



# OUT OF THE BOX

The newsletter of Hailsham & District Scale Model Club



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## NEW VENUE FOR OUR MODEL SHOW

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### H&DSMC

## THIRD ANNUAL MODEL SHOW

Hailsham Civic Community Hall

Vicarage Lane, Hailsham BN27 2AX

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016

10:00 am to 4:00pm

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## NEW!

H&DSMC have now become an affiliated IPMS (International Plastic Modellers Society) Club and an official branch of IPMS(UK).



Something a little different, seen at On Tracks. It looks like real mud on the tyres

## REPORTS

- ON TRACKS
- ALDINGBOURNE MODELEX

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LOTS MORE

Ian, Derek, Gerald and Ray manning our stand at "ON TRACKS" show at Folkestone. The V-Bombers were a big hit!



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## Editorial:

Welcome back everybody , and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a very good Christmas with lots of nice modelling pressys and are now fully recovered from the wild excesses of the Christmas & New Year holiday period. I also hope everyone has enjoyed the first issue of **Out of the Box**. It was hard work getting it together and I hope this will get easier as more members contribute pieces for publication.

There are, as you will notice, some major formatting changes on this issue to make editing simpler and less time consuming. We have tried to squeeze in more pictures too. Another new and we hope regular feature will be a trio of Recommended Websites entitled "Have a Gander at these!" which should grab your interest.

In this issue we have the first of a series by Richard Harris on Judging Models. No one can fail to be impressed by Richard's superb model aircraft, especially those biplanes of his and he has put together some very helpful tips on how we can all move a little closer to our aspirations without forgetting to enjoy our hobby.

Once again there are events which our members have attended and these are reported in detail. Last but not least, a big thank you to our contributors for this issue which contains 12 pages as before, but I hope to increase to 16 pages in due course when we will have an accumulation of sufficient material .

RB



## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

**It's been a great start to the New Year so far, with a very informative presentation on rigging WW1 Aircraft and the Secret Santa competition builds in February. It was also great to have the club represented at two very recent shows, with the On Track show at Folkestone (I was very disappointed not to be able to attend due to illness, I had been looking forward to it for months) and Aldingbourne Modelex. It has also been a real encouragement to see so many people attending both meetings in a month, and especially to see some new faces around the table. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the new members to the club. In the next few months we will as a club be having our next competition evening as well as attending other shows. It has been so good to see the club get to where it now is and hopefully 2016 will be a year of continued success and growth.**

*Tony*

# MEETINGS ROUND-UP

## Meeting 8/1/16

We had a good evening with 16 members attending. It has been decided that the current membership fees would be retained at £3.50 per session for the time being. This seems to be preferred to having a one off fee for the year which some members might not be able to afford.; or was it that they would prefer to spend a lump sum on a big kit!!

A change of venue for our third annual show was discussed and it was decided that the Community Hall adjacent to the Council offices would be more suitable. It offers more space, better facilities and safer loading and unloading whereas the church was difficult for exhibitors and car parking is less convenient there. Gerald proposed that if more than 5 (or was it 6) members were IPMS members, our club could become a branch of IPMS which would have benefits to us, not least of which was to be able to use their insurance. Tony, RB and PG said they would enrol and this would bring us to the required number.

A nice crop of models were brought to the meeting including a superb HP Victor and a Piper Cub by Derek, a couple of very detailed racing cars from Terry and a locomotive in advanced state of decay from Nick R. (Also see Top Table pictures on p11)

## Meeting 22/1/16

We had an excellent turnout this evening with 15 members as well as two new members who joined this evening. A big welcome to Derrick H who is also a member of Eastbourne Model Powerboat Club and David F who is a keen AFV modeller.

