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End of another great year

.Well December is here and that can only mean one thing, Andy gets to work on the submarine again! Where, at our usual place of course, only this time it is all day on Sunday Dec 8th. So starting at about 8am, the ODOT Aviation building will be open for us to gather, break out the glue, stab ourselves with knives and watch the Browns lose to the Patriots (maybe). Oh, you can also do a little modeling as well.

There are a few rules, so here goes. Bring your own tools etc, and bring something to cover the table so there are no spills. Bring light if you need it and also, bring power cords to distribute the power to friends and loved ones. Painting is possible, but only with the aforementioned table covering. Airbrush painting will be possible in the hangar, but bring your own airbrush.

This is also a big event in that there is the super raffle. This time is even stakes. All paid up club members get one raffle ticket, no extras, and

the prizes are bigger than ever and there will be a little wrinkle in the prizes this year. . So this is the time to show up and if you haven't done so, pay your dues.

Also this month is Pot Luck dinner(all day), so bring food and drink (no alcohol), and a few serving utensils would help as well. There is a supply of plastic eating utensils left over from the picnic that I will bring.

Finally, this is the meeting that we chose the model of the year. I have already notified those members that qualify for this event, but I may have missed some, so if you won this month, make sure that you bring your model for judging.

This month, we have a trip report from Ron , on the IPMS USA trip to the 50th Anniversary to Scalemodelworld in Telford, UK. It gives you a good impression on what you missed.

For those of you USAF fans, I highly recommend that you take a hike over to Hyperscale to have a look at the new Great Wall Hobby kit of the F-15B/D. It looks amazing

http://www.hyperscale.com/2013/reviews/kits/gwh48015reviewbg_1.htm

For tank lovers, note that DML have announced that they are releasing a kit of the MBT-70.



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For This Months Meeting, bring:

- Warm and Alert body
- Winning Kit
- The current model you are working work on, as well as your tools to share your experiences.
- Anything new that you wish to share with the gang.

Tour to the IPMS/UK 50th Anniversary at Scale Model World

IPMS/UK invited the world to their 50th anniversary celebration to be held at their annual show in Telford, England in 2013. To help foreign visitors get the most out of their trip, IPMS/UK organized a tour so that anyone coming to the country could visit as many sites as possible conveniently and relatively inexpensively. The tour was seven days long and was aimed at those with military interests. IPMS/USA helped out by advertising the tour and liaising with IPMS/CANADA to get them involved. The tour had 36 people on it including two Canadians and one Australian. I'll try to give you an idea of what the tour was like.

Everyone had either been on overnight flights or had come a day or so early for some extra time in London, so everyone was present by 1:00 P.M. on the first day when the tour started with a guided bus tour of many of the sites of this great city. There was a group of us who had been to London before, so we set off on our own for the day. Those on the tour reported it was very worthwhile and covered a lot of ground. Probably our biggest discovery as we wandered around was that Motorbooks, a long time destination for reference books on military subjects, had closed its doors. Word was they are just going to have an Internet presence, but that's just what we heard. We also stopped at Foyles, a bookstore that has been in central London since before WW II. It's history and military sections alone are larger than most regular bookstores in the US. A quick pub meal and we all pretty much collapsed for the night to be ready for our 9 A.M. departure the next morning.

After a good breakfast (included every day on the tour), we set off for the RAF Museum at Hendon and the Imperial War Museum site at Duxford. Now, these two places are pretty far apart, so we were going to have to move fast to hit both. We got to Hendon a little early, so after a brief wait until it opened, we were let in to see what we could in a couple of hours. This is an excellent museum with a great collection of aircraft, including a Sunderland flying boat you can go through. Only two blocks away was Hannant's Hobby shop, one of the premier shops in the UK, but we just

didn't have time for a visit as around noon we were off to Duxford. Duxford is housed in a series of hangars along a runway that dates back to the 1920's. It looks so much like a typical WW II aerodrome that it was used as the backdrop for the movie "The Battle of Britain". During a simulated air raid, they even blew up one of the old hangars that was slated for removal. Along with the normal displays, we got to go into their restoration areas and see the work taking place on several interesting aircraft. At the end of the line of buildings is the American Aviation building with the largest collection of American aircraft outside the US and last, but not least, is the Land Warfare Building with a great collection of vehicles from all nations dating from WW II to the present. By the end of this day we were pretty much spent and since we had an early departure for Portsmouth the next morning, most turned in early.



At 8:30 A.M. the bus pulled out for Portsmouth. As an aside, let me tell you that these coach drivers should get a medal for their driving in these very cramped cities. Many times you could hear "No way" or "He'll never make it" come from the side of the bus nearest a turn, but he always came through. True professional he was.

Upon arrival in Portsmouth, we were divided into two groups so we could all fit on the tours of the HMS Victory, Nelson's flagship at Trafalgar in 1805. While one group went directly to the Victory, the other was free to ramble about the rest of the Naval Museum until their time came. The Victory is under constant restoration, but at this time the upper masts and yards were removed and there was much work taking place on deck as well. Very impressive ship. When you see her and realized there were literally hundreds more like her, you understand why most construction in the UK is done out of brick and not lumber. It all went to the navy.

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But while I say that, not one hundred yards away was the HMS Warrior, the first all metal warship. She was basically steam powered but still carried a full square rig as well. A truly pretty ship, she is fully restored and you have complete access all the way down to the engine room, which has a functioning facsimile engine. Most who visited her found her to be

the pleasant surprise of the day.

