



# Minutes of Meeting September 2024

## 1. Medway Modellers Show

Steve Bailey updated the members on the Medway Show. This was attended by Steve Bailey, Mark Bellamy, Graham Weston, and Jim Smith on the Saturday and James Cater, Laura Flack, Graham Weston, and Jim Smith on the Sunday. The venue was the Royal Engineers museum, which is a good venue for the show and an interesting museum to look around. The only problem was the parking was badly thought out on the Saturday, with many people finding themselves boxed in with long delays to leave. This was rectified for Sunday with alternative parking arrangements.

The show itself was well attended by both clubs and traders, and the arrangement of the displays around the existing museum exhibits worked well. The refreshed club display is paying off as we are being recognised by more people/clubs, with many saying how nice it is to see us putting on such a professional looking display.

## 2. Themed Competition Nights

Steve Bailey reminded the members that our next themed competition night is the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, with a theme of the 1980's. Any subject is eligible, as long as it is modelled as it appeared in the 80's.

The February 2025 meeting will feature the second instalment of the "Beer Mat Challenge". As per 2024, this will be held as an additional element to the regular competition. The rules remain the same with a maximum base size of 4 inches x 4 inches, or 10 x 10cm, and no element of the model allowed to overhang the base. Maximum height is 16 inches/40cm.

The March meeting will be a fully themed night, with the theme being "Nose Art". This naturally applies to aircraft, but also extends to any military vehicle or vessel sporting equivalent personalisation artwork by the crew.

## 3. Club Presentations

Steve Bailey updated the members on the schedule for Club Presentations. He thanked Ken O'Brien and Gary Daisley for their excellent presentation on making seascapes at this meeting. Upcoming presentations are as follows:



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- October 15<sup>th</sup> – “Metal Paints” use and Application, delivered by Graham Wright and James Cater
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – “3D Printing”, delivered by Stephen Snares and James Cater

There will not be a presentation for the December meeting as this evening is reserved for our Christmas Social. Buffet style food will be welcome as it is our last meeting of the year.

## 4. Show Attendance

Steve Bailey informed the membership that the next show the club is attending will be the St Ives model show Brampton on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Mark Bellamy (acting Liaison Officer) has been co-ordinating our attendance. James Cater, Mark Bellamy, Peter Wootton, Dave While, Andy Wright, Trevor Davis, Laura Flack, Ed Wood, and Graham Weston confirmed they would be attending the show and bringing models. Ken O’Brien is unable to attend the show but will supply a pre-assembled display using the new “Acrylic Display System”, to be transported to the show by James Cater.

Members attending were advised that parking can be an issue, so arriving early is recommended.

The final show that we are due to attend this year will be the IPMS show at Telford on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November. Steve informed the members that himself, James Cater, and Ken O’Brien will be setting up the club display on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, with Dave While and Peter Wootton supporting our attendance on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. Steve has confirmed our volunteering requirements with the IPMS and we only need to provide one volunteer for one hour each day to assist.

Steve went on to address the 2025 show schedule, as the club aims to attend as many shows as possible next year, as well as ensuring our attendances are well organised and represented. He has already enquired with the organisers of the “Key Model World” show at the NEC in April, and is currently awaiting a response. A list of potential shows to be attended is currently being prepared, with the intention of providing the membership the opportunity to vote on which shows we wish to support and attend. Suggestions for this list are welcomed.



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## 5. Club Trips

Steve Bailey updated the members on the recent trip to Duxford. Nine members attended, and a good day was had by all. We had chances to see more aircraft than usual as some aircraft had not yet departed following the airshow the day before, and the weather was kind to us. The opportunity arose to have a group photograph alongside an airworthy Hawker Hurricane, an opportunity we did not waste. Following the success of this trip, the club hopes to organise a couple of trips per year going forward.

Possible trips that have already been discussed and worthy of further consideration are.

- HMS Victory – 7 members have already expressed an interest in this.
- Shoebury Garrison
- RAF Museum at Hendon
- The Army Flying Museum
- The Airfix Visitors Centre in Margate
- Bovington Tank Museum
- Yeovilton FAA Museum

## 6. 2025 Club Calendar

Steve Bailey has investigated the cost of a club calendar following interest being expressed via the recent merchandise questionnaire. Costs would be approximately £158 for 50 calendars, with an aim to sell these for around £5 each. The membership was in favour of further investigations being made to finalise design and costs, which Steve (and Gary Daisley) will undertake.

## 7. Hornchurch Club Finals

Steve Bailey informed the membership that a request had been received for us to supply judges for the Hornchurch Club's finals night on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Traditionally this task has been fulfilled by Andy Wright, Phil Lloyd-Worth and one other member. Steve has therefore left this with Andy to arrange with those representing the Club being Andy, Phil, and our 2024 winner of "Model of the Year" Stephen Snares.



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## **8. Public Liability Insurance**

Steve Bailey informed the membership that following on from the discussions about PL at the previous meeting, he had investigated the cost to have our own club PL insurance to provide cover for any member representing the SMC at shows (in particular those who were not members of the IPMS). He had obtained a basic quote to provide £5m of cover for £89.60 per year. The membership voted in favour of this, so this has now been purchased (along with an optional additional cover for Committee Members) and will come into effect before the Brampton show.

## **9. Any Other Business**

Gary Daisley gave a brief update on the club merchandise. Any members wishing to have merchandise arrive in time for Telford were advised to place their orders tonight. Gary will also investigate the costs for club sweatshirts following a request from members.

Ian and Callum Andrews from the Medway club were again in attendance, and passed on their thanks on behalf of their club for our attendance at their Medway show.

The final item of the night was Steve Bailey passing on the clubs congratulations to Josh Burrows and his partner Tamara on the birth of their daughter, Posie. Steve presented Josh with a card and a bottle of Prosecco on behalf of the club.

**James Cater**  
**Club Secretary and Membership Secretary**  
**IPMS Southend Model Club**