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Romsey Show 2016



Mick E, Chris S and myself attended Romsey Model Clubs Inaugural model show last month. A small show but well attended by the clubs that came and by the general public. A few traders selling kits mainly, not enough to tempt me to part with any money.

Mick E displays his wares at the Romsey Model Show. Good little show well worth the trip.

A good day out and a friendly club, we wish them well for the future.

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Club News

Revell Competition

Our third Revell competition was very well received, the standard was very high so I was very surprised that I won (again). Thank you to Sibor for organising the event and for the lovely prizes, Star Trek Anniversary Set (1:600 U.S.S. Enterprise from the original series & 1:500 U.S.S. Enterprise from Star Trek into Darkness) and a Messerschmitt Bf109 G-10 1:48 scale.

A Fond Fair Well

Indian Mick came to see us this month to say that he is moving up north, we were sad to see him go but we all wished him a safe journey and hope to see him at the Nationals, if not before.

Theme Nights

Wacky Racers Pt2

The Final club night of 2015 had members squaring off against each other with battery powered tracked and wheeled vehicles. The night was great fun and is set to be repeated this year. Time to look for those old motorised kits or convert some of the recently re-released remote control kits from Academy. Remember; the models have to be self contained, so no external battery packs. Don has already started to investigate this, a Leopard II appeared at the recent July club night. It's hand controller being taken apart to be incorporated into the actual tracked vehicle. What else is being worked on remains a secret at present, but it seems that Tracked vehicles will feature more this year. Good luck!

Korean & Suez Night

We had a bumper collection of models covering all aspects of these conflicts, thanks to everyone who provided one or more models for this night. Images below:







Grumman F9F-2 Panther
VF-31, USS Leyte
Korea, circa 1952



Brian Rose
Centurion Mk III
1st R. Korea 1951
Member of IPMS Club



Brian Rose



Brian Rose
F4U-7 Corsair
No. 14 F-1 Squadron
Mouquetville 1950
Tangier



Brian Rose
P51D Mustang
Flynn 1945



Brian Rose
Supermarine Spitfire Mk IX
101 Sqn, Israeli Air Force



Brian Rose





Ready for Inspection

Arado 555(e)

I have always wanted to build Revell's Arado 555(e) 'Amerika Bomber' for a long time, but it was only the coming together of two things that finally sparked me into action. Firstly the deadline for our show and the judging of our in house Revell contest was only 5 weeks away and I hadn't even started a revell kit I needed something and soon to get to work on. It was the second event, seeing Mike Hobbs' Arado 555(e) in the early stages of construction that got me thinking. It looked like a straight forward build so was chosen as my entry, and using a novel technique during construction meant it was made in time for the show date.



I'm sure like me, there are times you want to be painting and times you want to just build. I find it rare that I'll want to do both during a session, and it is often frustrating to have to stop building to paint something that will become in-accessible. Like wise when enjoying some modelling it is a pain to see time tick by waiting for the paint to dry so building can re-commence. I tried something new, that can only work with well fitting models that don't need filler or lots of sanding. I split down the sprues into like coloured bundles then painted everything individually on the sprues.



Nothing new here, as we all often pre paint parts, but this time I did everything, right up to include the intricate squiggle cam and weathering. It meant that when it came to construction I built much quicker as at no time did I need to stop. And touch ups could all be done in one go. The model was a nice build, no filler needed, so touch ups were mostly required where sprue attachments especially large ones on the wing were located. The cockpit was nice, but I found the seat head rests went behind the turret bulkhead so I removed the bulkheads with an Xacto blade. The rear turret seemed too simple in design, so I added some banana shaped ammo magazines. I delayed adding the glazing as i'd read stories of a poor fit on the Internet. I was pleasantly surprised to find mine was a perfect fit, literally clicking into place. The bulk of decals came from the kit. I must say I am liking Revell's decals these days, going on well. Some 1/48 Ju88 decals were used for badge insignia and swastikas. I was happy with the finished model, OK not a winner, Richard seems to have that covered again, but a worthy entrant.



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In Other News

The following article comes from across the pond, article supplied by Peter J.

There have been occurrences, at large IPMS model conventions and contests, where state officials went through the vendors' area shutting down and charging those who had not obtained a state sales tax permit (apparently Ohio is notorious for this. Ed). Well what if the "gummint" man went through the contest room and confiscated those models that didn't have proper license agreements. Sounds absurd, doesn't it?

