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Telford International Model Show Gongs



At this years Telford International Model Show, Richard Clarke & Nick Williamson walked away with some medals.

Richard won Gold in the Aviation Diorama class for his Hawker Typhoon Museum restoration, Silver in the Civilian Vehicle Diorama class for his Bus in a scrapyard and Nick won Bronze for his Jet Provost in the Branch winners section. Well Done to both of you.

Salisbury's winning models.

Telford winners

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Articles for the February 2018 Issue to me please by Jan 22nd 2018 - 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

Out with the Old in with the New

At our AGM last month Chris Southwood stepped down as our Hon Sec, thanks to Chris for all he has done as Hon Club Sec and we wish him well for the future.

Thanks also go to Nick Williamson and Mike Hobbs who have stepped in, to fill Chris's shoes, they will share the post between them, Nick will be the lead Hon Sec until such time as work commitments make it difficult for him to do so, then Mike will take over.

Thank you one & all.

Richard Clarke (Chairman)

FlashMod the return!

I plan to organise a Flash Mob at Godolphin School during the Spring Half Term, provisionally booked for the weekend of 10th or 11th of February.

It will be held in the Art Dept, power available, spray area, kettle, I will bring along the club's tea & coffee box, just bring a model, food and yourself, paints might help.

Let me know if you are up for this (usual £5 deposit to book your place) either at a club meeting or email me:

clarker@godolphin.wilts.sch.uk

Richard

Calendar of Events 2018

That is it for 2017, we had another great year of themed based evenings, next year we will have more of the same, these will be on the first Tuesday of the month and then on the third Tuesday of the month we will have some demo sessions:

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Airbrushing

and much more...

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THEMES

We need your ideas, I'm sure some ideas were mentioned at our last meeting, but I can find where I wrote them down, so, please ideas again please, I will ask again, and record them properly this time, at meeting on Tuesday 5th Dec.

Richard Clarke (Calendar of Events Co-Ordinator)

X-Flugeljager

Sorry if the title led you on, it's not a Luft 46 review, though the title is correct. Translated it is the well known X-wing fighter from Star wars, a retro review of the MPC/Kenner/ Ertl/ Airfix kit from the 70's, which by the way, is really called an INCOM T-65

I recently came into possession of the Kenner boxing of this model, made in Canada for export to Germany. As I have owned the same model before in a non-foreign boxing I am familiar with the kit and its drawbacks. But I really enjoyed building the model in the 90's and it is a decent size (about 1/50) compared to more recent modern offerings.



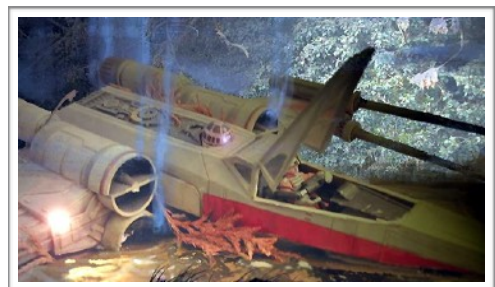
Inaccuracies are plentiful, but we have the benefit of modern technology so can freeze frame a DVD and compare. The tool makers of the 70's had less to work with using production artwork, props if lucky and suspect blueprints to base the model on.

The main problem with the 30.5cm long model is the profile of the underneath of the nose and fuselage. I didn't correct this the first time I built this X-wing and won't on this one. From the view that most people look at the ship the shape seems fine and that is enough for me. The landing gear is overly simplified and while it wasn't a problem in my original build due to the legs being raised, this time round the ship will be on the ground so a lot of extra detail will need adding to the single front and rear two legs. With the gear down I will have to have the 'S-Foils' shut (the famous wings that can be open as an X for combat or closed to become a single wing for conventional flight). This will save detail needing to be added in the three openings on the inner face of each of the 4 wings. Back in 1993 I did this with sprue and plastic card to add depth to the area and added extra pipes to the simple engine components. The rear external engines will benefit from having much of the 2 dimensional detail sanded down and replaced with wire and aluminium tube. This recent version of the model has stickers instead of decals. I'll bin these of course and resort to paint which is how I tackled my previous attempt, using rub down 'Lettraset' for details.

Last time I improved the cockpit to match the screen shots and will do so again. A targeting computer in the stowed position, sight on the dash as well as various markings will be required. The pilot figure also needs much reworking, sanding and shaping of the helmet to give ridges and an obvious visor with Milliput to make the lifejacket and attachment straps.

The kits is built over 13 stages, none of which are complicated. Step 8 is the clever coupling of the wings to allow operation of the s-foils, a toy like gimmick but probably important on such a ship. I will securely glue my build's wings shut.

I have wanted to revisit this model for many years and as with buses, found two opportunities within weeks came my way. The most recent was under my nose all the time as Roger Ling had one in his stash. When he found out I had the old MPC Millennium Falcon in un-started condition, a kit he had already built but needing some renovation, we arranged a swap. If that's not a good reason to be in a modelling club I don't know what is. Included here is the only picture I have of the original build from the 90's. It soldiered on for a long time; after being knocked around I chopped it up and used it in a Dagobah crash site diorama. You'll have to see what plans I have in store for these new arrivals to my stash.



Sibo

Revell's latest releases

2 of Revell's most recent new tools (the 1/24 Porsche Tractor and the Black Pearl from Pirates of the Caribbean - See *Images below*) were added to their normal kit range rather than their line of 'easy kits' or junior range yet had a click system of construction that is supposed to do away with glue if you choose. Also the parts were pre-coloured (very 'Matchbox' but in more suitable tones). The box has paint call outs to raise the level of detail if the builder wishes. I've yet to see how they holdup but do feel it is a dumbing down of the hobby to some degree.



Most builders would have preferred a more complex kit of the tractor to match Heller's recent excellent 'Petit Gris'.
(Richard built one recently - Ed)

Better news, and not announced in the Revell 2017 catalogue is their intention to take some of their big kits and add lighting and motors to them. Hopefully before Christmas we should see a 1/32 JU-88 with spinning props and navigation lights or a VW Beetle with flashing hazards and lit up headlights, even the VRN plate will be lit. HMS Snowberry will also reappear in 2018 with working lights and rotating radar.

Perhaps this will be the one for you to beat Richard at the Club show in 2018?

Sibo

I have already started my Revell kit(s), yes kits, I have three I hope to have ready for the competition - one is the "Black Pearl", no not rusted, before you say anything, but a scene from the current film. Also have the North Sea Trawler, this will be rusted, but not a model of the trawler, I plan to modify it a lot to make it look like something else, and the third...., that's a secret..., wont appear until the competition.

Richard



Other News

If you havent visited the IPMS page on the Salisbury Model Centre website, then please do, Sibos reports on the club nights, so if you missed any of them, you can get a good idea of what you have been missing.

Thanks to Sibos for keeping this updated.

Link to the page here:

<http://www.salisburymodelcentre.co.uk/index.php/ct-menu-item-9>

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Theme Nights

December

Tuesday 19th

Wacky Racers

Job Vacancies

Shop Manager at ENDLESS MODELS

Shop Manager for hobby shop 'Endless Models' working a 4 day week, 6 hours per day. (Tues, Weds, Fri and Sat). Start date Dec 2017. Salary relevant to experience. Main responsibilities will be to encourage sales, use of till and monitor stock.

Contact: andrew@rawlenceandbrowne.co.uk

Wishing you all

A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year