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Welcome to this years show special. Inside numerous photos and observations for 2025, but here on the cover are two entries from this year's show contest. A Native American on horseback that took Gold for Helen Pullen and Paul Guppy's Rig in class 8 that didn't place but was appreciated too.

After last years 2024 show some changes were deemed worthy of investigation for 2025. Some as a result of constraints at the venue, some to ease the burden. It is fair to say not every change worked out and our in house review follows on page 3. After running the IPMS Salisbury show for so long you'd think it was just a case of dusting off the formula and repeating each year, if only it was that easy.



The 'Your Club' feature as found in our bi-monthly newsletters has Brian Smart in this special show issue. He was noticed as not attending the day on 31st and we learnt afterwards of his unexpected passing that same weekend. Mendip had tributes on their stand to Glyn Spur too, and as noted in the June Newsletter we lost Malcom Cox recently as well. Glyn was known to many at Salisbury and along with Brian and Malcom the club sends it's respects and sympathy .

The Friday set up saw that inevitably things were a little different this year, partly by design and partly due to the nature of putting on show that has a lot of moving parts. One thing that doesn't change is the graft required and this year the low numbers of club members available to support the show was felt. Clashes with family holidays, a reduced number of fit and able and conflicting work schedules meant it was a struggle to cover all bases.

The fact that the show ran as smoothly as it did and all areas were covered so that visitors were unaware of the stretch is testimony to the commitment of the club. Richard C took on the overall organisers responsibility late in the day and was remarkably relaxed, helped no doubt by having Andy and Chris S as hall managers. Steve S was immensely busy on the day, as well as his normal tasks he also ensured the manning short fall was covered at the entrance along with others who offered to do double stints. The difficulties of ensuring insurance requirements were met also became a task for Steve to 'enjoy'. It's a difficult issue as the School venue, IPMS, traders, clubs and visiting public all have differing ideas of what is needed on the day. It would be easier if more understanding was shown of the big picture as some arrivals focused on their own needs with less politeness than necessary, quite a surprise as we are all from the same hobby family and the show is the work of good natured volunteers. Regardless of pressures, the day was a success. **See you in 2026?** - Editor

Editor's hello to show special: An extra newsletter to look over the IPMS Salisbury Show 2025.

Article: Overview and post show considerations.

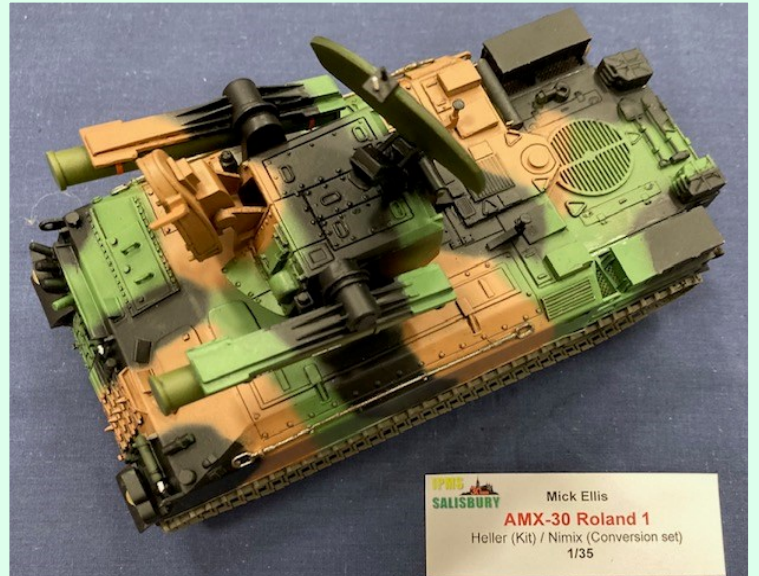
The Show Contest: Club run competition results.

Picture pages: As much as can be squeezed in.

BDAC: Missed us on 31st? Another local show awaits.

Your Club: Brain Smart.

End Piece: Space for something extra too.



