

# FEBRUARY 2018



## Wacky Races Dec 2017



To round off another excellent year for our model club, we had our annual Wacky Races. We had a different category, walking model as well as tracked, wheeled and best model.

Winners where:

Best Model: Sibó - Walking Model: Mick & Tracked Model: Richard

### Winners!

Best Model: Sibó

Walking Model: Mick

Tracked Model: Richard

### Please Note:

Articles and news are always welcome for inclusion in this newsletter. BUT views and information thus expressed are solely those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the views of the editor or the club as a whole. Editor: Richard Clarke

Articles for the April 2018 Issue to me please by March 30th 2018 - 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

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## Newsletter Articles

Dear members, please can we have some more articles for our newsletter, it seems to be the usual suspects that produce copy for us all to read. Just a small item would be enough, or if you want to make it lengthy that's good as well. Anything would be better than nothing.

So please put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard, and let us have something for the newsletter, we have them every other month so plenty of time to get something written, book or magazine review, what's inside the box, model you have just finished, tips and tricks, the list is endless.

Moan over.

## Theme Nights

Our theme nights are proving to be a great success, some imaginary connections to the theme, here is a list of the themes we have to date:

February	Tuesday 6th	COLOUR RED
March	Tuesday 6th	WEATHER
April	Tuesday 3rd	TWINS
May	Tuesday 1st	100 YEARS OF THE RAF
June	Tuesday 5th	MISSILES
July	Tuesday 3rd	SCI-FI plus a Slideshow from Sibö
August	Tuesday 7th	CAPTURED
September	Tuesday 4th	SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP
October	Tuesday 2nd	WWI
November	NO THEME THIS MONTH - AGM INSTEAD	
December	Tuesday 18th	WACKY RACES

## Calendar

Just a reminder to those that have offered to do some demos, please can you let me know when you will giving your demo so I can include it in our calendar of events.

## 2018 Revell/Hobbico Update

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The news coming out of America is Hobbico, the R/C giant that recently bought the German element of Revell has filed for bankruptcy. With Revell's new Catalogue due very soon, that news has raised some questions amongst concerned modellers.

Be assured the kit side of Revell is safe and Revell GmbH will not be affected by the news. How Revell-Monogram (the US element of kit production with its own manufacture and development) will fair is less clear. Hobbico have owned Revell-Monogram since 2007 but only took on Revell GmbH in 2012 mainly to increase its distribution network into Europe for wider R/C sales. It is noteworthy that while Revell Germany has continued to design and manufacture new models as well as to actively source and rebox model kits from brands in Europe, China and Russia, Revell-Monogram has stayed pretty stagnant with changes on decals and box art more obvious than developing new kits. One of the reasons cited for Hobbico's demise was 'a lack of investment in innovation and development'.

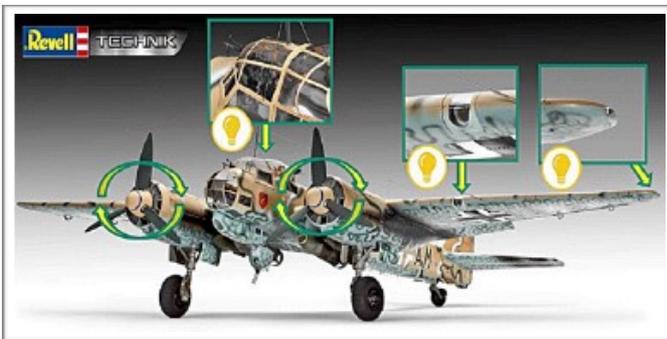
Revell Germany is keen to reassure its customer base. Shown in italics below is part of the formal statement that was issued by Revell UK representatives.

Continued Overleaf...

"We would like to inform you today that Hobbico, Inc. announced this week that it has filed for restructuring under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States. Hobbico also announced its plans to sell the company. The company is already in the process of actively exploring prospective buyers, but it is too early for further detailed information whether Hobbico will be sold as a whole or be split into parts.

