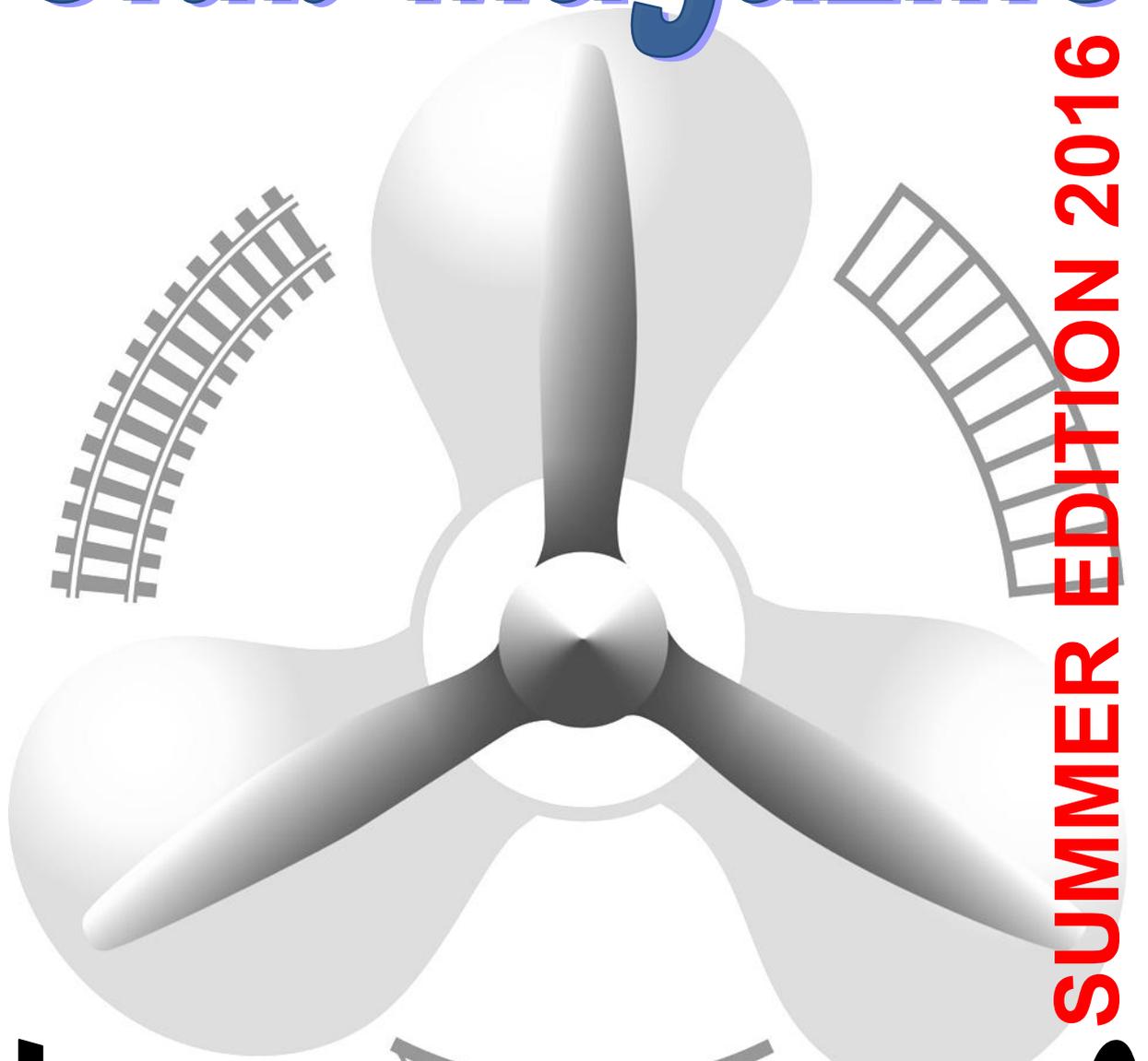


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Luton & District MBC

.... a club NOT just for boats

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EDITORIAL

By Sinker Dalton

Just a reminder that our open day is on this month, Sunday 19th June 10am to 3pm and Pete's doing the barbeque, reported to be on all day! He is such a wonderful cook. Do hope you are all enjoying some model boating down at the lake now that summer is here, all this lovely weather, can't be bad, don't forget that we also sail on Tuesday mornings when the weather is fine, it's a little quieter and ideal for trying out that new model for the first time.

