

The MBA Dover Newsletter



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Welcome to the Winter issue of KK.

We begin this last issue of 2009 with some sad news, I am sorry to inform you all that Jennifer (Jennie) Hounsell passed away on Wednesday 7th October. Jennie was our club chairperson for many years until ill health forced her retirement. A born leader, she managed to organise the club and made sure all went well, not only at club regattas but at all the other events that we held and attended. Her great interest was in model yachts and she could always be found at the edge of the lake, sitting with her clipboard acting as the race coordinator during the many yacht events we held. Alongside her husband Alan, Jennie worked hard to ensure the club ran smoothly and efficiently, she was a strict but fair person, when Jennie thought something needed saying, she said it, you knew where you were with Jennie. She was passionate about the Dover MBA and was totally committed to it as she was to our hobby in general. She will be sadly missed, not only by our membership, but also by many members of other clubs in this corner of Kent who knew her.

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On to some better news, contractors have at last started to repair the damage to the foot paths and water culverts around the lower lakes. They have totally fenced off the northern bank which is the area that we use for our activities. When I visited in October, they had built a type of coffer dam to allow work to take place on some badly affected areas, no doubt this will provide a talking point for some time and we will report on how things progress, it would be nice to get the whole area back in operation for the 2010 season. In the meantime, members are using the south bank to sail from, the bank over there is a little more difficult to launch boats from so extra care is needed. Also the access is awkward as there are gates and foliage to negotiate before reaching the waters edge. Please take care.

This last third of the year has been a busy one for the club, since the last KK we have participated in the Dover Regatta, had the last two of our local Kearsney regatta's and travelled to the Hop Farm and Ramsgate to support our friends in other clubs at their events. We have also made a visit to the International Model Boat show at Leamington Spa. This was an organised trip and was very well supported and organised by Chris Wellard.

Peter Cook has made us up some banners bearing our club logo for us to display at club events, most traders are using this type of banner to advertise their products these days and Peter has kindly produced some for us, next year we can use them at outside events like the ones mentioned above which should make our club stand out.

The eagle eyed amongst you will have spotted a change in the format of our front page this time. I received a request to drop the newspaper type three columns and instead, just type normally. The reason was that as a lot of members now receive the KK on their computers, it makes it easier to read. The old method meant that you needed to keep scrolling up and down to read it which was inconvenient. Who says I don't listen!.

As I mentioned in the last KK, this edition, number 30, marks ten years of myself being your editor. I am still looking for my successor if anyone fancies the job. So far though, I have not found any candidates.....

Merry Christmas and happy modelling. Alan.

New Shop

I have received a report from **Steve Cockshoot** regarding a new outlet supplying modelling materials.

HOBBYSTORE is coming to the Westwood Cross shopping complex in Thanet. This superstore which sells all things to do with modelling and arts and crafts, will be opening before Christmas. It is to be located next to the Smyths toy shop in the Link complex.

Steve is reliably informed from a source within Hornby Hobbies, that they have shipped half a container load of goods to HobbyStores main storage depot marked up for Thanet. On the pallets were Airfix/Scalextrix/Hornby Trains/ Glues/and Humbrol paints etc.

I have visited this outlet in Maidstone, they do carry a good selection of modelling products but did find the prices a little high there, but any new modelling store opening is good news. The store actually opened on October 24th 2009.

Also from Steve is the news that Hornby Hobbies which is located on the Westwood Industrial Site, Margate, will be opening its staff shop up to members of the general public on Saturdays and Sundays only from the 7th November until 20th December.

The opening times are from 10am till 4pm.

The Hornby range now includes Airfix products, Scalextrix cars, Humbrol paints, glues and airbrushes and of course the famous Hornby trains range.

Anyone interested in these products or just want to have a nose around this famous site and the shop, should pop along.

I have had a note from Len Goldsack , who also sent a picture to go with it. It concerns yet another incident to do with a collision involving Mr Colin Goldsmith. The closeness of the racing will inevitably cause the odd collision by why is it always Colin?

Len writes...*I thought you might be interested in this picture for the newsletter. It is of Colin Goldsmith's "Foxy Lady" during a demonstration of the latest craze known as " Sub aqua sailing". Would the I.O.C. be interested? Cheers Len...*



Warwick International Model Boat Show.