We had a couple of Secret Santa models brought in, A lovely Me262 diorama, a Vickers Light tank and a diorama of a decaying Battle of Britain Class locomotive under wraps Gerald brought in some delightful scratch built model ships in 1/1200 scale. Unfortunately we did not have a camera with us to record the top table display. The Secret Santa models are to be judged at the next meeting

A summary of members interests taken from responses to 14 of the questionnaires issued showed that just under 45% of members were interested in making aircraft models. WW2 aircraft were the main focus and scales 1/72 and 1/48 were the most popular. Armoured fighting vehicles and Ships had more or less equal levels of interest at approx16% each and once again WW2 was the preferred period from which to draw inspiration. 13% of our members were into figures 11% of our members were also interested in modelling minority subjects such as cars, airships, sci-fi, and railways. This was only a crude survey wherein 12 members listed between 3 and 6 interests each.

## Meeting 12/2/16

This evening Richard Harris brought along a number of his most excellent biplanes and gave those present a very enlightening presentation on his approach to rigging them. He explained the kinds of rigging that are available to the modeller and more importantly how to make turnbuckles and what to use to produce them.

## Meeting 26/2/16

A warm welcome was given to two new members, William V and Martyn B.

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## MEETINGS ROUND-UP (continued)

It was announced that our club is now the East Sussex branch of IPMS and that all future publicity would show our new status. At this meeting members brought along their Secret Santa kits ready for judging. All members carried out a secret ballot for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the winner was Gerald with his nicely finished RMS Queen Elizabeth, the runners up were Nick Ps Albatross DVc and Richard Hs' Focke Wulf 189, both of which were displayed as dioramas.

The nature of the Secret Santa competition was that we all worked out of our comfort zone and this resulted in a wide variety of models. Richard Hn

drew the short straw having been given a wooden model monkey to make up. His very imaginative diorama showing 2 small figures with binoculars staring up at a giant monkey was very amusing. (See p6. For more photos)

**Meeting 11/3/16**

A big welcome to our newest member Wayne H who is primarily interested in model AFVs and brought some delightful examples to show us.. It was announced by Gerald that all the tables available for our summer show



at Hailsham Civic Community Hall have now been booked. This is a terrific achievement and shows that our club is well and truly on the radar of the modelling community. Once again there was a good show of members' models pride of place was a splendid 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale diorama depicting a Herrick patrol by William (one of our newest members)

Nick Richardson kindly gave a presentation of Diorama materials and methods. He demonstrated how simple and often free materials can be

found in the garden and on walk-abouts; as an example, he explained how different soils and sands can be sterilised by heating in the oven then sieving to different grades (bagging them up for future use). When

required he blends the different soils and stone chippings to achieve the textures he wants. For trees and stumps he used dried roots and natural materials in conjunction with etched brass and laser cut leaves. The

**Have a Gander at these! No 1**

(A selection of interesting and informative websites)

[www.blackbirdmodels.co.uk/](http://www.blackbirdmodels.co.uk/) This is a really good site if you are looking for decals, they seem to have a wonderful selection of RAF,USAF and Eastern Bloc decals for WW2 and modern types in 1/144, 1/72, 1/48 and 1/32 scales. The site is easy to navigate although the manufacturers' menu has an annoying habit of defaulting back to "A". Worth persisting with though! The company also do conversion kits, noteworthy of which is an Avro Lincoln conversion kit for the latest Airfix Lancaster. They are on Facebook too, look for <https://www.facebook.com/Blackbird-Models>.

[www.wdmodels.com](http://www.wdmodels.com) offers a unique range of figures, vehicles and accessories from the Great War period. All their products are 4mm = 1 foot, or 1:76 scale. Some are resin and some are white metal. You should see some of the dioramas shown in their gallery. Worth a good browse.

<http://www.uschivdr.com> This site titled the World of Uschi van der Rosten is a mine of information dealing generally with rigging and decals for WW1 biplanes. There is a wealth of fascinating detail and some very useful tutorials and downloads.

[www.model-making.eu](http://www.model-making.eu) This is a Polish internet shop selling huge range of kits, add-ons, tools, paint etc. Richard Harris recently ordered an Airco 1/32 DH-2, an Eduard photoetch set, Hasegawa 1/72 P-3 Orion and Roden 1/72 Felixstowe. None of the items was on a special offer. Cost was £75.48 plus £2.68 postage. (and if you want any Roden kits this is definitely the place to go). Our UK prices ..... for the same 4 items would have totalled around £120.