AGM SEPTEMBER 2016

Well it's that time of the year again, nominations for the Committee!

As per the club rules all members of the Committee are standing down, so that means anyone wishing to serve must be nominated and seconded.

These nominations must be put in writing and handed in an envelope to the Returning Officer before August 8th 2016. The AGM is on 12th September 2016.

I am pleased to say that Terry Martin has agreed to be the Returning Officer again this year.

I am at pains to point out that there are only 5 positions on the Committee, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and Head of Plastic Modelling. All positions **MUST** be filled, if not then the club must take Nominations from the floor on the AGM evening, or we will be in breach of the club rules.

Please do not think that everyone at present on the committee will stand. This is your club and if you think you can help please step forward and get someone to nominate you and second you.

Also please remember that all proposals for amendments to club rules etc. must also be seconded and put in writing to the Returning Officer by the 12th August.

I hope to see you all there at the AGM

Pete Carman Club Secretary

CHAIRMANS CHALLENGE 2016 BOTTLE BOATS/CRAFT

THE RULES

CLASS 1

UP TO 2 X 2LTR PLASTIC BOTTLES NO POWER OR RC.

No power means no electric motors or RC.

To go from point to point in a straight line.

CLASS 2

**UP TO 5 X PLASTIC BOTTLES ANY SIZE UP TO 2LTR EACH
POWERED OR SAIL WITHOUT RC**

**To go for as long as possible (Endurance) without any outside
influence from the banks.**

CLASS 3

**AS MANY BOTTLES AS YOU LIKE AND ANY SIZE WITH OR
WITHOUT POWER AND WITH RC.**

To navigate a three point course of three laps.

**ALL CLASSES TO BE HELD AND JUDGED AT WARDOWN PARK ON
THE CLUB OPEN DAY 19th JUNE 2016.**

HAVE FUN

Michael Dowsett - Chairman

SHUTTLEWORTH SCALE MODEL EXHIBITION 2016

On February 28th of this year (2016) I collected Tony Martin from his house in Sundon Park complete with a box of models. We then proceeded to drive up to Shuttleworth (Old Warden Aerodrome) to attend the Scale Model exhibition, this time there were no detours or diversions and thus the journey there was uneventful.

We arrived at Old Warden at about 9.00am and pulled up in front of the exhibition hanger immediately to be joined by Derek and Brian Thompson, followed shortly by Chris Jackson, what about that for good timing. Tony went off to find out where our tables were located and I proceeded to un-pack the car. Firstly the box with the table covers and some homemade club signs that I had brought along. We then proceeded to cover the tables and pin the signs to their front edges, then all the models were placed on the tables, and shuffled around. Having completed the setting up some bright spark decided that the gap between the two rows of tables did not allow enough room for seating so we then moved our tables in order to gain a little more room, having completed that task. We all went off to the restaurant for a well earned cuppa and a chat (as you do).

The official opening time for the model show was 9.30am until 4pm and therefore it was not very long before people began to arrive, many asking question about construction and other aspects about the models that we had on display, Tony Martin, Chris Jackson, Brian & Derek Thompson and myself had brought along plenty of models to fill the two tables that we had been allocated. In fact I had left a box of my small models in the car (did not want to clutter up the display too much).

Pete Carmen was expected but unfortunately he had to work (poor soul) and therefore did not attend, however we did see Sharron and Dave Thomson wondering around at the show.

There were a lot of the models shown on all the other stands including Military vehicles and aircraft all built from plastic kits, however there were also a few boats (other than ours). A number of trade stands were in attendance selling a variety of plastic kits (all types of models), a book stand and a stand selling tools and materials. Please find attached a list of exhibitors and traders together with a selection of photographs showing the variety of models on the stands, which will give you an idea as to the size and contents of the exhibition.

