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WACKY RACES

2018

**You're
Invited!**

It's here - Wacky Races 2018. Hasn't the year flown by, and what a great year it has been. Theme nights have been a hit, again.

Attendance at models shows is up, and our own model show was another hit again this year. So let's finish the year off in style with our very own Wacky Races.

First Club Night of 2019 falls on Jan 1st. I'm happy to open up if enough members want a rest from family festivities. Let me know.

18 Dec 2018.

Wacky races rules and regulations can be found with in the pages of this newsletter.

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Articles for the February 2019 Issue to me please by January 24th 2019 - Hard or Soft copy. Soft copy please email me clarker@godolphin.wilts.sch.uk - Hard copy in my hand at a club night.

Club News

Our Annual General Meeting was on 6th November last, thank you to everyone who attended.

Your committee for 2019 is:

Chairman - Richard C

Hon Secretary: Nick W & Mike H

Treasure: Steve S

Theme Nights

These have proved very popular so we will continue with them next year. We have the following ideas for theme nights:

- D-Day - Anything used, armies fought, equipment, buildings etc
- Arnhem Bridge to far - Anything used, armies fought, equipment, buildings etc
- Made in Britain - Anything that was made in Britain, i.e., HMS Victory, Lighting, Spitfire, Range Rover
- Space, the Final Frontier - NASA/Soviet Union original space race
- Humanitarian - UN and the like
- Yellow - Anything yellow
- Connections - Any connection between two items
- Outrage - Anything that is not PC & will annoy the snowflake generation
- Korean War
- Vietnam War

Wacky Racers 18th December 2018

As the year draws quickly to a close the annual 'Wacky race' is set for the final club night of 2018. As before bottles of wine are up for winning along with the prestige of having the fastest Wheeled vehicle, the fastest Tracked or even legged, as well as best of show. Always a fun and Interactive night. The rules are below, pretty much the same as last year but you can re-enter a previous contest vehicle this time.

Classes

Class T – Tracked vehicles (includes legged vehicles)

Class W – Wheeled vehicles

Racing

Races are run by Class. No mixing of vehicles of different classes is permitted.

Knock-out heats of two vehicles per heat will be run until, by elimination, there is a clear winner.

A false start will require heat to be re-run. Two false starts will lead to disqualification of that vehicle from all future races.

Race track this a clear unobstructed straight line run over a course of at least 6m straight with marked start and finish line.

Prizes

Prizes are awarded for:

First placed tracked vehicle

First placed wheeled vehicle

Best presented competitor model

Judging

Racing results judge must be a non-competitor.

Best presented competing model will be judged by Club members present by an anonymous vote.

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Rules

1. Competing vehicles must be self propelled.
2. No external power source, or control permitted, hands are permitted to guide the model.
3. No change, or replenishment of power is permitted once the vehicle has raced for the first time with the exception of clockwork, or elastic band power.
4. Standing starts only allowed.
5. Only basic running repairs are permitted once the event has started.
6. The model must be primarily the work of the competitor. Previous entries' can enter as long as the model is the competitors not belonging to someone else.
7. The judge's decision is final and binding

Plastic & Steel 2018, Affligem, Belgium

Over the weekend of 6th and 7th October 2018 my wife Tammy & I attended 'plastic and steel' the IPMS Belgium event held in Affligem. This year was their 50th anniversary with free entry so expectations were high and it was as always, a great event. The usual format of a very early start (03.15hrs) on Saturday suits me, but Nick W and his wife took an earlier tunnel crossing the day before. We stayed on an extra day to visit Ghent making a long weekend of it. We arrived at the venue about an hour after opening so easily enough time to enter the competition before having a good look around.

With 56 traders listed and 86 clubs in attendance it won't surprise you to hear, I missed a few things. I only know by looking through other people's pictures and seeing things I did not see during the 2 days. Ex club members Brian and Peter had a stand and also presented a prize for best post '45 1/35 vehicle. I chatted to the traders who said overall business was a little less than previous years; I reflect that would be partly as there were more traders than normal as the hall did not have any full size exhibits this year so the punters had more choice and the money was spread thinner. Also being free to enter meant more people through the door but many were locals just looking to see what the show was about, not necessarily being modellers wanting to buy stuff. For me the weak pound meant this year I spent very little, bringing back a small carrier bag rather than the 2 boxes I've done each previous year.

On the Saturday Myself and Nick met up a couple of times and the 4 of us enjoyed the other famous thing Affligem has to offer, its wonderful beers. On Sunday Nick headed off late morning so I brought home his 1/48 aircraft models. He entered a number of FAA models including the Sea



Hurricane pictured here. Sadly he didn't pick up any awards but I managed Gold in the sci-fi section for my Mecha Vigo. My Darth Maul skull was also an entry, but unplaced. I enter the contest regardless of outcome as after travelling such a distance it would be a waste not to be involved. It is such a friendly show and people I see only once a year remember us and always have a chat. Next year's show is 12 & 13 October at Bellestraat 99, 1790 Affligem. I hope to go again, my 6th year, as long as Brexit doesn't change things too much.

Sibo

"Du bist zu schwer!", Translates to "You are to heavy."
Gold Winning 1/20 Mechatro with added Zimmerit with 1/35 scale figures.

Best Model I Never Bought

You all know I like *Maschinen Krieger*, and its predecessor S.F.3.D. My model output of the genre may be low, but my stash is decent in size and I do intend to make every one, even the designs I'm not keen on such as the 'Lunadiver'.

Part of the charm, especially before the internet age and Hasegawa took ownership, was digging around to find information from the Japanese import houses. The Internet made it easier but also allowed incorrect information to gain traction usually as the result of poor translations. One thing that did become apparent was certain kits were considered rarer than others.

