war.



A further development, the C.205N Orione was under development but only ever got to prototype stage by the time the Italians signed the armistice in 1943.

Post war, Macchis were used by a number of air forces, notably by the Egyptian Air Force in combat against Israel during the 1948 conflict. Many of these were powered by a more powerful engine (the DB 605) giving them superior performance to the standard C.205. The Egyptians used them very successfully although ultimately the Israelis won the conflict. Their use was not without difficulty though, with delivery issues from Italy, some caused by the

aforementioned Italian industrial machine, er, not being very well oiled, and some caused by Israeli agents who raided the factory in Italy sabotaging machinery and jigs....

A small bit of trivia I read somewhere, which I've read different versions of (both on the Internet so they must be true...) was the Allies believed the Kawasaki Ki-61 Hien to be a licencebuilt version of the Macchi, hence the now inappropriate code name 'Tony' reflecting it's Italian origins. It wasn't, but the name stuck. I also read that the Ki-61 was thought initially to have been a licence-built Bf109 - maybe if you squint hard while looking at it you can see the similarity....

Building the Macchi.

The Macchi is one of my favourite aircraft - something about it's lines, it's stance on the ground, and the mad-cap camouflage schemes - which don't seem to have any consistency from one aircraft to the next - make it a subject that I could build many times over without being bored.

My choice of kit, being a 1/48th fan, is the excellent Hasegawa range - if two versions count as a range....

Over the years they have released a number of versions of the kit, mostly being typical Hasegawa which is the original kit with a different set

Macchi C.202 and C.205

Italian Jobs Kits of Classic Italian Aircraft & Vehicles

of decals - so why oh why Hasegawa won't you release one with smoke ring decals! I just haven't been able to paint those damn things.... although Mike Grant from www.mikegrantdecals. com does them.

I've built both versions and they are pretty much standard fare for a 1/48th single engine fighter from Hasegawa. No real surprises in the build, no fit issues and no dramas with the decals. However, my first model, built probably 10 years or more ago, I attempted to paint the aforementioned smoke rings scheme - lets just say it didn't go well and that kit has been hiding in a box for years waiting for me to do something with it, or to get off the proverbial and order some rings!

The second kit I built was the ANR version (the Italians still aligned with Germany after the 1943 Armistice) - again no issues with the kit and quite a nice blue/grey camo scheme to add some variety to the standard desert-brown based schemes.

Other manufacturers and scales.

Tauro Models released 1/48th short run kits of the C.202 and C.205 some years ago - the point of difference being full engine detail. However these kits have long been out of production - and to be honest, faced with a short-run kit or the Hase kit with aftermarket resin - I think you know the answer to that one.

Hasegawa released the C.202 in 72nd, including a combo kit - for some odd reason they didn't do the C.205. MisterKit Models out of Italy released a conversion kit (C.202 to C.205) in 72nd but it's pretty hard to find these days.

Italeri have released both versions in 1/72nd scale - some reviewers rating this kit better than the Hasegawa offering due to simpler construction in some areas.

I believe that Supermodel, Frog and Matchbox also released versions of the C.202/5 - but being that was back in





Above: Hasegawa 1/48 Macchi C.205V 'Veltro' in ANR markings



Above and below: Hasegawa 1/48 Macchi C.205V 'Veltro' by Rob Willis



the dark ages of plastic modelling, and the fact that I've never seen the kits myself, I can't really comment.

In the larger scale of 1/32, Pacific Coast Models released the C.202

and C.205 - but those kits are fairly rare these days, even PAC Models don't have them listed on their own site any longer.

Craftworks also released a resin kit of both, and the kits are still

Macchi C.202 and C.205

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listed on their website - but at US\$165 each you have to be pretty keen.

Lastly I'll mention Century Toys - an odd version of the C.202 and C.205 being released by this company. I say odd as I'm not sure what market these are targeted at. The kits are meant to be assembled using snap-fit and screws, yet don't go together that well if that's all you use. Some of the detail is a bit heavy in areas, and fine in others. The kit comes with decals and stickers, giving the modeller a choice. It's also moulded in a very odd plastic that fights conventional styrene glue.

I've got this kit half built somewhere the reason - it cost me \$15 - a bargain for a 1/32nd kit in anyones book. How it will turn out is another matter.... I have seen builds online, but in many cases the modeller has had to go the extra mile to improve the detail - but at the end of the day you get a not too unreasonable model of a Macchi C.205 Veltro for fifteen bucks or so in 1/32nd scale - if you don't get too hung up on the clunky detail, it's a bargain and a fun build.

But ultimately I'll build another few 1/48th Hasegawa kits - but they seem to release them about the same rate as Macchi built them - about 1 a year!

Rob



Above: Hasegawa 1/48 Macchi C.202 'Folgore'



Above: Italeri 1/72 Macchi C.202 Folgore

Below: Pacific Coast Models 1/32 Macchi C.205 ANR



Below: Hasegawa 1/72 Macchi C.202 Combo



I'm not fat, I'm just big Boned...