# ON TRACKS 2016

Review of the magnificent show at Folkestone 27/3/16

Unfortunately Tony was indisposed on the day and had to miss this event but on the day nine members of our club made their way to Folkestone, Nick R, Derek and Gerald were the advance guard who set up the club display and smoothed the path for Paul, Ray, Matthew, Ian and Richard B who came to add support (all were suitably uniformed in their new club shirts). Our display consisted of a variety of AFVs, dioramas and aircraft including representations of all the V bomber types, that had been made by Nick R, Gerald, Derek and Richard Heymann. These attracted a great deal of interest. Nick also entered a number of his models in the event competition to be judged later in the day.



*Ian, Derek and Gerald sharing a joke at "On Tracks"*

To say the show was good would be to do it a mis-service ....it was superb!

There was a big participation from MAFVA and IPMS clubs from around the country as well as a host of very useful traders. The standard of modelling was very high and if you asked us individually to name our favourite model of the show you would probably have got a different answer from everyone. We had a constant flow of visitors who were complimentary to our exhibits and at the end of the day we were all very proud of Nick's success with a gold medal for his Arras aftermath, a silver for his German field workshop diorama and a bronze for his Macchi Folgore flyby.



Our neighbours at West Kent IPMS branch were present and confirmed their participation at our show in Hailsham on 9<sup>th</sup> June. Over 20 clubs were represented at the show, some from as far afield as South Wales, Nottingham, Breda in Holland and Swidnica in Poland. IPMS Swidnica were selling a superb range of modern Polish air force decals. Each club displayed a wide range of models of very high quality.

There were nearly 30 suppliers of models, kits and conversion accessories and decals on display offering a wide range of kits, accessories and aftermarket decals. Noteworthy among these was Early War Miniatures ([www.earlywarminiatures.co.uk](http://www.earlywarminiatures.co.uk)) showing a diverse and very large range of figures, artillery and AFVs from WW1 and WW2 including colonial conflicts. Sphere Products ([www.sphereproducts.co.uk](http://www.sphereproducts.co.uk)) had an interesting range of laser cut work stations and model clamps which are worth looking at. Sgts Mess ([www.sgtsmess.co.uk](http://www.sgtsmess.co.uk)) had a good range of 1/76<sup>th</sup> scale military models including boats and civilian services models which had good diorama possibilities. and I have listed the websites for all the participating traders and can give readers a copy on request.



Car parking was handily close and catering and bar facilities (for those fortunate enough not to have to drive) were good. Being set on three floors it was good exercise for us too! Anyway We all retired home tired and happy! Roll on next year!

# SECRET SANTA COMPETITION

We all brought or donated a kit of some sorts which we wrapped and was given a number. The numbers were then jumbled and one drawn by each member of the club. Over the Christmas period, the kits were made and were judged by the members on 26<sup>th</sup> February



The WINNER!

*Gerald B's magnificent RMS "Queen Elizabeth"*

The worthy RUNNERS UP!

Nick's Albatross DV and Richard H's Focke Wulf 189



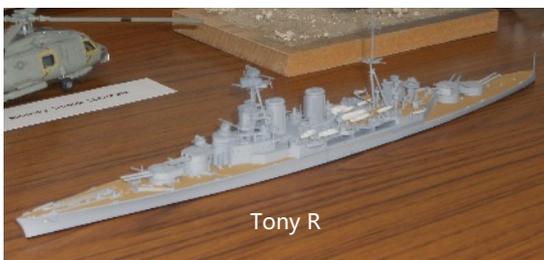
Terry D



Ray E



Nick R



Tony R



Paul G



Derek H



Richard Hn



Richard B



Matthew P

# MODEL JUDGING

Food for thought in four parts by Richard Harris

## Introduction

We have had 2 recent model competitions [OOB (Out Of the Box) and Secret Santa] and with more planned I thought it would be a good time to look at the subject of model judging. Firstly, I am no expert modeller; I have never come near to making the perfect model; never won a prize and my best model is always 'the next one'. I do not know whether a 'judges handbook' exists and what follows is simply what I look for when judging a model and is written purely from a personal point of view [*please note -this article has not been written as a personal grudge because I didn't win either competition !! but simply as an interesting exercise to find out what each of us looks for when making a critical assessment of a model's build standard - and anyway I couldn't compete with the bribes on offer !!!!*]

I reiterate, these are purely my personal thoughts and it goes without saying that this topic is sure to generate club debate. I am mostly an aircraft model builder and my thoughts relate to such. Those with experience of figures, armour, ships, trains etc would be able to add their ideas on these particular categories.