Although I did not attend this show personally, I have received some feedback from some members who did attend. Christine Wellard kindly organised this outing for the club and all went according to plan. The coach made its pickups as planned and arrived at the show on time. Inside the halls, the usual layout was in place with most of the trade stands being arranged around the outsides and the clubs dotted around in the centre. Looking at the list of trade stands and clubs, I did notice that several of the regular suppliers were not there, I suppose this is a sign of the times but as this is billed as a dedicated model show for model boats only, this was surprising.

There were some really nice models on display and also the large model of HMS Kent brought up to Warwick by our friends at Maidstone Cygnets MBC.

I understand that after walking around the show several times, most members had seen enough and had purchased what they needed so the coach left just after 3pm for the return journey. By 7 pm, most members were home relaxing looking at what they had bought. Thanks Chris for organising the day.

The Dover Regatta. August 8/9th 2009

The Dover Regatta could not have been blessed with better weather this year; both days were sunny and warm with only a slight breeze getting up around midday. The clubs portable ponds were arranged on a slightly different area this year closer to the Yacht Club building, our usual spot on the corner of Granville Gardens was occupied by the Newfoundland dog's display. Also just behind us was a new attraction, BMX bikes which needed more room than was allocated to them, we moved our compound slightly to give them better access, it did reduce our display frontage by a small amount but we managed. Also very near to us was the Red Arrows simulator, It's looped commentary was interesting at first but I am sure all who were there will now know the name of the pilot of Red One off by heart now!

The Saturday was of course upset by the crash out in the harbour between two powerboats racing, it was a tragic accident and unfortunately one driver did not survive. The whole incident was witnessed by hundreds of spectators watching the race. Racing was abandoned for the rest of the event and a tribute to the driver took place in the harbour on Sunday. On a lighter note, we had a very good show and were joined by two members from the Capstan model club at Chatham. The big pond was occupied constantly with members and guests showing the public what we do. There were several times when a crowd gathered to watch Gerald's Sherman tank alight from his landing craft and climb up the ramp that is normally used for an amphibian vehicle. I heard the applause and noticed Gerald doing his display. Also performing to the crowd was Dave Cowlin with his remarkable rowing models, he was kept busy answering questions when on and off the water. Most of the club managed to get their models onto the water to show them to the watching public who were there from early morning till we finished at around 4pm on both days.

The small kiddies pond was also in action both days and thanks to the helpers, who manned it, raised quite a nice sum for club funds. This regatta was a friendly affair and a great success; it is always nice to be able to show off our club at this prestigious event held in our town. A selection of photographs taken at the show can be seen below.



August 23rd Club Regatta.

Another glorious day, seamless blue skies and lovely warm sunshine was the atmosphere that greeted us for our August Regatta, it was only two weeks on from the Dover Regatta where we all had a good couple of days, but once again the compound was set up in the now familiar way that has become a standard layout.

Taking advantage of the good weather, the small kiddies pond was put into operation to get a few more club funds together, this was a good move as we achieved our objective.

This report has been submitted by our secretary Peter, he mentioned that nothing out of the ordinary happened and everyone had a good time, as you may have gathered, I was not present for this regatta as work commitments got in the way, this situation should change shortly when I should have all the time in the world after September ! !

Ramsgate Ships Rally September 6th

The club was again invited to attend this event hosted by Ramsgate Vikings Model Boat Club. As has become customary, this event is supported from all over the South East of the country. Clubs from Southend Essex, Byfleet in Surrey, Chantry from the Dartford area, Tugs R Us, Herne Bay, Maidstone and of course good old Dover MBA attended.

We were told that our club alone had 20 boats, but there were many more very nice models on display on and off the water.

The usual 20 minute slots were allocated which soon goes when you are enjoying a sail, some models take a while to set up and a similar time to disconnect afterwards reducing on the water time, having said this, there were plenty of slots available and with the growing popularity of the 2.4 Gig radios, the frequency board looked a bit bare!

The venue has been re-vamped recently with new huts and a new bridge being constructed, the pond has been emptied, cleaned and of course refilled, not quite up to the level of before because reaching down to place the models in the water was a little difficult for me this year, or am I getting older?

Our thanks as always to the Ramsgate Vikings for their invitation.

September 13th Club Regatta

Is it that time already? Our last regatta in this years calendar. Not the brightest of weather to end the season and certainly not what we have come to expect this year, it really has been pretty good in general.

Also missing were some members who normally organise things, this made for a very low key meeting. Because of this and the threat of rain, we decamped earlier than usual and stored everything away safely.