Revell B-1B by John Darlington



Commissioned build jobs in Modelair can be a bit of a double edged sword! People come into the shop, see me building and usually make a comment like "you're lucky, having a job where you can build models all day"!

Well, yes and no. Most modellers get to choose what they do and don't want to build.... imagine having to build some thing you either hate or, at best, just have no interest in, in a scale you might not usually build, and having to carry it on through to the end no matter how much your heart's not in it, and no matter what build problems you may encounter.

Get the picture? Well I'm very happy to say that the Revell 1/48 B-1b was not one of these! From the moment the client handed it to me I was itching to get started, as I've always liked the "look" of the B-1.

Of course the major issue with building this kit is it's sheer size and therefore the problem of where to display it once completed. As this was the clients problem, I could have the pleasure of building it without the worry of "where it's gonna go", a big bonus. Also, during the build it took up a fair amount of counter space and I couldn't really imagine building this in my modelling room. With this in mind it was built as a bunch of sub-assemblies which all came together rather quickly late in the build.

This was always going to be an out of the box build as most clients who commission builds don't care for the added costs of resin and photo-etch. The real problem here was that the engine nozzles are for an early B-1 and the colour scheme is for a late one. And, to be honest, this was more of a problem for me than the client!

I'm not sure of the actual origins of this kit, but it reeks of Monogram except for recessed panel lines and I found "Revell 1984" stamped on it somewhere.

Well, 1984 or not, this was an awesome kit to build in terms of detail and fit. The detail in the cockpit, bomb-bays, wheel-wells,

and landing gear were right up there with modern day Hasegawa/ Trumpeter/Hobby Boss and, dare I say it, Tamiya kits.

The front and rear crew compartments were especially well detailed and I couldn't resist doing them justice, knowing full well most could not be seen on the competed model. This was confirmed once the "smoked" windscreen was in place so I decided to cut open the escape hatches in the rear crew compartment. Now I know these are not usually open on parked B-1's, but they add interest to the finished model and allow some of my handiwork to be seen.

Of course there were the usual things with jets, like filling intake seams, but this is only to be expected.

The only real complaint I can think of is the way Revell have attacked the swing-wings. They are obviously meant to operate but there's no operating mechanism. The wings just "sit" in two rather loose fitting pivots inside the wing glove and they



tend to just flap backwards and forwards and sag during the rest of the construction, scraping paint off as they go. I couldn't glue them in place as I didn't know how the client wanted them positioned for display.

Due to the dearth of Gunze paints (my preferred brand) at Modelair at the time, the B-1 was painted with Tamiya flat black for preshading, dark grey for the main base coat, and neutral grey for highlighting the centre's of the panels.

Wheel-wells, bomb-bays, landing gear etc were painted with a 50/50 mix of Tamiya flat and gloss white. Acrylics were used throughout.

Total build time was about 75 hours and the swing wing thing notwithstanding I thoroughly enjoyed this build and would recommend this kit to anyone with a mansion to store it in.

And the client was ecstatic so everyone's a winner!







In-box Review Aeroplast 1/48 PZL Mil Mi-2 (Hoplite)

Ok - so what I know about helicopters can be summed up on the back of a decal sheet, so any comments I make about this kit are purely from a modellers point of view.

I rashly bought a helicopter kit on Trade Me the other day, only the second one I've ever bought (and the first is still sitting in the stash somewhere unbuilt...) and so I've started looking around for similar subjects.

My favourite era of aircraft is the 50's and 60's so the Aeroplast 1/48 Mil Mi-2 was perfect - it has that ungainly, somewhat agricultural look that seems, to my eye at least, a feature of Eastern bloc machines from that era. It will look nice on the shelf with my other 'ugly' Soviet machinery.

From what I've googled, the Mi-2 was a development of the Mi-1 (an even uglier machine than the Mi-2 - so I have to find one of those in 1/48th...). The pistonengined Mi-1 first flew in 1948. Production aircraft entered service in 1950. As in the West, it was recognised that piston-engine powered helicopters couldn't deliver the power required and that turbine engines was the way forward.

Queue development of the Mi-1. The overall size of the Mi-2 wasn't significantly different from the Mi-1 but the size of the cabin was larger. The twin shaft-turbine engines, now mounted above the cabin, developed 40% more than the Mi-1 for half the weight - effectively doubling the payload. The Mi-2 first flew in 1961, entering service in 1965.

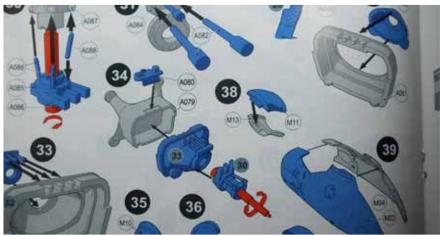
In 1964, production of the Mi-2 was transferred to Poland (PZL-Swidnik) and over 5,400 units were built over it's production run which ended in 1998. It was the only Soviet-designed helicopter to be built solely outside of the Soviet Union.

