



The club members' newsletter of IPMS Ipswich

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October 2011 Newsletter

With Kelvin English's departure from the club due to his recent move to Peterborough, I have agreed to take on the duties of club secretary, working in partnership with stalwart colleague Bob Trimnell. We hope to team together for these duties as none of us really has the amount of time required to fulfill the task on our own.

So here you have the resurrected club newsletter. Rest assured the content will probably not be as lengthy or entertaining as those produced by our predecessors. The main goal is to keep the membership informed of club activities and events. We will be glad to insert any articles the member-

ship wishes to contribute. Indeed, editorial and pictorial content is always welcome.

If you plan to bring models for the IPMS Ipswich club stand at Telford, please email me with the details so I can make display cards. As a reminder, this year's theme is "Seven Year Itch" to commemorate the club's seventh anniversary. Quite simply, any model associated with the number "7" is welcome. For example, Churchill Mk VII, Me 262 from JG7, a ship from the Seventh Fleet, A-7 Corsair, SdKfz 251/7...you get the idea.

If you haven't already booked a room and a banquet ticket, you'd better get crackin', as

time is running out. The Holiday Inn and International Hotels are already fully booked. You may still find vacancies at Grays Hotel. To book a room call 01952-527385. To book a banquet meal, call 01952-527308.

There was discussion at the last meeting that Julien Dixon arranged a club visit to Newark Air Museum for our Friday excursion en-route to Telford. More at Tuesday night's meeting.

Thanks to Kev, Aileen and Dom, the club stand is shaping up quite well and promises to be one of our best efforts.

- Mike Grzebien

Chairman's Corner

With the days getting shorter and the nights closing in, now is the time to put the BBQ to one side and dust off the workbench to resurrect those models that got forgotten over the summer months. It's also the time to finish off all the projects you

were going to take to Telford to compete or put on the club stand. If you haven't already supplied Mike with a list of models to fit our 'Seven Year Itch' theme, now is the time to do so - there's always space for one more model at SMW. See you at the

next club meeting - if not, see you at the Nationals!

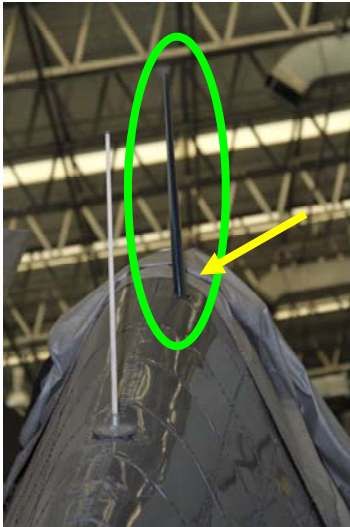
- Jan Maes

Next Meeting

Date: 25 Oct

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Ransomes Sports and Social Club
Sidegate Avenue
Ipswich IP4 4JJ



F6F-3 antenna mast off-set to right. Note: aft white aerial is a modern addition

“...not all antenna masts are centrally located on the upper rear fuselage spine, as is often moulded on model kits.”

Does Your Model Suffer from “Mast-itis”?

Details matter. If you want your model to have the look and “feel” of the real object you are depicting, it pays to carefully study photos. Now, more than ever, there is a deluge of reference at our disposal in the way of books, magazines, and the internet. Where practical, a trip to a museum which may house the subject matter that you are building is also helpful. Viewing an aircraft, tank or any other vehicle in real life always reveals more detail than is noticeable in a photograph. Even so, preserved examples may have modifications, deletions or hidden extras that are not 100% true to original form, so be sure to

weigh all the “evidence” carefully before deciding what to include in your model.

To illustrate the point, I draw your attention to the location of antenna masts on many popular WW2 aircraft. Careful observation reveals that not all antenna masts are centrally located on the upper rear fuselage spine, as is often moulded on model kits for the sake of simplicity. I call this fault, “mast-itis” and it’s easily corrected with some minor plastic surgery. If you refer to photos, you will notice that a number of aircraft had the antenna mast off-set to the left or right of the fuse-

lage centre line. In addition, they are sometimes protruding through an oval cut-out in the fuselage, rather than being attached to a base plate mounted to the outer surface.

Once you have correctly repositioned the mast, have a look at the anchoring points for the aerial wires. They commonly terminate somewhere on the fuselage, tail fin or horizontal stabilizers. Position can vary from one sub-variant to another. It is very difficult to spot these details in wartime photographs, so once again, visiting a museum or an internet walk-around site may help. If your model budget allows, investing in books with good quality scale drawings can also be valuable in locating these details. I find the scale drawings in the Aircraft Monograph series from Kagero Publishing to be of exceptional quality.

I hope I have offered you some food for thought prior to tackling your next model.

–Mike Grzebien



The antenna mast on this P-47G is off-set to the left



Left photo depicts the antenna mast and base plate for a Spitfire Mk 1. Note the routing of the aerial wire.

Right photo shows the radio aerial termination on the rudder of a Spitfire Mk 1.



IPMS Ipswich - Models Displayed - Sept 2011

| | Name | Model | Make | Scale | Detail Y / N |
|---|-----------------|----------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | Ian Balch | Grey B1 B (DY) | Revell | 1/48 | Yes |
| 2 | John Goddard | Camo B1 B | Revell | 1/48 | Yes |
| 3 | George Robinson | Tornado GR1 | Hobby Boss | 1/48 | Yes |
| 4 | Julien Dixon | F-51D | Academy | 1/72 | Aztec Decals |
| 5 | Kelvin English | Tank MK 1 | Airfix | 1/72 | OOB |

Model of the Year Competition**Sept 2011**

I think just about every one voted again this month so thank you and the funny thing is that we again had just 5 models on the table. The same as last month, of which all of them got votes. Even though the points were close, the top slot this month went to George with his Tornado GR 1, closely followed by the two B1 B's. So well done to all who had something on the table.

