

Central Otago Model News

Newsletter of IPMS Central Otago Model Society Inc

February 2024

Greetings to All

Welcome to the February issue of Central Otago Model News. This month we report on our January activities and the COMS AGM.

For our February meetings we plan on reviewing our Constitution as required for all Incorporated Societies as a result of forthcoming mandated rule changes, and to review our N Central Module Standards that were last approved in July 2014.

January Events

Our first workshop at the Community House was a great time to catch up after the holiday break and to check out what Santa had bought us.

Our busy Scout Hall workshop was interrupted briefly by a well-attended

February Events

Community House Workshop

11 FEB: Sunday 1:00 am - 5:00 pm

Scout Hall Workshop, AGM

18 FEB: Sunday 1:00 am - 5:00 pm

AGM - a feature attraction being a generously-sized carrot cake. I (Steve) had made a New Year resolution that I was going to eat more vegetables so carrot cake fits right in there.

AGM

The AGM was chaired by Simon and formal business was carried out in an orderly fashion. Regarding election of officers, our existing office holders were re-appointed un-opposed. This means we again do not have a President, so other officers act in that role as required.



Office bearers are Steve (Secretary), Simon (Treasurer) and Rex (Editor). We thank these members for their ongoing support in these roles, and particularly Grant for his previous years of work in the Newsletter Editor role.

The highlight of the AGM was awarding the Nelson Redshaw Memorial Trophy 'Striving for Excellence' to Jules for his willingness to have his models pulled apart so he could correct some mistakes that had been made.

The Scout Hall was a tad hot and totally

unsuitable for air brushing models, but we did manage to get some paint on to train modules which dried very quickly. Lots of other projects moved forward.

For our space-themed module two Star Wars fighters are complete and ready to be mounted so they can clip onto any module in the future.

I also went and checked out the 700 plus cars at the Cromwell Car Show just to get inspiration for future car builds - some really nice paint jobs that would have cost many thousands of dollars.





Bob has done really well with bogging the LRDG Chev in the sand and having the crew working hard to get it out. He has tried a few new things which have resulted in the pretty good looking diorama shown above.

Steve's Modelling

Kit review - Lego 76911 Aston Martin 007 DB5 - close to 32 scale

Santa was really nice (because he also bought me a J39 Grippen) so I will definitely be keeping in his good book.

Made of the usual Lego multi-color quality parts (nearly 300 of them) and 85 steps in the instructions, this little kit kept me busy for a few hours and filled in

the time waiting for New Year.

The main body color is silver gray with black interior with quite a few stickers to go on panels to represent door handles and badges. The roof does come off so you could pretend to eject your passenger if the need arises.

Mr. Bond comes with a selection of useful tools (guns, spanners, binoculars etc) and you have a choice of five different number plates. They don't revolve like the real ones but are easy to swap over.

Some of the parts are getting small like our plastic kits and they disappear very easily. This little kit was a total joy to build and a welcome change from our normal kits - I totally recommend it.



AGM Report - COMS Activities 2023

JAN: Art in The Garden, Earnscleugh

FEB: Te Anau Military Museum visit with Invercargill IPMS Team

MAR: Cromwell Model Train Exhibition

APR: Alexandra Community House: Decorated House Working Exhibition
Alexandra Museum - Operating train display

May: Dunedin Model Train Show

July: Andrew and Lochland attended the Timaru Alpine Energy Model Train Show

AUG: COMS became a member of the NZ Association of Model Railway Clubs (NZAMRC)

SEP: Blossom Festival Display

OCT: IPMS Nationals, Christchurch
Big Model Train Show, Christchurch
Great Little Train Show, Invercargill