The Mi-2 had many variants - about a third were used for military purposes. The remainder were used as air ambulances, aerospraying, cropdusting, etc. A widebodied version (the Mi-2M) was also developed.

The Mi-2 is still in service in various forms around the world, the biggest operator being North Korea....

So onto the kit.







I've never seen an Aeroplast kit before so can't really attest to the quality of this one compared to their previous efforts but out of the box my first impression is of a very nicely moulded kit with fine surface detail.

This kit is the Mi-2 Assault Version (Aeroplast 90037) - one of five versions released (the other four being Naval, Transport, Army and 50th Anniversary)

The kit consists of one large grey plastic sprue which I assume is the common sprue between the versions along with 3 smaller grey sprues with parts specific to the version you bought. One clear sprue is included which includes different nose mouldings, again to cover the different

boxings - the parts are clear and crisp. A total of 213 parts. No etch or additional parts are included.

The instructions are of the CAD-drawing type, very similar to a Wingnut Wings instruction book (although without the mountain of reference photographs..) with the new parts for each section being shown in blue being attached to the previous assembly being shown in grey.

Paint colours swatches are indicated along with colour profiles for the six marking options on the last page. Colours swatches reference Humbrol paints I think... My only big beef with the kit is that there are no colour references throughout the assembly process. What

colour is the interior - let's refer to the instructions - er, no. douh! So you'll definitely need to hunt out some images on the net of the interior to sort that out.

So besides the lack of colour information, the kit looks a wee gem and should be an enjoyable build. I haven't assembled any of the parts yet so can't tell what the fit is like, but now that I've popped the sprues out of their bags I may have to make a start on it....

I bought the kit from Hannants at a cost of around \$50 plus p&p. So this was my first Aeroplast kit and based on this one, it won't be my last.













Captain Musick Air Scouts Auckland Area Model Gala September 8th, 2013

The Scout's model gala is an annual event and features a scale model competition with classes for each level of scouts from Keas through to Rangers and their leaders.

This year we were invited to help with the judging of the Scout's models and also to put on a display of our own club members' work.

On hand from the club were Rob Willis, Henry Ludlam, Dimitri Berdebes and Peter Harrison. The scouts' entries provided some lively debate amongst the judging team over which placings to award the entries. Large colourful dioramas enclosed in big boxes were a highlight with one even featuring spaceships attacking London during the height of the Battle of Britain... shades of Doctor Who!

The Auckland Regional Helicopter Trust flight simulator was on site, and for a small donation of \$5 I got a guick lesson and chance to fly under the Auckland Harbour Bridge main span.

Model rocketry launching and a demonstration of remote flying camera platform were activities provided by Modelair. The day was rounded out by a prize-giving ceremony with prizes for all participants in the modelling competition.

A really nice gesture a Certificate of Appreciation and a souvenir badge for each of the attending IPMS Auckland club members. I'll be sewing mine onto my IPMS Auckland Polo Shirt. In summary a fun day and hopefully a regular fixture on the IPMS Auckland calendar.





















GALLERY ON THE TABLE - AUGUST CLUB MEETING



1/72 Slkorsky by Henry Ludlam



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1/48 Airfix Supermarine Spitfire PR.XIX by Rob Willis



1/48 Airfix Supermarine Seafire F.XVII by Rob Willis



GALLERY

ON THE TABLE - AUGUST CLUB MEETING



1/72 Northrop T-6 Texan by John Watkins



1/35 Tamiya M48A3 by Vince Kelleman



1/48 Hasegawa Kawanishi N1K1 Shiden by Barry Burton



1/48 Hobby Boss Yakalov Tak-38 Forger by Rob Willis



1/48 Classic Airframes / Aeroclub De Havilland Vampire FB Mk.5 by John Darlington



1/48 Hasegawa Kawanishi N1K1 Shiden by Barry Burton

IN PROGRESS



1/350 Airfix HMS Suffolk



1/48 Tamiya Dornier Do335



1/72 Messerschmitt Me262

IN PROGRESS



1/32 Dragon Bf110



1/32 Dragon Bf110 and Tamiya Dornier D0335

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LAST WORDS

Many thanks to the article supplied by John Darlington . You can view the rest of the pictures of Johns B1 build on the IPMS Auckland website in the Gallery section.

So by the time you read this there will only be a few days to go until the show. Lets hope it's a great success and we have some good numbers through the door. I find it interesting when reading magazines from overseas the level of interest that the hobby still has in many European countries, especially many of the old Eastern bloc countries, compared to here in New Zealand The number of modelling shows and events reported on is quite astounding, but here the hobby is relegated to the sort of train-spotter fringe of odd hobbies. Hopefully this will elevate modelling into the limelight (if council community noticeboards count as limelight...) - even if briefly!

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 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