The rest of the voting when like this:

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1/48 Tornado GR 1 * | George Robinson | 14 pts |
| 1/48 Camo B1 B | John Goddard | 13 pts |
| 1/48 Grey B1 B (DY) | Iam Balch | 11 pts |
| 1/72 Tank MK 1 | Kelvin English | 7 pts |
| 1/72 F-51 D | Julien Dixon | 3 pts |

* Goes forward to the Grand Final in January 2011



The International Plastic Modellers Society (UK)
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The qualifiers for the Grand Final for the Model of the Year 2011 competition so far are:

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| February | 1/48 Pitcairn Autogyro | Jon Kelly |
| March | 1/48 F-15E Strike Eagle | Brian Wakeman |
| April | 1/48 F-4J Phantom | George Robinson |
| May | 1/48 F-86 D | Bob Trimmell |
| June | 1/48 F-104C Starfighter | Bob Trimmell |
| July | 1/32 DH9 A "Ninack" | Jan Maes |
| Aug | 1/48 Tigercat | Bob Trimmell |
| Sept | 1/48 Tornado GR 1 | George Robinson |
| Oct | ?? | ?? |
| Nov | ?? | ?? |

Well it's starting to look like an all aircraft grand final in January. So come on you other modelers, lets see if a Tank, or Figure or Car, or (fill in the blank) can stop this trend. With only two months left to try. But if it is an all aircraft final they will all be worthy of being there!

They refused to the E.T.O. in April of 1944, as the Operations Officer of the 79th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, based out of King's Cliffe, Northamptonshire, England. This group was also equipped with P-38's. On 27 September he became the Squadron's Commander.

They resided in San Antonio, Texas during the final years of his life. He passed away on 10 October, 2004.

"Happy Jack's Go Buggy". Jack Milton Ilfrey was born 31 July, 1900 in Houston, Texas.

Ernest Charles Fiebelkorn was one of the largest fighter pilots to see action in the E.T.O. At 6'4" and 225 pounds, he had a difficult time getting himself into the cockpit of his P-51D Serial #44-11161 Squadron Code LC-N. "June Nite" (named for his wife). In November, the aircraft also carried 11 M8 markings on her canopy frame.

COLOUR GUIDE:
 A: ALUMINUM
 AL: POLISHED ALUMINUM
 BK: MATT BLACK
 HW: MATT WHITE
 HD: MATT OLIVE DRAB
 HD: MATT MD GREY
 DU: DULL ALUMINUM
 SM: BRIGHT METAL
 HW: MATT YOLK YELLOW
 R: MATT RED
 S: SILVER
 ZC: ZINC CHROMATE

NOTES: The wing surfaces of the P51D were filed and smoothed, removing all surface detail except for the gaps between panels. This surface was then painted silver - not left as bare metal as is easily assumed from its appearance in photo graphs. Very little if any rivet detail is visible after this process. This ensured smooth, unobstructed airflow over the longer fuselage. All other surfaces (except where indicated) were left bare metal.

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Kits-World WAR *Birds* 1:48 Scale
 KW148060
 This pack contains a stunning waterslide decal sheet and decoration guide for 2 aircraft flown by the 20th FG

HAPPY JACK'S GO BUGGY June Nite

P-51D 44-13761 MC-1 "Happy Jack's Go Buggy" P-51D 44-11161 LC-N "June Nite"

*Network above not shown to scale/proportion

Maj. Jack M Ilfrey, 79th Fighter Squadron 20th FG. P-51D 44-13761 MC-1 "Happy Jack's Go Buggy"

On 9 December, 1944, after a total of 70 missions, 323 hours of combat flying, they were reassigned to the US, where he became a Troop Commander at McCord Air Force Base.

Capt. Ernest C Fiebelkorn, 77th Fighter Squadron 20th FG. P-51D 44-11161 LC-N "June Nite".

Note that swastikas did not maintain the same angle

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As for the Scale Modeller of the Year Competition the top scorers so far are:

- Aircraft 1/50 - 1/144 = This class is the same as last time with Kev Baxter still leading with 39 points, Kelvin English and Mark Van Osdol in joint 2nd with 22 points each.
- Aircraft 1/49 - 1/10 = Again the same as last time with Bob Trimnell with 116pts, Brian Wakeman down to second on 110 points and Jan Maes in 3rd with 44 points.
- Armour 1/50 - 1/144 = The biggest change of the month Kevin Baxter still leads with 13pts, but Kelvin English has jump straight into the 2nd spot with 8pts. Moving David Pennington down to 3rd with 4 points.
- Armour 1/49 - 1/10 = No change in this class with Bob James still leading on 28pts with Richard Langford in second on 22 points and Marc Maes up next on 9 points.
- Ships = Still only Eric Dyke in this class so he leads with 17points.
- Figures = Sonia Maes still leads with 27 points with David Pennington in second with 1 point. So far these are the only two people who have entered this class.
- Civilian Vehicles = Again only two people so there is no change in the points this month. Michael Haywood Smith leads on 16 pts & (that man again) Kelvin English with 1 pt.
- Sci Fi / Fantasy / Misc = Again two people only have scored here, again with no change in the points Eric and Graham both with one point each.
- Juniors (any model) = Just William (wasn't that a TV show?) Wakeman in this class who has 6 points.

As always if you have any comments / suggestions or if you see any errors in the above table/s please speak to me. If you have not been mentioned in any of the classes above and want to know where you came, again please come and have a chat.

- Steve Baldwin