Most important for you is: Revell UK is NOT part of the bankruptcy filing and will continue to operate its "business as usual" moving forward. We do not expect disruptions in the daily business with our suppliers, customers and other partners as Revell operates independently within the Group and has no organizational dependencies. Our top priority remains to offer our customers the best products, the best possible service and to continue to grow our business, like we did for another consecutive year in 2017."

And on the face of it things do look good for Revell GmbH in 2018, Another promised release of Star Wars kits from this year's 'Han Solo' film, the exact type of space vehicles have yet to be revealed but you can no doubt expect a 'Millennium Falcon' (all unfortunately aimed at the young being easy builds with light up features. However inventive modellers have done some good things with these kits as a quick sweep of the internet reveals).



Also new and very appealing this year is the TECHNIK version of some of Revell's larger kits. A new twist on traditional plastic models, nano electric technology has been added to some of their regular plastic construction kits. The components (which can be lights and/ or motors with pre-programmed control units) are installed during building to give realistic effects. SMC already has the 1/32 JU-88 A4 at £159.00 on its shelves. The Classic ex-matchbox 1/72

Flower Class Corvette and 1/16 VW Beetle are set to follow.

Delayed from last year is the new tooled 1/32 Beaufighter which is bound to be detailed and well priced if recent new tooled 1/32 aircraft from Revell are anything to go by as well as a new tooled PT109. This is an odd choice as there has been a PT109 on the market for a long time already; it will be interesting to see how this improves on the current kit?

IPMS Salisbury has a small link into Revell via the Annual model show in house contest; the rules



for the uninitiated are simple, build anything from the Revell, Revell-monogram stable. It doesn't matter how old the kit is as long as somewhere on the box is the Revell logo. When displaying for judging by the SW Region Revell Rep' you'll need to have the instructions or box art alongside the kit. The judging is less severe than conventional competitions as the Rep' brings along his 8 year old son to help decide. No doubt this is why Richards Zombie kit bashes have won successively for 3 years. With support from SMC the winner receives a nice lump of Revell product as a prize and pictures of all the models sent back to

Revell HQ. Hopefully some of you have already started a kit to break Richard's streak.

**Sibo**

# Concorde Museum

Thursday 18th. January 2018 - at long last I have achieved one of my goals for 2018 - I visited the new Concorde Museum at Filton in Bristol. After a tortuous coach journey, I had to be in Radstock by 8.10 a.m. Not my usual daily start now I am retired! I was with a very good friend of mine and we managed to get a cancellation booking with JM Coaches of Radstock. Cost for the day was £21 which included the entrance fee. Usual cost to get in is £15 adult seniors £13, so with the coach it was a very good deal. It took us 2 1/2 hours to get there, I know that's too long but we had to pick up in Midsomer Norton, Shepton Mallet and Wells. So, the coach driver went the scenic route via Westbury Sub Mendip, Wedmore and Cheddar, pick up the M5 into Bristol.

We arrived at the museum at around 11ish. We were told to go around the whole site would take at least 3 hours! Well if you do go you could take a lot longer than that there is a lot to see. First stop the cafe; excellent, next the new hanger housing the Concorde. This is a vast area with visual digital picture show, static models of Concorde and bits and bobs. The plane itself is not in the cleanest of condition, well it has been outside for a few years! You go into the



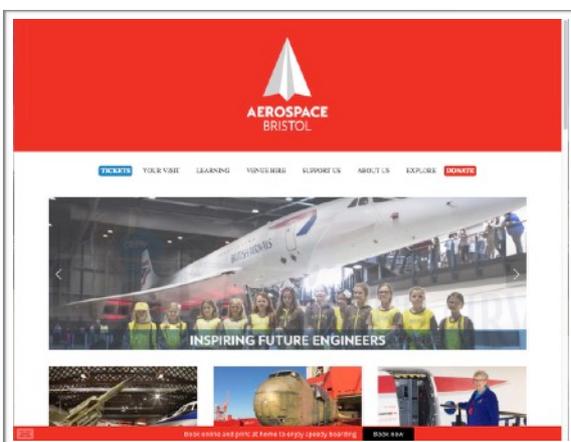
plane via steps and immediately see the cockpit with its vast area of dials and switches. The plane had room for 100 passengers only and crew. Not particularly luxurious but very comfortable with an excellent galley and wine coolers! You are able to walk through the plane and can see in to a lot of the areas as there are perspex covers into the executive toilets etc.