Finally for those attending the model show, there was also an opportunity to view the many old aircraft at close quarters inside the hanger's, these have all been re-arranged within the hangers since last year and in my opinion make a very good display. Incidentally looking at the leaflet given out at the show on the front page there is a picture of Derek and Brian Thomson viewing some of the models, presumably this was taken at the exhibition last year.

Tony Dalton

Exhibitors

11 Group	Model Bus Federation
Bedford & District Scale Model Club	New City Scale Model Club
Bovington Tank Museum Volunteer Modellers	North Essex Modellers
Cambridge MAFVA	Northhants Model Makers
Early Risers IPMS	Race & Record Breaking SIG
Great War SIG	Shuttleworth Sunday Tea Club
IPMS Barnet	SIG Italia
IPMS Brampton	South Atlantic SIG
IPMS Mid Sussex	T-6/Harvard SIG
Japanese Aviation SIG	Watford Scale Model Club
Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway	West Berks Scale Model Club
Luton & District Model Boat Club	West Norfolk IPMS
MacRobertson Air Race Display	

Traders

Aviation Book Shop	www.aviation-bookshop.com
	Tel: 01892-539284
Blenheim Society	www.blenheimsociety.org.uk
Kit Krazy	www.kitkrazy.com
Klassic Kits	Tel: 02476-542196
Little-Cars.com	www.modellingtools.co.uk
Model Roads and Tramways	www.modelroadsandtramways.co.uk
Shuttleworth Veteran Aeroplane Society	www.svasweb.org
Valiant Wings Publishing	www.valiant-wings.co.uk
Alley Cat Models	www.alleycatmodels.co.uk
Aero Shop	
Aerobilia	
Aeromodeller Books	
Steve Aspin Models	



L&DMBC Display Table



L&DMBC Display Table





LUTON MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION 2016

This year I decided to make the effort and visit the Luton Model Railway Club's Exhibition which is held at Stopsley High School every two years. So on Saturday April 9th I drove up to the school in the early afternoon looking forward to viewing some nice railway layouts. When I arrived I was directed towards the football academy entrance as the main entrance is in chaos due to all the new building works that is currently taking place. I ended up round the back of the old buildings with a five minute walk back to the main entrance. Whilst queuing at the entrance I turned round to find Colin Saville behind me which surprised both of us. After paying our dues we decided to go our different ways and meet for a coffee later.

The exhibition is housed in the Main entrance, West Hall, East Hall and Food Hall (Canteen), all together there were 39 stands featuring a variety of layouts, societies and trade exhibitors.

Having toured around the exhibition I retraced my steps towards the Food Hall only to bump into Tom Chapman who was looking through some old railway books. After a short discussion, I continued on to the Food Hall purchased a cuppa and a cake, found Colin Saville and sat down for a rest and a chat.

I found the exhibition interesting looking at all the different railway scenes in different gauges some being reproduction layouts of old railways others being a figment of an individual's imagination, but all very enjoyable.

While I walked around I took pictures of most of the model train layouts, these follow with some words of explanation for each photo. Please note that Display Stands 11 and 12 were absent from the exhibition.

Tony Dalton



STAND 5: Sankei Valley – A Japanese layout in Z Gauge

Sankie Valley layout is 2.4 metres long being a scale model of nowhere in particular; the assorted liveries represent some of the different regions and companies of Japan's colourful railways.



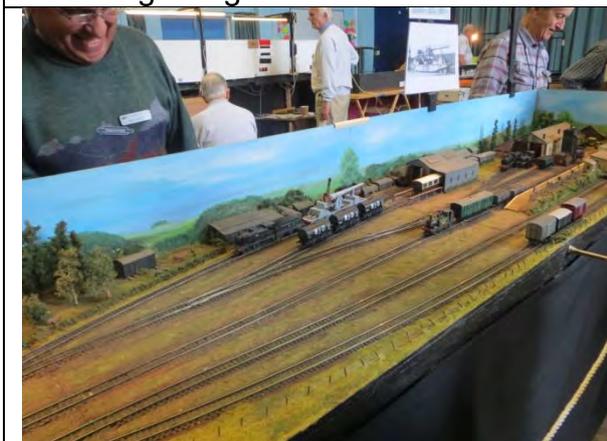
STAND 6: 73082 Camelot Locomotive Society

All proceeds taken at this stand goes toward the upkeep of the standard Class 5 73082 Camelot, based on the Bluebell Railway.



