

Central Otago Model News

Newsletter of IPMS Central Otago Model Society Inc

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Thoughts from Andrew

A great weekend was enjoyed by all at our blossom festival display. The IPMS competitions gave the public a chance to see very impressive and highly detailed models at their best. Thanks to everyone who came along to display and club members who all pitched in and helped.

As most of you will know by now I am shifting house (town) and so all the train shed is being packed up, (a huge job) and there are boxes everywhere. Its surprising how a collection can grow as the years pass.

When it comes to unpacking it will be like Christmas all over again with things I forgot I had or kept just in case there would be a use for them sometime on a future project - layout.

Andrew

2017 IPMS Nationals

Over the Blossom Festival weekend of 23-24 September 2017 the COMS successfully hosted another IPMS Nationals model competition. Welcomed to Alexandra with a great sunny day on Saturday, twenty-seven modellers set up over eighty-five of their prize models to compete for top judging honours. Additional non-judging models were also displayed for the visiting public to appreciate.

From mid-morning, competitors formed into three-person judging teams and began the task of assessing the build-quality of all the models. Over twenty aspects of construction, presentation and finish were considered model by model to judge how well they were built. By the end of Saturday all the models had been rated. After the doors were closed that evening the organisers placed ribbons on the models awarding judging standards of Gold, Silver, Bronze or Highly Commended. 'First in Category'

ribbons were placed for each of twenty-five Categories. The 'Best in Show' and 'Runner-up to Best in Show' models were selected from the 'First in Category' models.

At a social event on Saturday evening, IPMS 2017 Coordinator Simon Horrell announced the winners of the 'Best in Show' and 'Runner-up' modellers, and presented the awards.

Best in Show

Greg Blick of Christchurch for his Diorama 'Last attack of the charging Bull'.



Runner-Up

Craig Sargent of Auckland for his Military Aircraft 'Hasegawa AV-8B Harrier II+, VMA-231 'Ace of Spades', USMC, 2001'.



The next morning modellers were keen to see how their models had been rated and to see what ribbons they had earned, and particularly to see who had placed top of each Category.

First in Category Awards

A3 Aircraft: 1/73 - 1/48 Scale, Hasegawa AV-8B Harrier II+, VMA-231 'Ace of Spades', USMC, 2001, 1/48, Craig Sargent, Auckland (Runner up to Best in Show)

B3 Military Vehicles: 1/47 Scale & Larger, Soft Skin: Famo (Sd.Kfz.9/1) crane variant Tamiya Famo with Tiger models conversion, 1/35, Greg Blick, Christchurch.

C1 Civilian Vehicles: Cars and Utes/Vans: 1969 Camaro, post-holocaust civilian vehicle modified for armed combat, 1/32, Bruce Clay, Invercargill.

D1: Vehicle Dioramas: Last attack of the charging Bull, 1/35th, Greg Blick, Christchurch (Best in Show)

E2: Ships Larger than 1/600: German S100 E Boat, 1/350, Steve Hills, Central Otago.

F2: Figures larger than 75mm: Cossack, 90mm, John Belcher, Christchurch.

G2: Space and SciFi: Science Fiction Subjects: M.ak Camel, 120mm, Greg Blick, Christchurch.

H1: Miscellaneous - Scratch Buid/Major Conversions: "Luchs", 1/35, Craig B. Robertson, Christchurch.

There were also model railway layouts and Goldfields Miniature's diorama's on display.



Kitsets were available for purchase from vendors NZ Models Ltd (Lester Kidd) and Laird Motorsports (Roger Laird).



Thank You List

Thanks to:

- Our COMS members and family who did a great job at the door welcoming folk, running model railway layouts and cleaning up.
- The Goldfields Miniatures Club for displaying their amazing mini-views of the world.
- Jude Horrell for providing a great selection of food for competitors and supporters.
- The organising committee of Simon, Steve and Nigel, with assistance from Rex.

Community House Workshop

Sunday 8th October

Workshop 1-4

Meeting 4-5

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Scout Hall Workshop

Sunday 15th October

Workshop 1-5

Of course the biggest THANK YOU goes to the modellers who supported the IPMS 2017 event, with folk arriving from all over New Zealand. The quality of model detail was great, with Gold Standard models reaching jaw-dropping levels of perfection of the modellers art.

Our congratulations to all the First in Category award winners and to Greg Blick and Craig Sargent for their well-deserved Best of Show and Runner-up awards for IPMS 2017.