Southern Model Airshow September 19/20th

Again at the invitation of the Cygnets Club who were the organisers of the model boating section of the show, we attended on both days and managed to put on a reasonable display. A few more models and bodies would have been useful, despite Peter requesting some extra tickets from the organisers, some were not used.

The weather on both days was good, maybe a little cooler on the Sunday but very nice with no rain during the show, I did wonder because we did drive through a heavy shower on the way up on the Sunday morning.

The trade stands were all located well away from the flying display area this year, I thought that there were less of them attending as well. Most of the boat related stands were with us near to the boat pools. The large pool was in use most of the time because the smaller one had developed a problem and was not used on both days.

This turned out to be good news for one submariner who was able to run his boat on a previously un- available frequency!

The Maidstone Cygnets had on display their large (1/36th) scale HMS Kent, this is a very impressive model at this scale being over 12 feet long. If you take the modelling magazines you will know that it has taken only 10 months to get to this stage and has already made a run down the Medway from Tonbridge to Allington Lock raising money for Demelza House children's home and also celebrating 50 years of their club.

I took particular interest in this model because I have been busy making my own 1/96th scale version of this warship named after our home county.

Also impressive was a display of large (1/12th) scale lifeboats, they charged around the pond causing havoc, water slopping everywhere, good job Gerald's modified little plastic warship wasn't on the water at that time because he would have been owning a submarine by now!

It was good to meet old friends from other clubs and exchange some friendly banter, this is one of the biggest shows in our area and is well worth visiting, the aircraft models were the main attraction and judging by the flying display and hearing how much these things cost it is easy to see why, however, I know I'm biased but I still think that the skills of the model boaters easily keep up with the flyboys.

Whilst talking with **Andy Griggs** of **Models By Design**, at the show, I learned a very interesting snippet of information. Models by Design are probably the largest manufacturers of fibreglass hulls in the country now, he has taken over Metcalf mouldings and Dateline Marine as well as some others judging by the models in his listings that he produces. He also moulds the hulls for the large lifeboats that I reported on earlier by Speedline.

Andy was sitting with his son when he noticed the Dover Model Boat Association sweat shirt that I was wearing, he told me that he used to use Kearsney Abbey regularly with his son because he lived in Deal. We (Dover MBA) were having a regatta one day when he arrived and was invited to join our club to allow him to sail that day. He told me that he did so and was successful in winning a couple of prizes.

Andy and his son now live and operate in Dorset but as he said, has fond memories of Dover.

Models By Design, 01425 -476174 Fax and Phone WWW.modelsbydesign.co.uk

Autumn Illuminated Event September 25th 2009

Peter Cook has sent me this report on the event and the photo's are courtesy of Len Ochiltree. Six models competed for this event which carries a trophy for the winner, this time it was Peter's turn with his river boat Cindy Celeste. Other competitors were, in no special order, Mick Flynn with a Sun Tug, Reg Archer with the St Canute tug, Derrick Rudge with the Chieftain paddle tug, George Cole with his PT boat and Dave Cowlin with the venerable Admiral Day dredger. Well done to all of you who are keeping this event going, a few more on the water would be nice.



Dear Captain...We await your report with interest!



Is that Colin in the orange jacket?
Been rammed again mate!

How many times have we been chatting and found our model about to go over the weir? At least we don't end up in this situation.....20,000 tonnes **Renate Schultz** in collision off Greece.

For Sale

UNIMAT 1-CLASSIC "The cool tool".Boxed and never used.Cost well in excess of £215.00 asking £120.00.

This is a modular lathe made for the modeller and can be used on a table top or on your workshop bench.The tool can be configured to use for the following-TURNING METAL-TURNING WOOD-SAWING-SANDING-MILLIN or-DRILLING. The"6 in 1 tool" 1

Replies to member **Charles Male** on 01843 580429 please.

Due to doctors orders, Roger Shields is reluctantly going to have to sell some of his larger models. This is a great shame because one of them has not even been launched yet.

This is a very rare opportunity to purchase some very nice detailed and fully working model tugs.

The first one needs no introduction, it's the DHB tug **Dauntless** to a scale of 1/25th. The model is large and is also because of that, heavy. The construction is based on a fibre glass hull that is accurate being made from genuine Damen drawings supplied by the DHB. Wooden decks with plasticard superstructure form the main part of the build. Brass fittings are used for most of the smaller parts and this one also has a frame for dredging fully reproduced and fitted to the model.The model is supplied with twin motors and speed controllers, all the lights work (well they would with Rogers boats wouldn't they), the radar revolves and a bow thruster is fitted.