Show time Overview



Our own in house review of the show is far from just a back slapping exercise . Much was discussed and we had some helpful emails submitted from traders and clubs who'd attended on the day. Outside influences were felt this year, being reduced back to 2 halls after the luxury of 3 in 2024, with the second smaller hall having a lot of gym equipment to work around. 2 other model shows shared our date, and being Tangmere and Plymouth, had some geographic overlap. Traders therefore were less plentiful as well as visitors.



Moving the competition area into the second smaller gym hall was a success even if it ate into floor space and was more welcoming than the stuffy changing room we have used for many years. The gym was still 'nasally close' but did not have to compete with the boys toilets; much improved. Sibbald dipped into his pocket to ensure air-freshener was in abundance around the contest area. It was great to have an increase in Junior entries.

The club tried out a 'Green' method of entry by having a stamp rather than paper wrist bands. This was deemed less workable than predicted and despite the good environmental intentions, we will return to the wrist bands in 2026.

Behind the scenes a big change was utilising a planning committee for the show rather than a single show organiser. That was good in one way as it alleviated the high work load on just one club member but did create it's own hiccups with communication. Internally it needs double checking as well as externally; some clubs had not cascaded down supplied information.

The low number of club members on the day was unfortunate, and not expected to happen again, date clashes and holiday plans conspired unintentionally to create the deficit but those who remained worked hard to cover all bases. It did mean our

own club stand remained unmanned for 2/3rds of the show as the entrance, judging, refreshment stall admin and hall management was more important to ensure clubs, traders and visitors had the best experience. 1st Aid cover was once more provided by an outside agency but remained un-needed. Table set up was eased by the new supplier too who delivered to the door rather than sit in the car park. Reviews have been good but once the planning starts for 2026 bar raising will start again. Thank you all for supporting IPMS Salisbury's show.



Above: Lony Levitt gives out medals to Juniors. Richard and Don set up the club display.



3 Ladies who worked hard on the cake stall, Mrs Southwood, Mrs Levitt and Mrs Capon. Thank you.

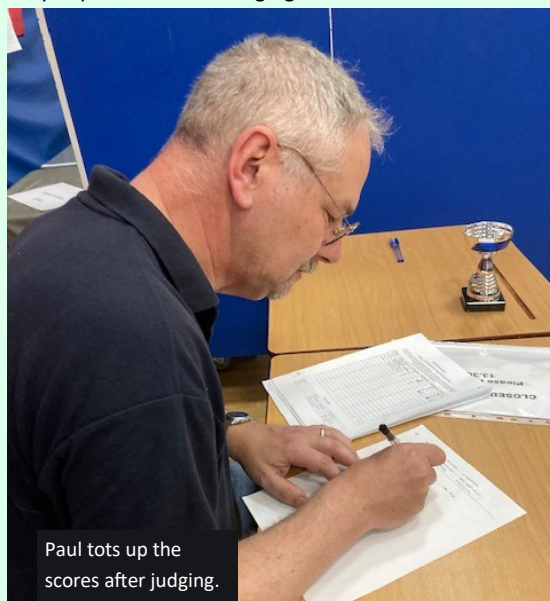


JUNIOR CONTEST

GOLD	Lola -Purple Warrior
SILVER	Emile - BP Defiant
BRONZE	Mabli - Cadillac



Thank you to all those who took part in judging including Joseph from BDAC who helped with the aircraft classes. Sibbo, Paul, Tom, Andy, Richard L and Roger L all turned thier eyes to the difficult task. Often a number of entries shared the same scores when judged by the 3 considerations of Build quality, Paint and decaling and Visual appeal. Thus wider nets were needed such as base design or originality in presentation. Judging is a hard task!



Paul tots up the scores after judging.

MODEL COMPETITION

The contest continues to attract the very highest standards of modelling with entries from clubs and local individuals. A total of 76 models were placed into the competition, down a little from last year's 94. Happily the entries from Junior modellers was up and all categories had representation, unusual in itself as normally we find one class undersubscribed. It meant all the judges had work to do.

Large scale armour (1/71 and bigger) and Civilian vehicles were the categories with the most entries. The variety of presentation in the vehicles class meant direct comparison of models was not easy. The criteria of judging was adhered to and this enabled places to be deduced. Some were finished highly decorated in sponsorship and racing attire with bright paint finishes, others were weathered and presented in aged condition in front of suitable back drops.

