

Central Otago Model News

Newsletter of IPMS Central Otago Model Society Inc

January 2019

President's Report

Sorry, none available this month. I suspect too much Christmas and New Year fun and entertainment.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Jan 20 w/shop - scout hall
Feb 10 w/shop - com house
Feb 17 w/shop - scout hall
Mar 10 w/shop - com house
Mar 17 w/shop - scout hall
Apr 14 w/shop - com house
Apr 21 w/shop - scout hall
May 12 w/shop - com house
May 19 w/shop - scout hall
Jun 9 w/shop - com house
Jun 16 w/shop - scout hall
Jul 14 w/shop - com house
Jul 21 w/shop - scout hall
Aug 11 w/shop - com house
Aug 18 w/shop - scout hall

Late subs now due

Please don't forget that subs are due. Attached with this newsletter is a final 2019 membership form. Please remember to fill it out completely, leaving no gaps at all. Many thanks.

Update from Steve

Our first workshop for the year will be 20 Jan at the scout hall so this will be a great time to start those new kits that Santa bought or just finish the ones that didn't quite get finished last year. Either way we are going to have some fun times and we have our Cromwell train show to start preparing for which will be a fun but busy weekend.

Kit review

Tamiya M107 35 scale – kit # 37021

This is a re-boxing of the Italeri M107 with "new and re-tooled parts included". Upon opening the box and comparing the parts with Simon's old Italeri kit of the same thing we came to the conclusion that the only new and re-tooled parts were the figures and their accessories. The box says new jerry cans and racks but the instructions don't tell where to position them and



they were moulded with all the other gun parts so maybe they improved the detail on said items but who would know. The hull had a slight twist in it but all the top pieces fitted - it just didn't sit flat (no problem as it was going on a base). The massive gun is moulded in 4 pieces and was a real challenge to get it straight and it all slid in its

Community House Workshop

Cancelled this month

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Scout Hall Workshop

Sunday 20th Jan 1-4

Committee Meeting 4-5

recoil tracks. There is an open area at the back of the gun inside the hull so this had to get some paint on before final assembly. Getting all the gun parts painted was a bit fiddly and every bit of paint stopped something from working. There are no rifles for the crew to put in the rack on the side and none were included with the crew figures. The spade at the rear also had a bend in it and it wouldn't move down as far as the real machine but I was able to make it look ok on its base. The 4 rams on the gun and spade were hard to get a highly polished shine on them. The rubber tracks look ok and came up good with the appropriate washes applied and the whole gun was an easy build. The box says 3 figures but there are 4 on the spree so I built all 4 and positioned them as per instructions and the 4th I made pointing to the map on the table (included in the instructions and photo copied). Lots of wife's old tea leaves soon made some ground cover and some N scale palm trees to add a bit of life to the scene. Lots of Vietnam red dust was applied to the gun to break up the very boring olive drab colour scheme and we had an interesting model of a massive gun (as always bigger is better) - the barrel is twice as long as the hull. I had great fun making this kit and it survived the trip to Cambridge and back.