STAND 7: Halland

This layout is set in the northern regions; it's a classic example of main stream modelling using track work and electrics all from the Peco range.



STAND 8: War and Peace Rolvenden

This layout is a faithful representation of Rolvenden's 840ft station yard on the Kent and East Sussex Railway, as it was in 1940s, covering both wartime and peacetime rail traffic.



STAND 9: Loughborough Road

The layout is a 'might have been' fantasy but includes some real features. My Grandfather lived on Loughborough Road in West Bridgford in the late 19th Century and had a boot and shoe business with shops at various times in Nottingham (cheapside), Carlisle and Chorley. His home in Loughborough Road has become a factory on the model layout.

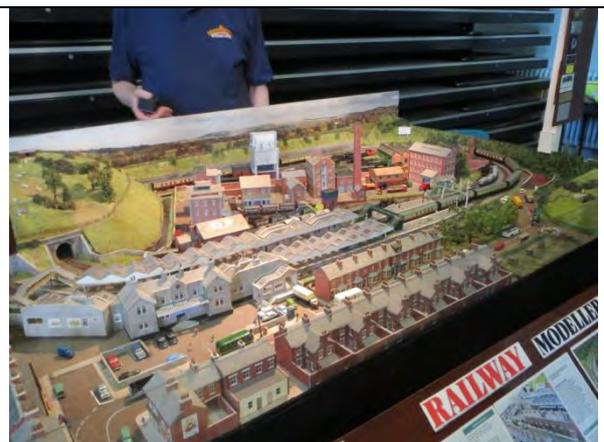


STAND 10: Eastbridge

Eastbridge is an imaginary small London Midland Railway Terminus which would have been found somewhere in the West Midlands, during the late 1940's just prior to Nationalisation. LMS Locos and stock are mainly used on the layout with other regions stock making up the numbers

STAND 15 Engaine-Cum-Hardy

This busy little N gauge layout with a 4-road mainline station able to receive two 7-coach trains simultaneously on the 'up' and 'down' lines (Platforms 2 and 3) whilst branch line trains terminate in the Bay Platform (1) or make a 'through' connection at Platform (4) on the far side. There is a working Coaling Tower and a Turntable in the Loco Yard where locos can be turned, serviced and coaled ready for their next turn of duty.





STAND 17: Scrubbs Lane Yard and The Maltings Scale 009

Originally built by John Thorne and featured in the February 2006 edition of Railway Modeller. The left hand module is 'Scrubbs Lane Yard'. The Right hand module is 'The Maltings'



STAND 18: Harpenden East (0 gauge)

Harpenden East was built as accurately as possible, within the confines of an '0 Gauge' layout, to try and capture a small part of what was once a very busy little GNR/LNER branch line. This small station was built in the then very quiet North Hertfordshire village of Harpenden which changed very little over the next 150 years. The station opened on 1st September 1860 to much celebration as the local merchants now had a main connection to London



STAND 19: Geoff Woodward

Local historian Geoff displayed some of his vast collection of memorabilia and photographs, the photographs above is of the CHAUL END Railway.



STAND 25: Marrowbone Junction

Marrowbone Junction (00 gauge) is a fictional location in West London set in the early 60's and features both Steam and Diesel operation. It represents a small terminus serving both mainline and commuter traffic, with a through local branch line and an adjacent parcel depot.



STAND 29: Hazel End '0' Gauge

Hazel End is an early British Rail era North East/Midland Region country branch terminus, which consists of a wayside station, sidings and goods shed. The line is a basic light railway which is under threat of closure by Beeching.



STAND 30: Sabins End

This TT Gauge 3mm Scale layout has been built as a small test track to test out newly built stock or refurbished historic items without having to set up the larger more complicated Thorpe Road layout. Track work is GEM and Wren, rolling stock is modified Triang ready to run, and kits by Peco, GEM, Essenal, K's, Kitmaster, BEC and the 3mm Society. Buildings are kits by Buldeezi.