The Military vehicles, both large and small scale, were exquisite. 1/16 made an appearance but 1/72 did not suffer for the smaller canvas on which the modellers had worked their skill.

Some of the contest entries appear over the next few pages along with models seen in the halls, I hope you enjoy the photos and will be back next year.



Warriors aplenty, the re-splendent purple version won Gold for Lola in the Junior contest and the 1/35 version won Silver for Mr Lubomir.

Class	Gold	Silver
1. Small Aircraft 1/72 >	G Napper- He162	M Lowe - Seamew
2. Large Aircraft 1/71 <	K Crellin - SU 27	K Simpson - Hurricane
3. Small Vehicles 1/72 >	P McHugh - Type 89b	S Wojtek - Bradley
4. Large Vehicles 1/71 <	D Brooker – Objekt 252	P Lubomir – Warrior
5. Single Figures & Busts	H Pullen - Native American	R Williams - Templar
6. Dioramas	R Williams - Vienna 1683	J Wosniack - Red Devils
7. Misc, Film and Sci-fi	E Atkins - PG Strike freedom	H Beyts - Le Clerget
8. Civilian Vehicles	D Haggas - Top Fuel Dragster	P Adams - Mercedes
9. Maritime	N Hallit - S Boat 100	A Prentis - Smit Rotterdam

Civilian Vehicles

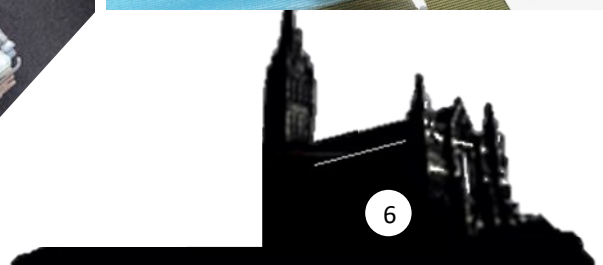


Some great civilian autos were seen, though by some odd slip up I did not get a picture of David's awesome Gold winning Dragster or Phil's Silver winning Mercedes, but those seen here are all worthy of being photographed too. As well as the bright race finishes we saw a Revell fire engine that gained a commendation for M Linton, also requiring a careful application of bright gloss paint.



TANK U

Armour was well represented this year in all scales. Not surprising on the Tank Museum stand, but actually in force elsewhere and in the contest. The Objekt 252u below took Gold in class 4, below which are other entries in the class by Mike Howard, a prototype Valentine with Jet mine clearance device and Paul Stanswood's Berlin Chieftain Mk10.



Rigs on mass from Tank Transporter SIG

Mick was surrounded by Transporters. From top to bottom these are: Oshkosh HET with M1A2, Antar Mk2 with Leopard1, Russian KZKT with SS1c, SLT in UN markings with ISO container and series III Landrover and finally an M1014 with M747 trailer loaded with an M60 AVLB.

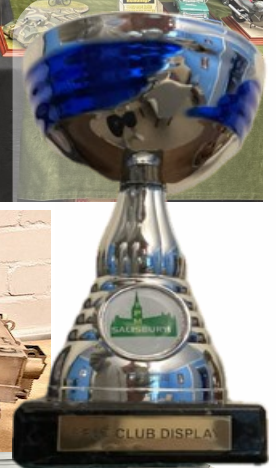


More from the day...



A range of models from the day is shown here. Modelling certainly broadens your knowledge base.

The 3D printed gun by Devon Ling is at 1/1 scale and after printing and painting she uses it as a costume prop for a Computer game character. The symbol (bottom left) on the WWI Holt tractor was for luck, Early Risers had luck too, gaining 'Best club trophy' for a



To run the model contest you need....