Our tickets also covered visiting the Mary Rose, Henry the VIII's flagship that capsized right in front of him on the way out of the harbor. It's been raised and is undergoing preservation. (While interesting to some, to me it was just a bunch of wet lumber.) We also got to go on a harbor tour. There were about eight commissioned Royal Navy ships in port as well a bunch of decommissioned ships awaiting their fate and several ships under construction for foreign navies.

Another aside here. A group of us had "tea" at around 3 P.M. in the museum café. It was a cool windy day and it just hit the spot.

After a meal on our own, which was quite good, we went to bed as, again, we had an early departure and a long day ahead. This was not a tour for those who like to sleep in.

This day was for the treadheads. Our first stop was the Tank Museum at Bovington, one of the top museums of military vehicles in the world. All their exhibits are now under cover as their new building is complete and the extensive collection is excellent with many one of a kind vehicles. The only thing we missed was getting into the restoration area because that did not open until 2PM and we needed to be on the road by then. But in the way of consolation, we got to hear a Tiger tank. They were pulling the

Tour to the UK Continued.



Our next stop was the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton. It is an excellent collection of naval aircraft, but by this time in the tour, there were not many we hadn't seen in other museums, so we didn't linger too long. There's also a simulation of going aboard an aircraft carrier and watching operations, but it is pretty dated and could use a bit of "Disneying up".

We were then off for Telford, the site of Scale Model World. We pulled in around 7:30 PM and were greeted by the President of IPMS/UK, Paul Regan, and the chairman of Scale Model World, Richard Kent, who presented us with our wristbands so we would not have to wait in line the next morning. A quick dinner in the hotel restaurant (Quite good, actually.) and we were off to bed.

Put over three thousand models in club and SIG displays, 1,000 models in the contest area, dozens and dozens of vendors, model companies' displays large and small, cottage manufacturers of just about everything you could possibly want for our hobby, people from all over the world, IPMS national branch displays from all over Europe, seminars, static displays of aircraft and military vehicles, food services and a kit exchange into four

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large adjoining halls and you have Scale Model World. We had two days here, and there was plenty to fill both days. It's truly a great show and all who attended were impressed. I say those that attended because while we were occupied at SMW, our guide and bus took some of the significant others who did not share our enthusiasm to the nearby town of Stoke on Trent where the Wedgwood Company is located and then to the historic town of Chester. On Sunday, this group went to the town of Shrewsbury on the Welsh border for some early Christmas shopping. I saw almost as many bags from them as us, so they must have been good outings. Sunday night a group of us had dinner at a Chinese restaurant where the chef made us our own sort of buffet for our table. Really good food.

Tour to the UK Continued.



Our last day on the tour took us to the RAF Museum at Cosford, which was only ten miles down the road. Again, a great collection of aircraft and vehicles in a brand new building. While we had seen examples of most before, there is one hall with experimental aircraft in it that was very unique. (Ed: Also this is where the Dornier Do 17 is being restored)

A quick lunch in the museum café and we were off for our last stop, Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford upon Avon. (Final aside. Avon in old celtic/saxon/whatever means river. So if you say the Avon River, you're saying the River River.) Some of us went through the house, and some just wandered the streets of this nice market town and window-shopped. We happened upon a bakery that was having last call on its pies and cakes and was selling slices for a pound each. We snapped up our fair share, for sure.

The tour then took us to our final stop, the Heathrow Holiday Inn, a very nice hotel with several restaurants and a convenient shuttle to all four terminals located right at the entrance to the airport.

The tour now seemed a blur. We had hit so many high spots so quickly that they started to blend together, but each of us had his, or her, high point to remember and there were many, many little things that struck us as well. Thanks to IPMS/UK for all their work in putting on the tour. Many on it might not have been able to go otherwise.

November Contest models



Upcoming Shows of Interest to Region 4 Club Members

1/10-1/11/14 Chattanooga, TN
Modelcon 2014
Region 3 Regional Convention, Chattanooga Convention Center

2/1/14 Bay City, MI
Mid-Michigan Model Makers Contest and Show
Region 4

2/15/2013 Columbus, OH
41st Blizzcon
Region 4, Eddie Rickenbacker Chapter Columbus, Ohio

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Monthly meetings are held at the ODOT aviation building behind Beightler Armory off SR 161 on the north side of Don Scott field. Members and non-members alike are welcome. Anyone who has content for next month's Fly By, please forward in electronic format to: zed@columbus.rr.com or mabell@columbus.rr.com

Need to know anything about the club, please visit us on the web at:

www.IPMSColumbus.com

Secretary Minutes

Notes from the club secretary Graham Holmes about last month's meeting

Old Business

Discussion on this month concentrated on the themes for next year. As usual, there were many great suggestions and next month we will see what Bruce has chosen.

Other than that, Andy gave us a briefing on what we can have for the Build a thon.

A reminder to all members,

If there is something that you would like other members to know about, please let me know. I can do the research, just

need to now what you would like me to feature.

Contributions

As you will have noticed, there are contributions from several people this month. Thank you to the effort put forth, include the photographers.

I encourage anyone and everyone to come up with anything model related that they would like to share, even if it is just as simple as the first impressions that you have when you open a new kit for the first time, or an interesting old article that you may have.