STAND 31: The Stodden Hundred Light Railway

The Stodden Light Railway is a depiction of a rural railway on the borders of Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, in the mid 1930's just before everything changed with world war 2. Serving the market town of Kimbolton and the villages of Pertenhall and Swineshead, this is a branch (twig?) off the main line which runs from the iron ore pits around Kettering to Great Barford near Sandy, where connections are made with the LNER & LMS lines.



STAND 32: Smallford c 1960 – BR(E)

A working diorama in 2mm scale/'N' – 9mm Gauge FS Track, part of the 'Bringing the History of Smallford Station to Life' Project supported by the National Heritage Lottery Fund and the University of Hertfordshire Heritage Hub. The Grade II listed Station Building and about half of the platform still exists, in generally good condition, alongside the 'Alban Way' Cycle and Footpath.



STAND 33: Rusbury Basin N Gauge

An 'N' gauge layout within a rural setting depicting a high speed line that has replaced the original line which once served the canal industry, with the original line being relegated to secondary usage. You may get to see a freight liner with its load of hopper wagons, a majestic kettle with its regal coaches or a little pannier tank working hard with its flotilla of trucks



STAND 33: Rusbury Basin (continued)



STAND 35: Central Works – Luton MRC

Central Works is based on a fictional car assembly plant, with some likeness to the intense network of sidings that once existed around the complex at Longbridge in Birmingham. Although this was an Austin factory, it has been made deliberately region neutral to allow the opportunity to feature different car makers and marques plus interesting rolling stock from time to time.



STAND 36: West Street Yard HO Scale

This small HO scale switching layout depicts the outskirts of a city west of Chicago. The period represented can be anywhere between about 1950 and the present day depending on the stock and vehicles displayed, but is usually exhibited as around mid 1960's.

IPMS MILTON KEYNES 2016

This year I had my own transport to get to the IPMS show at Milton Keynes, so I did not have to scrounge a lift from Pete Carmen or Mike Skuce, I had in fact arranged to pick up Dave Abbott and a few of his models, so on Sunday morning at about 8.00am I arrived at his house and proceeded to load a few boats into the car. Although I had printed off a map and instructions in order to navigate our way to The Stantonbury Leisure Centre and Dave had brought along his Sat Nav but we decided to leave that until we had actually turned off the M1 motorway at junction 14. I have nothing to report on the drive up the Motorway to Milton Keynes that is until we turned off at junction 14. Dave switched on the Sat-Nav and entered the destination post code all to no avail it did not recognise it, so back to plan 'A' and use the map/ instructions that I had printed. When we were about halfway there the Sat-Nav decided to co-operate and poured out the usual verbal instructions but it got us to our destination, only to find that the lower car park was full and only a few spaces left in the upper car park so I grabbed one quickly.

I had looked on the internet before I departed and found the tables that we had been allocated were located in the lower hall (gymnasium) that meant a long walk especially from the upper car park, luckily I had brought along my little sack barrow, thus I was able to stack my models on the barrow in their box's, however it still meant that we both had make two trips.

As expected Pete Carmen, Mike Skuse, Mike Dowsett, Tony Martin, Terry Martin, Dave Seath and Family were all there waiting for us so we unpacked our models and put them on display **(Photo 1)**



(Photo 1) The Club Stand

This year we had booked three double depth tables, we were expecting a lot of models and yes by the time we had put out all our offerings the display tables were

full. Joining our display this year were some model buildings used for wind tunnel testing etc. **(Photo 2)** they were on loan from the RWDI which is the Company where Pete works.



(Photo 2) The Buildings (Left to Right) are Warsaw Tower (Poland) and, Burj Khalifa (Dubai), The Shard (London) and The Marble Arch Tower (London).

This year the College canteen was not open (pity) they gave a good service at a reasonable price. This year there were two burger type vans and although the service was good the prices were very steep in the LMBC member's opinion. Tea £1.50 (OK) Coffee £2.00 (OK) Burgers etc £4.50 to £5.00 (Very pricey and very disappointing) thus there were no LDMBC takers for food. Terry took a long walk and found a reasonable priced supplier as can be witnessed in **Photo 3**.