Because the transmitter is used for another model, this is the only thing that does not come with this model but it really needs to be seen especially when he is only asking **£325.00** for it.

The parts alone amount to more than that price.

The second model is a 1/24th scale **Flying Phantom** model tug that has been upgraded to twin motor propulsion. Again this model is fully functional and has all the working features of the previously mentioned model. However, this one does have the transmitter included so all you have to do is put it on the water and enjoy it. Again the parts alone easily add up to the very modest asking price of £325.00

Roger can be contacted on Dover **01304 822542**, he will be happy to explain anything and I am sure help anyone set up the models if required

Scale Fittings

Having just finished making some fittings for one of my models, I thought it might be helpful to pass on the lessons learnt making them to other members. I do like to make most of the fittings myself and try not to buy anything, this time I needed quite a few fire hoses for my warship model and after some thought came up with the following constructional method.

Fire Hoses. Most of the text refers to 1/48 scale but the principle applies to any scale.

The fire hoses on most models are depicted rolled up and lying in baskets, the hose is rolled up starting with the female fitting, at the other end the male fitting is then ready to be attached to the hydrant.

Flatten a short section of plastic tube, (this is going to represent the fitting into which the nozzle or hydrant fits), and cut this down to size, this flattened part is trimmed down to form a tongue.

Take a piece of cartridge paper about 3 inches long and fold it in half, the tongue of the tube is then inserted in the crease of the paper at the end and fixed with a spot of superglue, repeat at the other end of the crease. Use a straight edge and slice off the paper at the correct width between the tube ends. This forms the flattened hose.

Starting with the female end, roll the hose up tightly securing the exposed end with superglue.

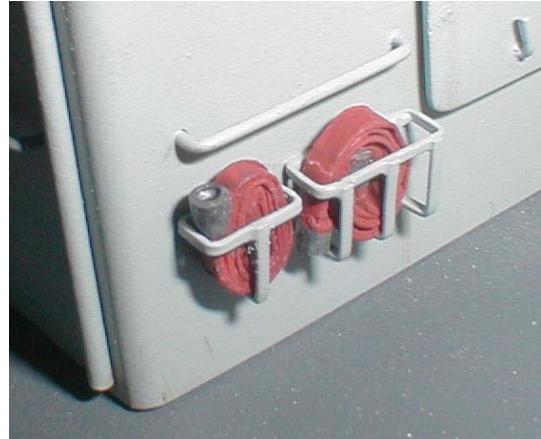
The shape will not be perfectly rounded but distorted by the fitting; this is correct and looks authentic.

The folded raw edge of the paper hose will be the inside hidden portion and the folded edge will faithfully represent a flat rolled hose.

Paint the hose a dark crimson colour and the fittings a dull silver/aluminium. Some of the older warships have canvas hoses which are a light tan colour.

The construction of the fire baskets will be described in a future article.

Alan...



Hop Farm Pic's



*Gerald Vesty's
Soviet destroyer
at the Hop farm*



Left, Len Ochiltree with his airboat



Our stand at the Hop Farm



*Right ... HMS Kent, the host
clubs 1/36th scale version
from Maidstone Cygnets MBC*



Model Magazines Index.

Several members often ask me if I can find a particular article or plan that had featured in the Model Boats Magazines or the Marine Modelling International Magazine.

This is quite a task as there is no index for the Model Boats. I have asked the editor to produce one but because of the amount of work involved, he cannot see it happening unless some enterprising reader would be willing to compile one. He then would be happy to publish it.

Marine Modelling International used to print a list of available back issues that contained very sparse details of the contents, but this seems to have stopped recently.

I have discovered however, that in the MMI Plans and Construction Guide that is, I assume published yearly, there is a list of all back issues that have been produced.

Each listing contains a description of the contents, it is very basic but does help when searching for a particular entry. The guide also list all the drawings currently available and gives helpful advice on basic modelling problems such as radio control installations etc.

My copy was dated 2005, so I will need to update the information from my collection but this is a very handy reference for anyone looking up that special article.

To finish off this edition I have received some pictures of members relaxing at club events held during the past year, the description certainly applies to one photo but not sure if relaxing is the correct word to use for both!



Left.. Colin



RightPeter

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