

# FEBRUARY 2017



## Wacky Races



Another “Wacky Races” competition was held on Tuesday 20th December 2016. Competition organised by Sib0 and Don.

Image Above:

Sib0’s winning entry in the “Best Dressed” and “Tracked Final” events.

Everyone involved entered into the spirit of the event, losers, losing gracefully, winners, winning triumphantly.

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Articles for the April 2017 Issue to me please by March 29th 2017 - Hard or Soft copy. Soft copy please email me [clarker@godolphin.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:clarker@godolphin.wilts.sch.uk) - Hard copy in my hand at a club night.

# Club News

## Wacky Races Pt 3 “The Return”

Seven vehicles arrived ready to race at the IPMS Salisbury Christmas 'Wacky Racers' night, 4 wheeled (W) and 3 tracked (T). After some Mulled wine was heated and Yule log cut Richard handed over to Don and Sib0 to host the second annual event. Photos were taken and votes cast to see which vehicle from the group would win the 'Best dressed (finished) category'.

The entrants were:-

- Mick Ellis - SR4 bullet racer (W)
- Steve Saville - Red Lamborghini (W)
- Sibo - Bandai Panzer IV (T)
- Brain Smart - Die cast Mini (W)
- Don - Black Leopard II APC Prototype (T)
- Richard Clarke - Metallic T80 (T)
- Mike Hobbs - Free style dune buggy (W)



Despite doubt over the eligibility of the Die cast Mini from Brian it gained enough votes for third place in the best dressed category, though vote rigging was suspected, no evidence of Trump was found in the



scout hall. Mick's SR4 placed second with Sib0's 1/30 scale Panzer IV with tank riders taking the gold.

When accused of spending all year on making it Sib0 answered 'Well... yes'. That may also explain the lack of other models this year from Sib0?

With the photo call complete attention shifted to the scout hall floor, already marked with two lanes that would be ignored by vehicles that struggled to run in a straight line.

With 4 wheeled vehicles present Don split the contenders into pairs for each heat. Mick (SR4) and Steve (Lambo) faced off. Cruelly at the moment of switching on his power Steve's Lambo stopped, and the crowd was gracious enough to allow him an immediate pit stop. A faulty wire was identified and rectified only to fail again approximately 5 cm into the race. The SR4 shot off swiftly, helped to the finish line by glancing along the skirting board. The second race was between Mike Hobb's and Brian's Mini. Brian for the second year chose an alternative power source for his racer, a pull back friction motor. It certainly performed better than last years Sodium reactor, shooting off very speedily. It's problem was lack of staying power only managing about 2 meters before stopping allowing Mike's slower but consistent Dune Buggy to romp home. Therefore the final was between the SR4 and Dune Buggy with Mick taking the prize.

For the tracked event a inch high 'knife edge' was added to the track about 60cms after the start-line. All the tracked vehicles climbed this obstacle with ease. With only 3 tracked racers available to race it was decided to run a best of three races event but it soon became obvious that the real 'race' would be between 3rd and 2nd place as Sibos Panzer quickly out paced the T80 and Leopard. The first round saw Don come 2nd with Richard in 3rd. Richard pointed out that the Leopard was minus it's turret so opted to remove the T80 turret. the weight saving must have made a difference as round two saw Richard's T80 come second to Sibos panzer with Don in last place. The final placings were decided after a photo finish between Don and Richard with a collision between the Leopard and T80 probably helping the T80 take the edge. The Panzer didn't have it totally easy as during its dash the model passed under a radiator which promptly decapitated the commander figure.

Good fun again, though a few less entries this year meant the heats were over quicker, so the challenge for 2017 is laid down here for Wacky Race night 3! Well done to all the builders/ racers and good win to Mick ( Wheels ) and Sibos (Tracks and best dressed).

**Sibo**

**Editor:** Just like to say thank you to Sibos for organising this and to Don for running it, another great evening. Well done.

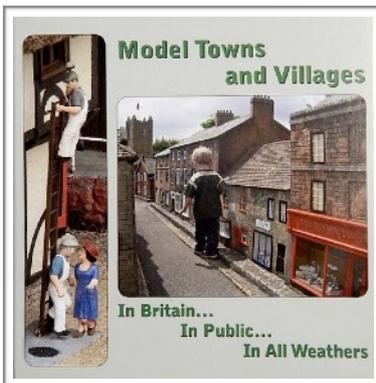
## Book Reviews

### Model Towns and Villages - In Britain .... In Public ... In all weathers.

**Written by:** Brian Salter

**Publisher:** In House Publications.

A limited publication only available on request to the author Price was about £20.