NOV: Alexandra Mens Camp
IPMS Interclub Competition, Dunedin

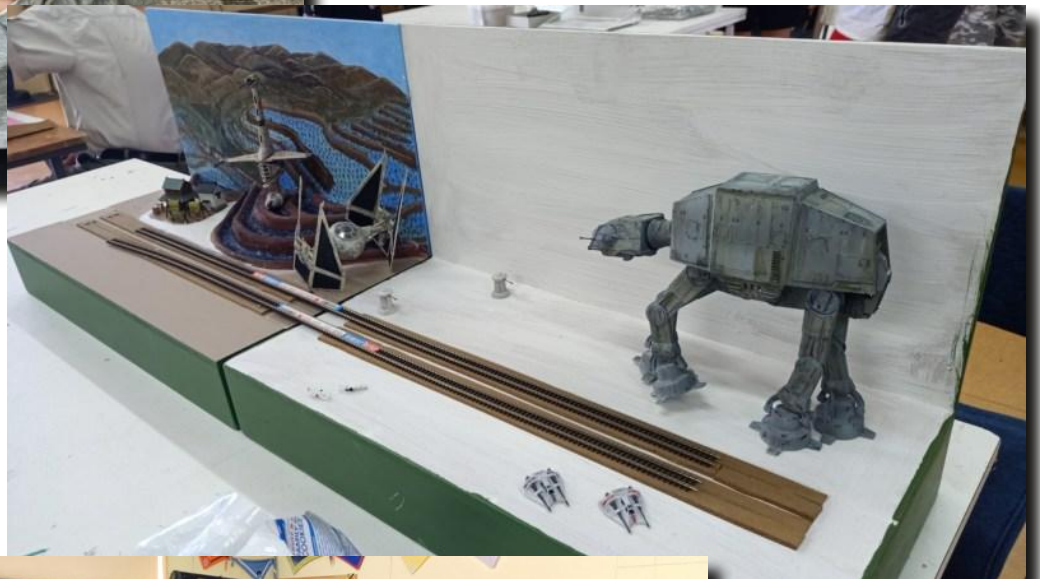
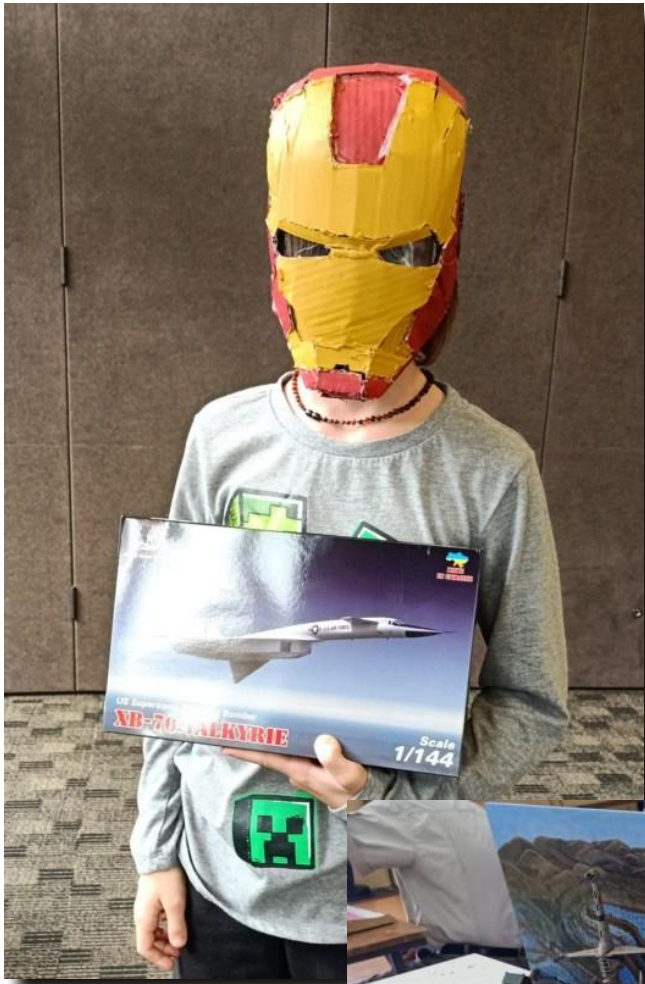
DEC: Santaland

Members:

Ron passed away in March, Geoff Collie joined in April, Justin and Logan Ralston, plus T and Kelvin Koditawakku joined in August and Ollie Kirkpatrick joined in October.

Weekend Workshops:

April, August



Diary Dates

11 Feb Community House
18 Feb Scout hall
10 Mar Community House
17 Mar Scout Hall
14 Apr Community House
19-21 Apr Scout Hall-Weekend Workshop
04-05 May Dunedin Train Show
12 May Community House
19 May Scout Hall
09 Jun Community House
16 Jun Scout Hall
14 Jul Community House
21 Jul Scout Hall
11 Aug Community House
16-18 Aug Scout Hall-Weekend Workshop
and IPMS Interclub Competition (18th)

08 Sep Community House
15 Sep Scout Hall
21-22 Sep Blossom Festival
05-06 Christchurch Train Show
12-13 Oct IPMS Nationals Invercargill
13 Oct Community House
20 Oct Scout Hall
09-10 Nov Armistice in Cambridge
10 Nov Community House (AGM?)
17 Nov Scout Hall
TBC SantaLand Cromwell
08 Dec Community House
15 Dec Scout Hall

Times: Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM



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