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" they say but in judging a model there must be some guidelines or principles to follow which give us a yardstick on which to make some sort of fair comparison. We cannot stand back and simply say "that one wins because it looks prettier than all the rest".

The 4 parts in this series are:

- 1 - Competition Criteria / First Impressions / Beauty Only Skin Deep ?
- 2 - Construction / Painting
- 3 - Decals / Finishing,
- 4 - Other Factors / Marking a Model / Miscellaneous

The list of items discussed under each heading is not exhaustive and I do not go into more general competition topics such as age categories but stick to an examination of the model itself. I'm sure they will provide food for thought and perhaps lead to some guidelines and a structured approach to looking at, and judging, a model. The pictures accompanying the text come from a variety of sources including my own efforts to illustrate the points I am making [note:-"efforts" is the optimal word - they include a few basic 'howlers' which I still make!]

Oh... one other thing. Please don't let this article put anyone off entering a model competition. **What it is NOT meant to be is a list of standards which have to be met before you enter a model in for a competition.** Judging criteria must of necessity cover all levels of ability from a first kit bodge-up to super-detailed perfection. Every model entered will have its merit and although there will be only one winner we should never forget that *every* entry required time, effort and commitment to make. So never be afraid to enter no matter what your ability or experience.

## AND NOW FOR PART 1

### COMPETITION CRITERIA

First and foremost, does the model meet competition entry requirements e.g. - 'Out Of The Box', 'be a diorama', 'be an American WW2 aeroplane' etc? Obviously if doesn't meet this basic criteria it must be excluded from the competition. (Note our forthcoming talk on "what OOB means") [Note our forthcoming talk on 'what OOB means' ]

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Approaching a table full of models that have to be judged against each other some models will undoubtedly catch the eye more than others because, for example, of their size, colour, or setting [diorama] - (and even by their position and accessibility on the table). Care must be taken not to let these factors cloud one's judgement which must be based upon a close, detailed examination of every model's construction and finishing standard regardless of its size, colour and setting (unless of course any of these are included in the criteria) Basic modelling techniques will be applicable to all models no matter what their size.



**Size Matters? Well, yes..... and no!** Such factors may well have a bearing on the model's final score - more of this in part 4 - but initially a judge must resist the natural gravitation towards a particularly prominent model and treat every entry equally when scrutinising it for its build quality. One way to ensure this would be to have a checklist of points to look for. [An interesting point for debate]

### BEAUTY ONLY SKIN DEEP ?

Unless a competition judge is endowed with X-ray vision and an intimate knowledge of every part and contour of every kit ever made they will only be able to make a judgement on what they see. However, apart from OOB competition entries most models will be enhanced to a degree with extra parts and alterations, some of which, often quite substantial, may be invisible to the judge e.g. internal detail, re-contouring of an inaccurate original kit, conversion from one version to another. If a model is to be built purely to enter a competition where no value will be afforded to such (invisible) detail then clearly there is no point in adding any. A modeller should be allowed to build a kit with as many extras and enhancements they want and to have all of these taken into consideration in the judging.

So my personal view is that all extra detail added to a kit [and even any unusual techniques used] should be made known to the judge[s] in the form of an accompanying sheet of paper listing any additions and modifications and include photos where applicable. A model is a scaled replica of the



real object and anything which has been done to increase its detailed realistic representation should be taken into account. The entirely scratch built model would be the ultimate example in this regard.