IPMS 2017 results and pictures are on the COMS - IPMS website at:

<http://www.rexedra.gen.nz/ipms-coms/>

IPMS 2017 from Steve

After many many hours of planning by the organising team and quite a few changes of plans, the Nationals came together for one awesome weekend. Set up progressed slowly on Friday and by 1700 there was a hive of activity with trains being set up, models appearing on tables and other displays taking shape. Thanks to Rex who built the on-line registration system which worked smoothly - though the late arrivals were treated to good old fashioned paper entry forms.

Saturday was a busy day with final entries coming in and then getting on with the judging. Thankfully I didn't get to do the figures this time but did have to assist with sorting best in class- (bit of a tough call but we got there). After all the judging (we did stop for a break to watch the parade and the trucks) all the awards were placed on the models and we got on with the task of finding best in show. These winners were announced at the meal on Saturday night. After the public left we had a quick IPMS AGM and it was good to hear what other clubs have been up to.

The standard of entries in this show compared to our last Nationals (2012) was much higher and this was reflected by the amount of Gold and Silver placings achieved. Just goes to show that as time goes on people's skill levels improve and the finished models become far more accurate

and realistic. Of course it takes much longer to complete our models to achieve this level of finesse. It is especially pleasing to see our junior and beginner members coming along nicely and how their skills are improving. This was reflected in the standards reached by these up-and-coming modellers.

Sunday was a much quieter day with just general looking at models and much discussion about all sorts of modelling topics. In particular, finding out how other modellers achieved their desired finish on their models. There must have been something else on (possibly the Wings and Wheels event) as the amount of public through the door on Sunday was considerably less than previous years.

Then it was time to pack up. Most of the out of town entries had to leave by 1400 as they had to catch planes etc, so models started disappearing from the tables. We just dug into our supply boxes to put more models back out to keep the tables full. The Community House was all put back to normal after taking over all the meeting rooms, workshop and foyer by 1830, so not a bad effort.

I feel the weekend was a roaring success and although tiring was a heap of fun. A big thank you to our supporters - Wingnut Wings - Trevor Bringans (Tamiya) - Holsworth (Airfix) . To Lester Kidd and Roger Laird for bringing their shops up for our and the publics benefit. A bigger Thank You to all who entered their models and came from all over the country to be here. Without models on the table there would be no Nationals! An especially big thanks to the organising team for making it all work and to all our club members who helped in any way over the weekend and before the event - setting up and running trains, manning the door, looking after sales and auctions and being general gofors. If I have missed anyone out please don't take it personally - THANKS to all for making it a great weekend.

Queensland Model Hobbies Expo and Scale Modelling Championships by Steve

Our recent trip to Australia just happened to be at the same time as the model show (no forward planning- careful my nose is starting to grow). Anyway we had an enjoyable time at the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast and catching up with family and friends. I arrived at the venue for the show and waited in line for 25 minutes to get inside (28 degrees).



The large centre table held all the competition models with all the various club displays and traders around the outside.

I noticed after talking to many clubs that if you build a certain type of model e.g. 1/48 scale German Aircraft that you join a club that does that. I think that most of the members of Dunedin, Invercargill and Central Otago clubs would struggle to be members of many different clubs; there wouldn't be enough week-nights to build all the varied subjects that we do, particularly me.

As you can see by the photo the crowds were like this for the 5 hours that I was there and 4 deep at the second hand tables. But I did manage to get some bargains and even scored a free Gundam kit to add to the kits I build.

This Mercedes G4 would have been my choice for best in show. The photo, below, was taken 1m back, so I couldn't have a proper look but its finish just stood out. After just hosting our Nationals I felt that the standard of modelling in NZ is much higher - maybe it's because Kiwis have longer, colder nights to fill in???



There seemed to be no particular order on the display table and with 65 categories of models it just looked like a lot of hard work. The Aircraft photo is how not to display models for public viewing.



A lot of the club displays were like this and with the distance from the table one couldn't see much detail. The Gundam and Sci-Fi section was huge and some exquisite work was on display and the ships were beautifully done.

There was even a Miniature Club with a 3x3m display of their work which was brilliant and very well done (photos available if anyone would like to see them) and they seemed to be friendlier than some of the others .

I really enjoyed my time there and would recommend a visit if you happen to be there at the right time. It was totally worth the \$7 to get in and you could stay from 9-5 if you wished.