The Concorde is a lot bigger than you might think. Most of the fuselage and wings house the fuel, as it used lots of it. I was surprised to read that at the such high speed it flew at the plane got so hot it actually expanded by 10 inches during the flight. After about 90mins. in here we went into the other part of the museum. In there are various planes associated with Filton and cars, tram and plenty else to see. The only disappointment was the shop. Now you would think as it is the Concorde Museum it would have

kits of it to buy! No nothing at all, very few aviation books but just that geared to young children. A missed opportunity I felt.

If you have the chance to visit, entrance is by a timed viewing so make sure you have a slot before you go. An excellent day out that even the ladies will enjoy.

**Mike Hobbs**



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# Who is this person?



## Pop Quiz:

Who is Sibor portraying in this photo?

Answer, by Feb 19th please to: [clarker@godolphin.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:clarker@godolphin.wilts.sch.uk)

Winner will be announced at the **Tuesday 20th Feb meeting.**

There is a small prize for the correct answer.

## Forthcoming Events

Month	Date	event
Feb*		
	TUE 6 <sup>TH</sup>	THEME NIGHT: "COLOUR RED"
	SAT 10 <sup>TH</sup> – 11 <sup>TH</sup>	BOVINGTON SOUTH WEST MODEL SHOW
	SUN 18 <sup>th</sup>	FLASHMOD – GODOLPHIN SCHOOL
	TUE 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Mar		
	TUE 6 <sup>TH</sup>	THEME NIGHT: "WEATHER"
	TUE 20 <sup>th</sup>	
	SAT 24 <sup>TH</sup>	YEOVIL MODEL SHOW BUCKLERS MEAD ACADEMY BA21 4NH
	WED 28 <sup>TH</sup>	LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Apr*		
	TUE 3 <sup>rd</sup>	THEME NIGHT: "TWINS"
	TUE 17 <sup>TH</sup>	
May		
	TUE 1 <sup>st</sup>	THEME NIGHT: "100 YEARS OF THE RAF"
	TUE 15 <sup>TH</sup>	
	WED 24 <sup>TH</sup>	LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Jun*		
	SAT 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SALISBURY MODEL SHOW
	TUE 5 <sup>TH</sup>	THEME NIGHT: "MISSILES"
	TUE 19 <sup>TH</sup>	
Jul		
	TUE 3 <sup>rd</sup>	THEME NIGHT: "Sci-Fi" plus Slide show from SIBO on "Kow Yokoyama"
	TUE 17 <sup>TH</sup>	
	WED 25 <sup>TH</sup>	LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Aug*		
	TUE 7 <sup>th</sup>	THEME NIGHT: "CAPTURED"
	TUE 21 <sup>st</sup>	

Sept		
	<b>TUE 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THEME NIGHT: "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP "</b>
	<b>TUE 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	
	<b>WED 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS</b>
Oct*		
	<b>TUE 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>THEME NIGHT: "WW1"</b>
	<b>TUE 16<sup>TH</sup></b>	
Nov		
	<b>TUE 6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>AGM</b>
	<b>SAT/SUN 10<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SCALE MODEL WORLD TELFORD</b>
	<b>TUE 20<sup>th</sup></b>	
	<b>WED 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS</b>
Dec*		
	<b>TUE 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	
	<b>TUE 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THEME NIGHT: "WACKY RACERS 4"</b>

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