In this illustration this Hercules is being changed from a C to an H model requiring extension of the engine nacelles. The white outboard extension has not been painted while the inboard engine nacelle has, illustrating that this simple but significant improvement will, in all probability not picked up in the judging. I believe that all such modifications

should be made known to the judges.

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In Part 2 of this series we get down to the some real nitty-gritty including looking at specific construction faults and model enhancements.

RH

### **KWIK TIPZ No2**

If you want to put tread on a bald tyre put a sturdy axle through the wheel, coat the tread area of the tyre with poly cement and let it soften the plastic a bit, then carefully roll the wheel across a suitable clean, file (bastard or similar).

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## **ALDINGBOURNE MODELEX 2016**

A review of a new show which is sure to become a regular event- by Gerald Bishop

HDSMC was invited to exhibit at Aldingbourne's Inaugural Show. and I attended the show, with two tables allotted to us.

Derek H , Richard Hn



We soon filled it up with lots of exhibits - a ship, motorcycles, a racing car, aircraft and military dioramas. The three 'V' Bombers again drew a lot of interest and comments.

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A busy show - The Romford Club tables in the foreground

Other aircraft were a selection of jet and prop, with the military dioramas being provided by 'you know who'.

We had a packaged tower of them from him, and at the end of the show, we even got them back into their correct boxes to bring them home!

The show was a very good show to go to, with plenty to see from other exhibitors, who came from as far away as Poole and Romsey.

Traders were Brigade Models and M.A.N. Models, and business looked to be brisk with plenty to see and buy.



An unusual Junkers 52 floatplane seen at the show



Richard, Gerald and Derek manning the H&DSMC tables

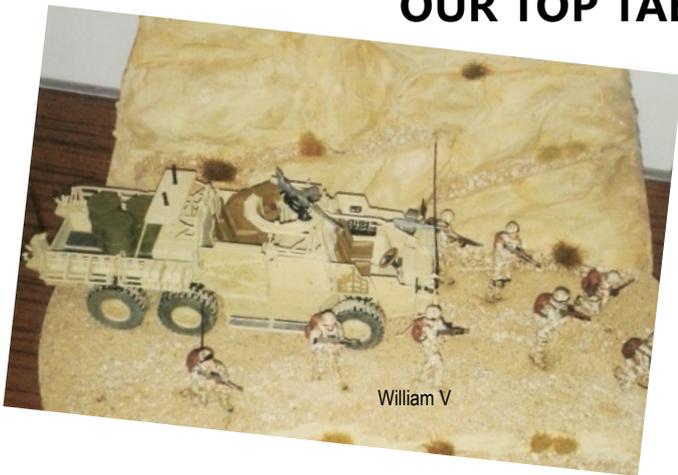
Bacon sandwiches were being served for breakfast if you wanted them. All in all, a good friendly show.

We have been invited back for next year, which we have already accepted.

More little beauties seen at the show



# OUR TOP TABLE MODELS



William V



Richard Ha



Wayne H



WayneH



Jim B



Gerald B



Nick R



Ray E

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Forthcoming Meetings at Union Corner Hall  
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- 08/04/16
- 22/04/16 Airbrushing demo by Nick Richardson
- 13/05/16 OOB discussion
- 27/05/16 Diorama competition
- 10/06/16 Relevance of scale in models
- 24/06/16 Resin casting demo by Nick Richardson
- 08/07/16 Setting up for Annual Club Show

**IF YOU ARE NOT  
ALREADY A MEMBER,  
WHY NOT COME AND  
JOIN US?**

If you already make models or would like to start an absorbing and satisfying hobby then wait no longer. Just turn up at one of our regular meetings (second and fourth Friday every month) which are from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Your first Meeting is free! Just try it! We are all very friendly!

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

2 April	Welling 2016	Falconwood Community Centre
21-24 April	Intermodellbau	Westfallenhallen Dortmund
23 April	BMSS Annual Show	St Saviors Hall SW1V 1JU
14 May	Lancing Model Show	Parish Hall South Street, Lancing BN15 8AJ
9 July	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hailsham Model Show	Hailsham Civic Community Hall BN27