(Photo 3) Terry relaxing
(Is he asleep eating that Sandwich)



Moving on so to speak I wandered around the exhibition and took a few photos, these follow with my comments which I do hope you consider being of some interest.



Photo 4) A nice display of 'PLASTIC' model cars.



(Photo 5) An impressive display of very small ships



(Photo 6) Nautilus, the octopus looks a bit creepy



(Photo 7) Two Trains & a nice set of Japanese War ships.



(Photo 8) These tiny detailed aircraft are absolutely fascinating



(Photo 9) Nice diorama of a Convair B-36H Peacemaker.



(Photo 10) Anybody know what this German aircraft is?



(Photo 11) A very fine example of a good quality Plastic model



(Photo 12) An impressive American delta wing aircraft – what is it?



(Photo 13) Air Cushion Landing Craft.



(Photo 14) Looks as if this guy could do with
Some of Terry's sandwiches



(Photo 15) A clutch of 'Star Wars' Models



(Photo 16) There was a Polish Presence, this model train shown in the picture is made of card.



(Photo 17) Missile launchers and a very big gun

The following pictures were all taken by Dave Abbott



(Photo 18) Rusty old Camper Van



(Photo 19) What American Plane is this??



(Photo 20) Nice Cockpit detail with rear gunner



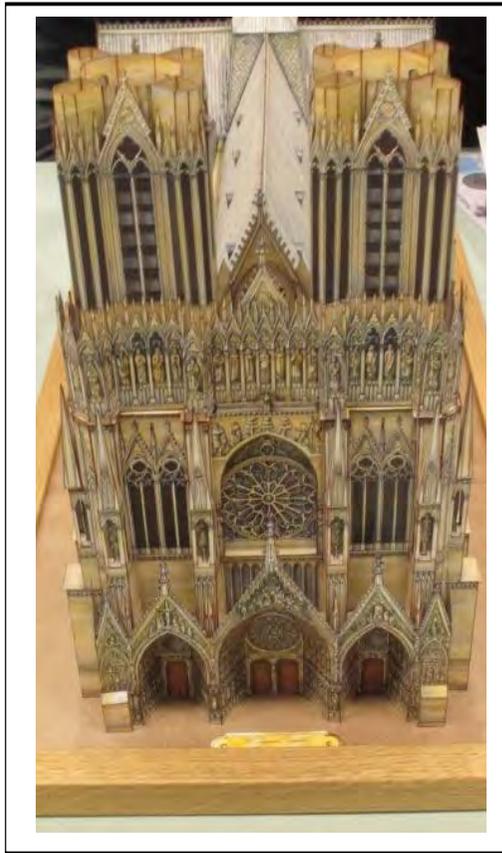
(Photo 21) Another detailed cockpit



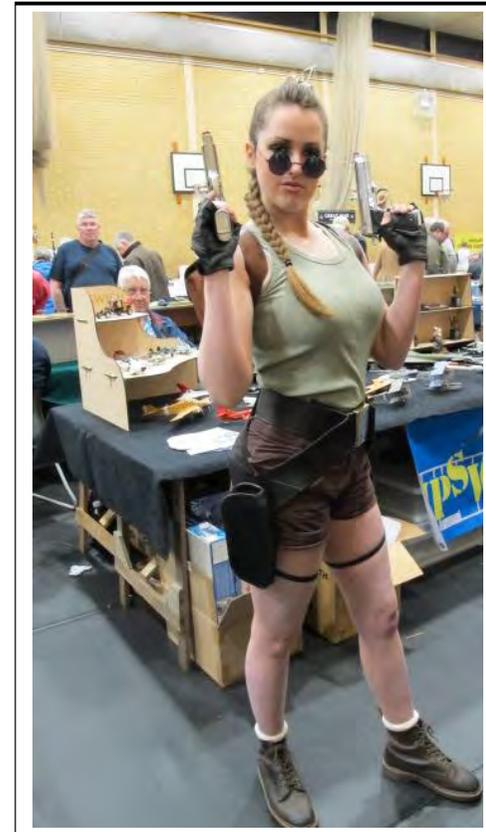
(Photo 22) US Navy with Wing Tanks



(Photo 23) Starwars – USS Voyager



(Photo 24) Nice model of a Church/Cathedral



(Photo 25) Dave thought this very nice detailed model was an Andriod.