Want a book to while away the dark afternoons and early evenings of winter ? This is the book for you . I saw this book advertised in the Monthly Collectors Gazette and thought well its different, so I sent away for it. Produced in hardback , about 100 plus pages on glossy paper , with coloured pictures on every page. If you have ever visited the model village in Babacombe near Torquay you will be amazed by the number of model villages there are throughout Britain . Scotland , and Ireland are not covered but Wales is. Not only are there Model Villages in seaside towns but large and small ones are scattered all over , some are private and can only be visited by appointment with the owners others are free and open throughout the year. I found it quite surprising how old some of the little buildings are and how many

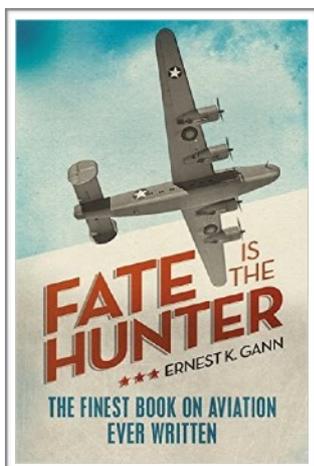
times they have been built and moved. The village modellers are very adaptable with some of their buildings based on actual villages and towns right down to the correct shop keepers. Most of the villages are 40's 50's and 60's time based although there are a few up-to-date model towns. The majority of the builders are professional modellers and some just do it because they want something to do in retirement The pictures throughout the book are of the actual towns and villages and the older ones have postcards and advertising from way back. All in all I really enjoyed this book although not inspired to build and convert my front garden ! .

**Mike Hobbs**

## Fate is the Hunter

**Written by:** Ernest K Gann

**Publisher:** Simon & Schuster



I am always sceptical about bold claims made on the covers of books.

And so it was, that when I opened a birthday present from my oldest friend, and fellow armchair pilot, and found a paperback claiming to be “the greatest book on aviation ever written”, I thought “Really? I’ve read some pretty good books.”

The story is autobiographical, tracing Gann’s flying career from trainee to captain. He was part of the massive expansion in civil aviation in 1930s North America, leading into the perhaps even more spectacular growth in military aviation brought about by the Second World War and its aftermath. To that end it is a book about flying, rather than a book just about aeroplanes.

The book throws light on just how primitive the early days of airline travel were, and how risky it could be as a result. It is a fascinating read - I had no idea that a Douglas DC2 could be so different to the seemingly almost

identical DC3 to fly; that above all other factors, an aircraft’s ability to continue flying in icy conditions (“to carry ice” as Gann puts it) was the most valued.

Although Gann never joined the military, his flying career involved a great number of hours flown at the behest of the US Army Air Force - hence the C87 on the front cover. This gives plenty of scope for him to recount some extremely hazardous experiences, including his near demolition, in an aforementioned and widely loathed C87, of nothing less than the Taj Mahal...

So it would be a mistake to assume that, because Gann did not fly in combat, the book is in any way dull. It is quite the opposite. Indeed, as he says throughout and suggests in the title, he was extraordinarily lucky to survive so many potentially lethal episodes in one lifetime.

Add in to this mix the fact that the book is absolutely beautifully written, with a descriptive narrative style, modesty and often lots of humour and I think I have to conclude that it probably is “the greatest book on aviation ever written” and would thoroughly recommend it.

**Nick Williamson**

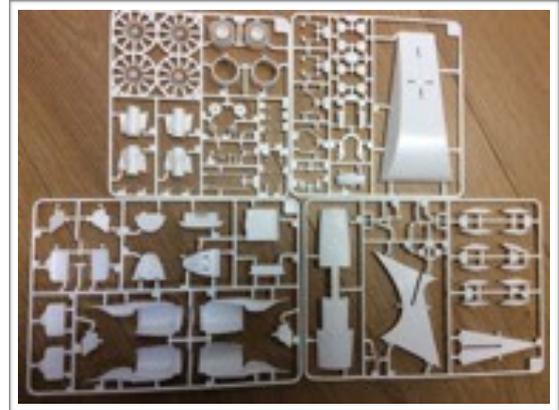
## Kit Review

### Revell A350-900 - 1/144th Scale.

This is a new release from Revell and is the first offering of this latest in the Airbus family, and is a rival to Boeings 787. Both of these types are the next generation of airliners and use the latest composite technology in their construction. So this is a plastic model of a full size plastic aeroplane.



The boxing of this model is using Revell's standard end opening box, this can be a little awkward to work with for storing parts during construction and personally I'm not a fan of this but it is just a box. The parts are in Revell's usual white plastic and the sprues are full of detailed parts that will make this into a good looking model, and in this scale a large model too. Also something which seems to be new from Revell is the inclusion of a stand for displaying this model, this is a great touch as this can built with the wheels up and displayed as a desktop model.



Particular parts that caught my attention were the moulding of the wing tips, which on the A350 are different type that are used on the rest of the Airbus types and because of the composite structure these blend in seamless with the wings.

The other parts to this kit which are different from Revell normal airliner kits are the detail that they have moulded into the engines. Usually Revell just supply the front fan and this can be very basic, but over the past few years the competition for airliner models have started to give the engine

details with all the first stage fan blades moulded separate.