The following is a letter from Lewis Nace, President of Minicraft Models. If you think it couldn't happen in Canada (or the US)... think again!

"Some months ago we exchanged messages about the threat of licensing demands by the US Military. It is now official that the first of the US military licensing demands have been made, the first being the US Navy.

Last year this topic first came up because a container shipped to a Minicraft customer (MMD) was seized by US Customs because a model kit had a decal representing the seal of the US Coast Guard (it was a Trumpeter container not a Minicraft container). That situation did not affect Minicraft because we do not currently offer a kit with US Coast Guard markings, but the lesson was obvious – the US military branches are by way of US Customs starting to enforce "new" trademark laws. Minicraft will no longer consider marketing any subject that requires reference to the Coast Guard going forward.

However, given the nature of the Minicraft line, I have a minimum of 2 military licenses I must contend with, the US Navy and the US Air Force. In the past we often offered optional markings in kits but that will no longer happen. If we were to include markings for a Navy and an Air Force airplane in the same box we would be subject to licensing both branches of the service. The US Army, US Marine Corp, US Navy, US Air Force, US Coast Guard all have a SEPARATE license all with separate procedures and royalty requirements. We cannot triple our licensing cost.

If modelers wonder why their selection has narrowed this might help explain it. The cost of licensing? Licensing costs are all pretty similar for Ford, Boeing, Lockheed-Martin, Northrup-Grumman, Cessna etc. It looks like the US military licensing fee will be the same and this will effectively double Minicraft licensing costs.

EACH licensing authority will need to approve the product and each have their own special requirements all of which adds to the time it takes to develop new product.

Many licensing groups are starting to require the use of an "OLP" hologram and we are expecting to have to reserve space on the box to line up the OLP holograms!

Manufacturers will have no alternative but to increase the price to the consumer.

If model enthusiasts are unhappy about the state of the industry invite them to contact their Congressional representatives. Model kit manufacturers now need to wade through licensing agreements, pay royalties and follow accounting requirements and not only pay manufacturers for designs and license holders for ships tanks and airplanes the US military used decades ago, but now also pay each individual branch of the service depending on the decals included in the kit.

Incidentally legal advisors have also recommended removing any reference to crews or pilots because doing so presents the risk of yet another licensing demand.

Ever heard the story about the "estate" of Chuck Yeager? His heirs have successfully demanded licensing of any kit bearing his name on the airplane.

Say goodbye to the hobby we once knew."

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What do you think, is our hobby in danger of being taken over by the licensing authorities?

Let us know what you think...

Forthcoming Events

| month | date | event |
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| August * | TUES 2 ND | CLUB BBQ |
| | SUN 7TH | IPMS AVON MODEL SHOW |
| | TUES 16 TH | Tonights Club Meet will be at the Godolphin School - SP1 2RA |
| September | TUES 6 TH | Brian's Big Quiz Night |
| | TUES 20 TH | THEME NIGHT – “Any Animal” |
| | WED 28TH | <u>LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</u> |
| October * | SAT 1ST | IPMS ABINGDON MODEL SHOW |
| | TUES 4 TH | |
| | TUES 18 TH | |
| | WED 26TH | LAST CALL FOR ITEMS FOR AGM |
| November | TUES 1 ST | AGM |
| | SAT 12TH & SUN 13TH | IPMS NATIONALS TELFORD |
| | TUES 15 TH | <i>“What I got at the Nationals”</i> |
| | SUN 20th | Middle Wallop Show |
| | WED 23RD | <u>LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</u> |
| December * | TUES 6 TH | Ray talk on “History of the War Horse WW1 – Present Day |
| | TUES 20 th | THEME NIGHT – “Wacky Races 2 – The Return” |

Theme Night

Sept 20th

Any Animal - Anything that is named after an animal - *“a living organism which feeds on organic matter, typically having specialised sense organs and nervous system and able to respond rapidly to stimuli.”*

These events only work if everyone contributes something to them, you don't have to build a model for each night, but I'm sure you can think of something to build for at least one of the nights. Its an opportunity to possibly build something outside your comfort zone, if tracked vehicles are your thing then why not try an aeroplane. Let your imagination free.