The exhibition ended at 4pm so we quickly packed up our models (leaving the Android behind) and trudged the long journey up to the top car park (twice) and re-packed the car. Then we set off on our homeward journey, coming off the motorway at junction 13 to avoid the congested traffic taking the country route home via Flitwick, Clophill and Barton

To sum up, the 2016 exhibition was very interesting as always, but not as good as last year. A lot less trade stands and also less exhibitors, why I do not know, weather was fine and should not have deterred anybody from attending, (at least one Club failed to turn up). The catering arrangements did not please a number of people mainly due to the inflated prices of the food, however, I did enjoy myself even if I did not find the paint and other parts that I was looking for. See you all next year may be?????

Tony Dalton

BUILDING MIKE SKUCE'S SHED

BY PETE CARMEN

A Tale of Two Sheds

Well, a couple of years ago (2013) Mike Skuse asked if I would be interested in renting a garage in which to do some modelling. Being short of space at home, and thinking it was a good idea, I said yes. I took a few months to get a garage, by now it was 2014, but we were offered one and duly took one on not far from where we both live. We spent a few weekends sweeping out, filling in holes to stop draughts etc. and painted the walls (WHITE) and floor (GREY). We put a few paint brushes and brooms etc. in there, unfortunately, some idiot decided to break into the garage.....nothing was taken of any value, but after a brief discussion we both decided we could not afford to put anything into the garage of value. So we were back at square one.

Then Mike's mum came to the rescue and said we could use the concrete shed at the bottom of her garden. The shed was full of the normal stuff accumulated over the years, the floor was old pallets on a mud floor. It looked worse than it really was. Mike also said he wanted to extend the garage with a wooden one making a big L shaped workshop. This would make the 17' x 8' concrete shed into 21' x 8' x 17' x 8'. That should be big enough. We went to see a man who would make the shed to the specifications to join it to the concrete shed.

It was at this point I became redundant, not that affected the shed, and it gave me plenty of time to help out. We started out by sorting the shed out and clearing the concrete base where the new wooden shed would be put up. This took a couple of weekends, but the new shed turned up.....there in started a fiasco. The gentleman who builds these for a living supplied a crew to erect the shed.....well, in the 4 hours I was there with them, I could have put the shed up singlehandedly! Totally disorganised, no idea what they were doing and did not even know how to level a pre-built floor! I levelled the floor for them and helped put 3 panels up. I then had to leave and Mike told me later that they waffled around for a few hours till the job was finished.

One of the main roof joists would not fit so was boded into place, the floor which was levelled was so bouncy that you could launch yourself through the roof! The floor was only 12mm scotch ply on 35mm x 20mm bracing. This would not do and would have to be repaired. The concrete sheds floor was next to be sorted. This would need to be concreted over to a depth of 4". A Saturday was set aside, I supplied a concrete mixer, and Mike supplied the tea! After 6 hours of mixing and levelling the job was complete. We left it for 2 weeks before doing anything else in that part of the shed, a couple of shrinkage cracks and some rubbing of loose cement was the only faults. While we left that we got on with insulating the new wooden section, Mike had a friendly plumber who he bought several sheets of 2' x 8' sheets of bathroom plastic, used in lining walls for showers. While attaching this in sections to the wall, Mike had purloined from work polystyrene chips used in packaging so we stuffed these down the void for insulation. We worked round the walls from the floor to the ceiling, putting up the sheeting and filling in behind as we went. Most of it was completed over a couple of weekends, including

putting the ceiling sheets up, these need to be pulled down at some point so they can be insulated as well. Mike also fitted the wiring for the sockets and lighting during the week so we did not need to pull it down to do this. We also painted the floor in the concrete shed. Reinforced the floor in the wooden shed and varnished the floor.

Now these basics were completed we started to fit the shed out. Cupboards were supplied by both of us from various sources, benches were fitted and Mike had been busy buying tools and machines that he wanted. It was about this time that Mike's mum died so things came to a halt for a couple of months. We started off again doing small bits and bobs and doing jobs in the shed. We put the major tools on the bench and bought Mike's models over and put them on the shelves.