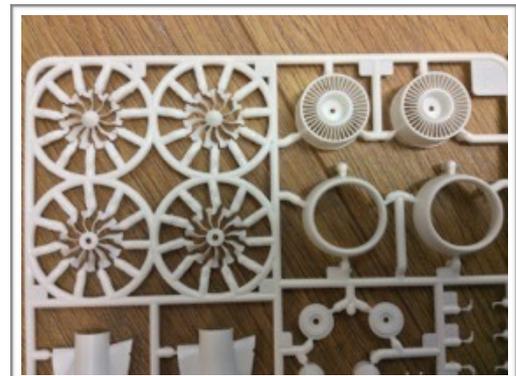
Revell have done this on this kit and they do look good on the sprue. Let's hope that they come together in the build.

There have been two issues of this kit so far and both have different decals options. The option for the original realise was for the an aircraft in Airbus house colours, but the option I have purchased is for the a Lufthansa version. Unfortunately the decals are not that inspiring and another set of decals are being sort so as to give this airliner a bit of colour.

It is difficult with a new type of aircraft to find a good colour scheme and some modern airliner colour schemes can be difficult to achieve.

But after a little search of the Hannants web site I think I found the scheme for this model, not to complicated but enough of a challenge, and with anything in this hobby it has to be achievable.

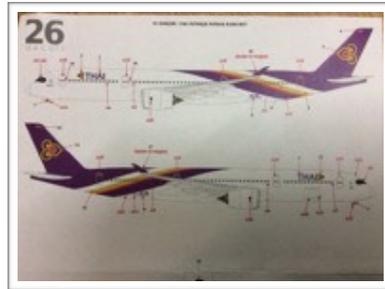
Two Six decals are the one I chose for my A350 in Thai Airways colours.



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The only issue will be in matching the very distinctive purple colour on the rear of the aircraft. Two six do supply a colour sample on the decal sheet to get a closer match as possible.

I am now ready for the build. A future article for the news letter perhaps. I will keep you posted.



**Tony Horton**

## Model Show Report

### Middle Wallop Model Show 2016

The show was held on a cold Sunday morning; luckily it is a local show so we didn't have to get up too early! The club was represented by Don Bartlett, Mike Hobbs and myself with a selection of aircraft and armour. We were situated next to the Huey Cobra, as usual with Pewsey on one side as our neighbours.

This year the organisers have expanded the show slightly; the conference room under the café was home to a trader and three clubs and there was someone selling a large cache of second hand books, of which Dave Berryman put a large dent in! – Well, at the prices they were going for it would have been rude not to. Even I bought a couple.

The show was well represented by both clubs and traders although, as usual there were no traders selling aftermarket items or tools, paint etc. Valiant had some old tins of Revell matt and gloss varnish for sale which I snapped up as it is my preferred varnish. The show proved to be very popular with, particularly in the morning, tailing off after lunch as usual.

Overall it was another good show for this venue and it was good to see it expanded, if only by one room.

**Mick Ellis**



# Forthcoming Events

Month	Date	Event
<b>Feb*</b>		
	SUN 5th	FLASH MODELLING
	TUE 7TH	THEME NIGHT: "ANIMALS"
	SAT 11TH	TANK MUSEUM MODEL EXPO
	TUE 21ST	
<b>Mar</b>		
	TUE 7TH	THEME NIGHT: "DISASTERS"
	TUE 21ST	
	WED 29TH	LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS
<b>Apr*</b>		
	TUE 4TH	THEME NIGHT: "TRAINERS"
	TUE 18TH	
	SUN 23RD	MODELKRAFT MILTON KEYNES
	TUE 16TH	
	WED 24TH	LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

## Theme Nights

<b>February</b>	Tuesday 5th	Animals Night
<b>March</b>	Tuesday 7th	Disasters
<b>April</b>	Tuesday 4th	Trainers
<b>May</b>	Tuesday 2nd	Rotary
<b>June</b>	Tuesday 6th	Steam
<b>July</b>	Tuesday 4th	Peace Keeping
<b>August</b>	Tuesday 1st	Never Seen Before
<b>September</b>	Tuesday 5th	Silver Screen
<b>October</b>	Tuesday 3rd	Artillery
<b>December</b>	Tuesday 19th	Wacky Racers

IPMS Salisbury presents it's annual



# Scale Model Show 2017



- ◆ Club Displays
- ◆ Traders
- ◆ Open Competition
- ◆ Tombola
- ◆ Demonstrations
- ◆ Refreshments



## Saturday 3rd June 2017

**FREE  
Parking**

**Wyvern College Sports Hall,  
Church Road, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1RE**

**Doors Open: 9.30am – 4.30pm**

**Admission: Adults £4.00 | Children U16 £1**



[www.salisburymodelshow.co.uk](http://www.salisburymodelshow.co.uk)