



Minutes of Meeting

September 2025

1. Essex Modellers Show – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members that during the previous meeting's report on the show he had neglected to thank James Cater for his efforts in organising the show as the representative of Southend. A lot of work went into the planning of the show, not to mention the efforts on the day. As such, Steve formally extended the thanks of the Club to James for this.

2. Brampton Model Show – Christian Richards

Christian Richards reminded the members that this show is the 5th October this year. Members interested in going should contact Christian, as should anyone unable to attend who is willing to loan models for the table. Christian will be setting up a WhatsApp group for those attending. Anyone who hasn't let Christian know they are attending, please do so ASAP and Christian will add you to the WhatsApp group.

3. Medway Model Show Report – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey firstly extended his thanks to Ian Andrews for ensuring the Club had a good location for their stand this year. He continued to thank all of the members who had staffed our stand over the weekend, in particular Graham Weston and Laura Flack, who both attended for the Saturday and Sunday. James Cater added that we had some winners in the competition at the show as well. Christian Richards took the bronze medal in the figures class, James took bronze in the aircraft class, and Ken O'Brien took gold in ships class.



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4. Telford – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to the members regarding our final show of the year, which is Scale Model World at Telford on the 8th & 9th November. Steve is organising this show for the club. He has the setup team for the Friday arranged. Steve asked any members planning to attend at any point over the weekend to speak to him. Even though we can only have four people in the venue on the Friday, should anyone be staying from Friday night they're more than welcome to join those from the setup team afterwards and go out for a meal in the town. Anyone else planning on attending and bringing models for the table, please contact Steve. Additionally, anyone not attending but willing to loan models for the show, please contact Steve to arrange transportation.

5. Telford Hotel Room Available – Steve Bailey

Whilst on the Subject of Telford, Steve Bailey informed the members that Steve Ramsey has a twin-bed hotel room available in Shrewsbury for the Friday and Saturday, at a cost of £150. Anyone interested, please speak to Steve Ramsey.

6. Themed Competition Nights – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to members about our themed competitions. Steve keeps a list of suggestions received and welcomes suggestions. Please speak to Steve if you do. He also updated the members that the upcoming themes are:

- December – Red Theme. All models must be at least 50% red to be eligible.
- February – Beer Mat Challenge 3. As previously, models must fit entirely within the footprint of a “beer mat” (4 inches/100mm square), but can be any theme. As a challenge, this will run alongside the standard competition for the evening.



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7. Presentations – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey thanked Steve Lester for his fascinating presentation this evening, and updated the members on forthcoming presentations:

- October – Rigging ships, Jim Smith & Ken O'Brien
- November – Creating realistic civilian vehicles, Stephen
- January – Scratch building Spacecraft, Terry Regan (guest speaker from the Chelmsford club)
- February – “On the Busses”, Lloyd Ramsey
- March – Hard Hat Diving, Tony Cater

8. Proposed Club Outing for 2026 – Tony Cater

Tony Cater updated the members that we now have 13 members who have signed up & paid deposits for our tour at the Spitfire Factory at Biggin Hill. This will be the evening of the 4th June 2026, starting at 6pm. Tony is running a payment scheme so that members can pay in instalments rather than needing to find the full cost in one go. Should anyone else be interested in the tour, please speak to Tony ASAP.



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9. Club Merchandise – Steve Bailey

Steve Baliey updated the members that since last month's announcement that Gary Daisley was stepping down from doing the merchandise with Tony Cater taking over, himself and Tony have been speaking to local suppliers to find the most appropriate supplier moving forwards. The result of this is that they have secured a supplier that will likely result in a reduction in costs of many of our current merchandise items, as well as having the ability to introduce new ranges.

The first new item will be a Club T-Shirt, Steve thanked all of the members who supplied suggestions for the shirts, with over 40 suggestions received. These will be reviewed by the Committee and 7 slogans chosen for the shirts. This will mean that for £10 members will be able to purchase a T-Shirt with a Club logo on the front and a choice of a blank back or one of the 7 slogans for no additional charge. There will be the option of a larger version of the Club logo on the back, but this will incur a small additional charge.

10. WhatsApp – Steve Bailey

Steve Baliey addressed the newer members of the Club that we do have a Club WhatsApp group. Should anyone not in the group (both new and existing members) wish to join it, please speak to Jon Laker or James Cater.

11. Any Other Business

Gary Daisley asked about the possibility of paying monthly subs via standing order. Steve Bailey informed him that this is something the Committee are already looking at and should have more information available at the next meeting.

James Cater

Club Secretary and Membership Secretary

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