The plant list is as follows:-

Pillar drill

Lathe

Band saw

Disc / belt sander

Grinding stones

Scroll saw

On top of this there are a number of smaller tools and cases. Fully adjustable shelves were fitted and I supplied an 8' x 18" x 18" wooden box which will be lined and made into a test tank! We had some heavy rain over the next few months and there were a few small leaks, some of which still need to be sorted as it's the faulty roof lining they installed! While Super Mike was fixing one of these on the concrete shed he fell down the ladder and broke a pane of glass in the greenhouse. Only his pride was hurt!! After putting the tools in the various cupboards and on benches, Mike decided he needed another shed!!!! So he purchased a 8' x 6' polycarb / plastic shed. Another weekend at the end of 2015 was set aside and I joined Mike at the shed to put a new shed up!!! We cleared an area where it was going and commenced putting the shed together. The instructions said a couple of hours for 2 people. Well that's all it took! We kitted it out with shelves and put some stuff from the big shed into the overspill shed.

I had reservations about the strength of the shed, but after the high winds during the autumn of 2015 it is still standing, to my surprise!

There are still jobs to be done, namely the leaking roof, shelves to be varnished, a broken window to be repaired, the greenhouse to be cleared out and turned into a spray booth. The garden to be cleared and the pig that lives over the back to be turned into bacon rolls.

And now a quote from Mike.....a lot of work and myself nearly keeling over many times while Pete carried on regardless! A few photos follow to show how the shed construction progressed.



Virgin Site



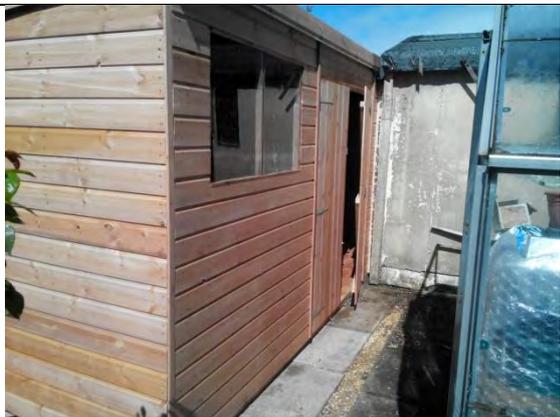
Virgin Site



Cleared Site



Concrete Floor in Garage



Shed and Garage Butted Together



Lining and Wiring the Garage



Garage Lining Completed



Benches Being Installed



Nice Shiny Roof and Walls



Further Internal Construction



Lots of Shelves Fitted



Pete Holding a Pair of Something



Fitting Out Between the two Buildings



THE CLUB SHOP

The CLUB SHOP is now run by Jon Allen there is an enormous range of parts and products in stock to help you with your modelling needs, if you have a requirement for something, ask Jon or Pete Carmen on a Sunday morning down at the lake.

A list below will give an indication as to the range of materials that is held in stock

Balsa Wood, Coloured Foam Board in Red, Green or Grey (2 x 3ft)

LEDs, Motors 180, 280 and 540 types, Connectors and Switches

Digital Multi meters, Small Speakers (4 and 8 ohm)

A Range of Power Supplies, Humbrol Paint (Tinlets)

Tweezers and Clamps, Gears, Cogs, Pulleys and Worm drives

Nuts/Bolts/Washers, Plastic Box's, Brick-a-Brack and always a range of ready built model boats some in need of TLC – see Pete Carman

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June –	4 th –5 th	Alford Show
	13 th	Trucks and Tracks – display of trucks and trains
	18 th	Hitchin Market – Fathers Day 9am start BIG BOYS TOYS.
	19 th	Club Open Day 10am till 3pm BBQ all day
July –	9 th	Hitchin Market – Duck Race Day and Gala Day
	10 th	Stevenage MBC Open Day
	11 th	Night sail Wardown Park 18.30 to 21.30
	17 th	Bacon roll Sunday
August	20 th	Hitchin Market 8.30am Set-up.
	21 st	Bacon Roll Sunday.