The rarest of the NITTO releases is the 'Krachenvogel' (kit 18) which is odd as the 'Neuspotter' (kit 12) is almost the same model with the majority of the same sprues. The 'Neuspotter' is still readily available in the Nitto box on Ebay. It has not been re-issued by Hasegawa. The 'Neuspotter' is an unarmed artificially intelligent (AI) anti gravity drone. This version has a pair of long spindly manipulators.

The 'Krachenvogel' is an armed version of the same basic drone, lacking manipulators but having 6 Panzerschreck type tubes. It also has a radar array provided in PE.

I have no idea why the armed version has become rare, some suggest the tools no longer exist, but that doesn't explain why the 'Neuspotter' is easier to find as it would have come from the same tool in the first place. Although if the 'Krachnevogel' appeared as a later model after a long production run of kit 12 and the tools was damaged during this time that would explain the lesser number of model kits in circulation.

That's all well and good. I have 2 'Neuspotter' in my stash but never expected to pick up a 'Krackenvogel'. Until I saw one on Ebay, at the not too outrageous price of £75.00. Amazingly it was still shrink wrapped and dated 1985. My bid finger was poised on this grail find.....

Yet I didn't buy it. Ironically it was too good a find. I'd want to see the Camo card inside the box and marvel at the multi-media parts included in the Nitto kits (The launch tubes in this kit were brass, a light bulb for the sensor head is included as well as a large sheet of PE, the usual cable wire and springs). I've always told myself I'm a kit builder not a box collector, but removing the shrink wrap would remove something of what made finding this model on Ebay exciting in the first place. Alas my collection of original SF3D from Nitto will be incomplete, but I'm not a completist, I hope I'm a builder instead.



Ebay Advert - 'Box is still sealed SF3D Nitto 1/20 scale Krackenvogel no. 18'



S.F.3.D Neuspotter kit 12. Forerunner of the Krachenvogel.

Interestingly, the kit was up for auction at £75.00 but finally went at £104.00. So in a weird way I can feel like I've just saved a lot of money.

Sibo

Telford 10/11th November 2018

It's difficult to rate one Scale Modelworld against another and so I won't try. Suffice to say, this year's SMW was, IMHO, as fantastic as in previous years. Four hardy souls made up the permanent cadre of Club representation for the weekend, namely Mick E, Bill, Tom and Don - each displaying their models on the Club stand. Mike H joined the four Musketeers for the Saturday and Sunday with Roger L reinforcing on Day 1 and Steve on Day 2. Our immediate neighbours on the Air Cadet stand were Dave B and Richard L who provided additional models, help and banter. Tony H also added a few of his exquisite models to IPMS Salisbury's display offerings.

On set-up Friday and into first thing on Saturday, those of us manning the stand wondered if the position chosen within Hall 3 was really the best location for us, being perhaps too near the main show entrance where people simply rushed by to get to the action. On reflection, the early birds were probably members of other clubs and SIGs, or desperate shoppers hurrying to get to their respective stands or traders, rather than just wandering free spirits. As it turned out, there were plenty of people who stopped to admire Tom's esoteric aircraft, Bill's USN grey fleet, Mick's 'Bath Wars', Don's armour and the other worthy contributions. Perhaps facing the main catering area gave people the chance, over a bacon roll and chips, to spot us and to loiter as they were leaving post-noshing. All told, we were quite satisfied with our nominated pitch.

Although we don't know it for an absolute fact, we believe that Mick's Toon model of 'Bath Wars' must have been *the* most photographed model at the Show. Young children, mothers and modellers of all ages & nationalities stopped by to smile and photograph the Japanese suicide duck attack on the US carrier. Generally, the toon models caused much amusement and positive comment with their underlying emphasis on fun, as well as being an ice-breaker to engage with the public. We put on a good, varied display and it was heartening that all of our models received public attention and comment. Our policy of labelling each model allowed people to stop and learn a little about the model, as well as giving us the opportunity to chat, even if we weren't the builder. Those club stands who simply plonk their models on their table unlabelled were often passed by as they lacked that particular 'hook'.

A number of old friends popped by to say hello including John Hazel, Peter & Yvonne James and Tank Transporter Mick. One talented modeller of our collective acquaintance drove past our stand several times displaying an exceptionally high coefficient of weird – those who were there know who I mean – utterly bizarre!

As might be expected, models were purchased aplenty with, amongst others, Mick E picking up a 1/35th Meng SA-11 BUK Missile System & 1/35th Dragon 38(t) Hetzer, Roger L a 1/72nd Modelcollect B-52 & a Heller 1/72 Lockheed Warning Star and Tom a 1/72 Airfix Meatbox F8 & a little 1/72 Miles Magister by FROG. Mike H bought a large resin angel figure and Don a packet of small rivets. Bill bought an egg sandwich.

There were a number of surprises at Telford with Airfix's big 1/24th Hellcat being one and a 1/35th conversion kit for the WW2 Hafner Rotabuggy (based on a Tamiya Jeep), being another. Just like London buses, there were two different companies displaying advanced prototypes of 1/32nd Lancasters – big in the physical and big in price. No doubt other reviews of SMW18 will provide a fuller picture of what was at the Show and the highlights thereof.

Time to start saving for next year!

Don B.

Calendar of Events

December	4th	Club Night
	18th	Theme Night: "Wacky Races" . Our annual self powered model race
January	1st	Club Night: "What I got for Christmas"
	15th	Club Night
February	5th	Theme Night: "Yellow" anything yellow
	19th	Club Night

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