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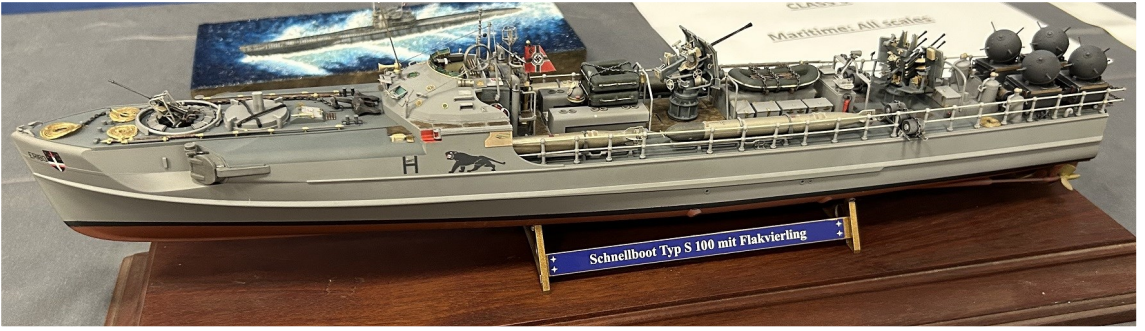
varied display of high quality modelling. Same sized photo but the M2 was 1/72 the M1 is 1/16.



Plastic foremost, but a club for modellers also using Resin, Wood & Card to create Figures, Tanks, Aircraft, Sci-fi & Boats. Pretty much anything!

Congratulations!

**Full results for the competition on page 4.
Thank you to every entrant. Each one was
looked at and enjoyed.**



**Above: Mr Hallit took Gold home for his S100.
Another WWII diorama by Mr Woznack 'Red
Devils' took Silver. Diorama Gold went to Rev
R Williams for 'Vienna 1683'. Ewan Atkins
gained Gold for his Gundam , Paul Adams re-
ceives his award from Tony L. Malcom Lowe
collects a silver for the unusual Seamew.**



Did you miss our show? How about BDAC?



If you missed IPMS Salisbury's show on the 31st of May, or just want more plastic entertainment then the very local Boscombe Down Aviation Collection (BDAC) has a model show very soon to fill the gap.

You may have wondered if the fire reported on national TV has affected things, in short— No. The BDAC is operating as normal and it's model show will be taking place **27th July 2025**.

Entry includes access to the Museum at £11.50 per adult. Limited free parking is on site. There will be traders and clubs and a contest run by IPMS BDAC. The show runs from 1000hrs till 1600hrs and is located at:-

Hanger 1 South,
Old Sarum Airfield,
Salisbury,
SP4 6DZ.



Your Club - Brian Smart.



Brain was absent from Salisbury's show on Saturday the 31st of May but no-one expected to hear the following Monday that Brain had passed away suddenly over the weekend aged 82.

He'd just returned from a short break in France and caught a virus, sadly he did not shake it. He leaves a wife and 3 daughters.

Known mostly as a builder and buyer of unusual aircraft as much civil as military, this interest took him all around the world visiting museums and airshows. The aviation bug no doubt also influenced his career choice as he was an RAF Fitter. His other modelling passion was quirky cars especially French types. While no picture is available many will recall his double engine/ double cab Citroen conversion modelled to represent a fire wardens vehicle used in wood plantations. As well as his chosen genres Brian also built for the club 'Whacky Racers' contests held before COVID, often trying out unusual types of power. His oddest was the saltwater combustion engine that looked cool but barley covered a meter's distance.

Our deepest sympathy is passed on to his family.



End Piece - 1, another local show?



A different sort of model show was held earlier in May at the Thruxton race circuit. On the 17th and 18th of May Salisbury and South Wilts Railway Society laid on Railex 2025 with over 20 layouts from 009 to 0 gauge, including an 00 Thomas the tank engine loop as well as traders. A highlight for me not least due to its depth of information was the Brooklands Race track embankment construction. The modelling on show was impressive and gives food for thought.

End Piece - 2, amazing aircraft finishes.



Talking with the host, Geoff, of the Airliner SIG I was impressed to find all his exotically coloured airliners were all finished by hand as he does not own an airbrush.

For me the white airframes where the standouts knowing from experience how difficult a deep gloss white finish can be.

Spray cans are the method used for the fuselages and masked areas of the wings and engines with brush painting employed elsewhere. The gloss gives a great base for decals. While the spray brands employed varied, the white was Appliance white used for fridges and washing machines, hard wearing and smooth.

Most of his models were in 1/144 and the Airliner SIG is a regular on the show circuit. It was great to see them at Salisbury.

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