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FlashMod 2 - The Sequel!



Congratulations to Nick Williamson for his winning entry 1:72 Airfix Gnat in our second FlashMod.

Great day was had by all, I managed to finish my model and base in under 5 hours, pleased with the result. Looking at it now I should have add some equipment to it and sourced a 50 cal machine gun. Next time...

Nick's winning entry
1:72 Airfix "Gnat"

FlashMod 2

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Articles for the December 2017 Issue to me please by Nov 22nd 2017 - 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

Your Club Needs You!

Chris Southwood, has indicated that he will be stepping down as Cub Secretary at our **AGM on Tuesday 7th November**.

I would like to thank him for the work he has done during his time as Club Sec.

With this in mind, we are looking for someone to fill this very important post, if you would like further info on what is involved, then please speak to Chris.

Richard Clarke (Chairman)

FlashMod the sequel!

Sunday 27th August saw six intrepid club members gather at the HQ of 1010 (City of Salisbury) Air Cadets Squadron for another six hour modelling challenge.

Brian Rose brought along a Takom 1:35 AML 60 armoured car; Tony Horton had the Airfix 1:72 Supermarine Swift; a 1:48 Lavochkin La 7 from Academy was the choice of Paul Sercombe. Richard Clarke had a Meng "egg tank" Sherman of indeterminate scale and Nick Williamson had a go at the 1:72 Airfix Gnat.

"Typhoon" Phil Loughlin decided to concentrate on the cockpit of Academy's huge 1:48 Sukhoi Su 27 Flanker.

The venue offered a good, light space for the modellers to work, with a table each. Tea, coffee and biscuits were in plentiful supply.

As the clock ticked around to 10:30 the banter subsided and eyes went down to concentrate on the task in hand.

Brian concentrated on the assembly of his AML 60; Paul, Tony and Nick began with the interiors of their various aircraft; Richard made rapid progress with putting his 'toon tank together.

No less than three airbrushes were in action - Tony and Paul managing to apply no less than three colours to their kits.

Richard, organised as ever, soon had the construction phase done and applied paint using spray cans.

Time seemed to speed up as the hours rolled by. What seemed straightforward at the start became more of a challenge as 4:30 approached. Richard was the only exception - he was able to divert some of his attention to another project, as well as creating a base for his Sherman and applying some weathering - and still seemed to finish an hour early...

The aero-modellers toiled; trying to eliminate seams; handling airframes with paint that had not fully dried; balancing fuselages on wobbly undercarriage and applying decals with unheard of speed...

As 4:30 approached the activity reached a frenzy - and then it was all over...

Brian had done a great job of putting together a highly detailed vehicle - but without paint or wheels...

Paul had a complete airframe, on its undercarriage, and with a lovely smooth paint finish, but there was no canopy, and no markings...

Tony's Swift was impressive - beautifully airbrushed soft upper camouflage, decals in place - but so too was the canopy masking, and the aircraft was sitting on its tail...

Nick's Gnat tottered on very fragile undercarriage, and had a distinctly un-Gnat like horizontal stance...

Richard's Sherman was undoubtedly the most complete build - finished off with a subtle (especially by Richard's standards!) weathered finish and the only model displayed with a base.

Phil's Flanker cockpit was a work of art - the finished model compete with Ukrainian "digital" camouflage will be very impressive...

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Following the precedent set by Flashmod 1, there was a vote amongst the five contestants who had attempted to complete a kit in the six hours, to determine a winner...

After a tense 10 seconds, Nick's Gnat just edged the result from Richard's tank by 3 votes to 2.

And so the moral of the story is: if you want to have a go at a Flashmod, choose a simple kit, in a simple scheme, with simple decals, and you might, just, get it finished.

And you really should have a go - it's great fun to ignore most of the modelling rules we have all become accustomed to and throw a kit together like we used to as kids....

Nick Williamson

FlashMod Images



Modellers setup before battle commences



Richard Clarke's "Sherman"



Paul Sercombe's "Lavochkin La 7"



Tony Horton's "Supermarine Swift"



Nick Williamson's "Gnat"

Newark Air Museum

It is a distance away from Salisbury, about 3 hours drive, but if you can get to The Newark Air Museum you won't be disappointed. Not a large site and located near the Newark show ground, it has a lot crammed in, not just the normal ex RAF and Fleet Air Arm subjects although they are there also.

For me the highlight was the SAAB Viggen; stored indoors so a really good looking exhibit. Despite being cordoned off by a chain link fence the staff could see my enthusiasm and allowed me to cross and get better access. It is in fact the staff at this museum that really make the place. Very friendly, full of knowledge and keen to help. Their knowledge gave the aircraft on display a bit more depth as they imparted stories and background details specific to the exhibit that lent an extra dimension to the history and statistics displayed on the info boards. The two Migs outside (23 and 27) for instance had an interesting journey to the museum via a short sighted entrepreneur who thought he could sell them as civil aircraft in the UK. The FAA had other ideas. The Buccaneer which is in a very faded paint scheme was involved in the 'Torry Canyon' bombing.

It is noticeable that many of the out door aircraft are looking faded, but this neglect is due to limited time and funds as the staff are very hard working with the little that they have. To exemplify this I should point out the Shakleton on display which looked stunning after a complete strip down and repaint. It was open for internal viewing (though I didn't) and many aircraft are routinely opened to allow visitors access, but it varies so if you want to get inside the Vulcan it is best to phone ahead and check which days it is opened. 2 Big hangers hold many aircraft as well as a large number stored outside. Smaller hangers and sheds contain examples of engine design, details on Photo recognisance development, the link with Sweden resulting in a number of SAAB aircraft on site and the obligatory cafe and shop, which had good selection of Italeri and Airfix models as well as books both new and second hand.

Recommended as is Newark town with strong links to the ECW which could justify staying over and making a weekend of it.

Sibo



Other News

AGM

Please note we have our AGM on **Tuesday 7th November**, this is a requirement of being an IPMS branch.

Please let me have any items for the agenda and apologies by **Wednesday 1st Nov.**

Chris Southwood is standing down as Club Secretary, so we need someone to fill his shoes.

Your Club Needs You!

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>

Forthcoming Events

Month	Date	Event
Oct*		
	TUE 17TH	CLUB NIGHT
Nov		
	TUE 7TH	AGM
	SAT/SUN 11TH-12TH	SCALE MODEL WORLD TELFORD
	SUN 19TH	MIDDLE WALLOP MODEL SHOW
	TUE 21ST	CLUB NIGHT
	WED 22ND	LAST CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Dec*		
	TUE 5TH	SLIDESHOW – ISRAELI ARMOUR BY BRIAN ROSE
	TUE 19TH	THEME NIGHT: “WACKY RACERS 3”

Theme Nights

December Tuesday 19th Wacky Racers