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I have said this before and I will say it again, 'the 1/200 community are a delight to deal with'. People are surprised when I say that I send out a payment request after posting when I know the actual postal costs rather than asking for payment in advance. I know that I am not taking a risk and payment will follow very quickly. I recently sent out 10 parcels in the afternoon. All the UK requests were paid by the evening and the more distant destinations were paid by the time I got up the next morning. Thank you all.

Helmet Models

Paul at Helmet is having all sorts of problems at the moment, personal and with the models. He does not currently have an email address. You will have to write to him if you need to contact him. I will put his address at the end of the newsletter. The online Helmet shop appears to be operating and is taking payments but Paul cannot access it so do not use it. Contact Wojtek or me or Paul directly if you wish to order our models. If the situation changes I will let you know. If you have ordered anything from the site and have not received it, contact Paul directly.

Coventry 2018

Many thanks to those who supported the meeting, especially those who travelled large distances (USA, Austria, France). 17 people attended and it was a great pleasure to have the chance to chat with fellow addicts and put faces to well known names.

John Lee brought a selection of his models. Some were from kits and some were scratch built from balsa. Such is the quality of his work that it was hard to tell which were which.

Martyn Redway and Steve brought their latest wargame involving the Pacific war. The models that they use are beautifully made and are a million miles away from the ones used by many of their fellow gamers.

Geoff Noble came with a large selection of models from various sources at very reasonable prices. Most of us were tempted to add to our collections and I was

pleased to add a Shorts Belfast that I have been looking for for a while to my display.

Wojtek came with his beautiful models and had some new gems. A B 45 and RB 45 Tornado were welcome additions to the military range, along with a Whitley, and a Dove joined his Heron in the civil range. The RB 45 is in Ju Jitsu colours. This was when reconnaissance missions over the Soviet Union during the Cold War were flown by RAF crews in RB45s in RAF markings out of RAF Sculthorpe in North Norfolk. The idea was that if one was shot down it would be less likely to start WWII if it was not a USAF aircraft. I drive past Sculthorpe regularly when I head to my favourite bird reserves on the Norfolk coast for some bird photography and wonder what else went on there. A former pupil of mine lived near the airfield and described some activity there that suggested to me that F117s were briefly stationed there for testing before they were announced. Although it is decommissioned, the runways remain and when I drove past a few weeks ago a pair of special forces Ospreys out of Mildenhall were practising hovering over the runway side by side.

I had 13 new models that Derek was not able to produce. Unfortunately, a perfect storm of problems took up all my time and I was not able to produce finished examples in time for the meeting. There was reasonable interest in the century series, especially the 106, but, as I feared, Derek's interest in Junkers aircraft and other oddities is not generally shared so if you buy those you will be one of only about 5 proud owners of each of those models. Another big hole in my pocket.

The down side is that the meeting does not pay for itself. I only ask for contributions from people actually selling models and ask for contributions for refreshments. With fewer stalls selling and only 12 people paying for refreshments it means that I will have to think about what happens if we have another meeting. I hope it is possible, but is it affordable?

Here are some photos of the event.

John Lee's superb models



Some of Geoff Noble's models for sale



Ron and Louise Crawford



Geoff Noble



Denis and Hilary Calvert and Peter Krtina, Denis is probably explaining how a Harrier works .



Wojtek with David and Mrs Sherrard



Test shot of Wojtek's new Whitley



Martyn Redway with Ron and Louise



Wojtek's Ju Jitsu RB 45 Tornado



Wojtek's B 45 Tornado



A couple of photos of Wojtek's Doves



United Nations of 1/200. Peter Krtina (Austria), Ron Crawford (USA), Jean Baptiste Berger (France).



Geoff and Martin Beacom



Wojtek and Geoff checking that there are really 47,293 rivets in the tail of the Emily.



John and Wojtek



I always try to be behind the camera but was foiled again



Martyn, Steve and Wojtek



Wojtek has kindly produced an accessory set to go with the Ju52/3. It contains spatted undercarriage and alternative cowlings. Photos later in the newsletter. Contact me for further details.

I have also had a a few sets of F101, F102, F105 and F106 undercarriages made. Again, contact me if interested

Ron has kindly sent his impressions of the meeting with some photos.

Post Coventry Summit Report

WOW! That expression really encapsulates our experience on the expedition. Our trans-Atlantic flights were our first experience with the relatively new low-fare Icelandic airline WOW. It was a novel experience, not merely because of discovering that coffee, water, legroom and similar amenities have become extra-cost options. At least the restrooms were still an included feature, and Wow delivered us on time, with our luggage and in safety. The biggest “wow” factor with WOW was finding that the aircraft, the cabin crew uniforms, the internal décor, and the mood lighting were all in a shade between Prurient Pink and Luminous Purple. The only comparable experience, which was not lost on the paying customers in Meatpacking Class, would be seeing the illumination of red light districts in Amsterdam and Hamburg.

But I digress.....

Louise and I were really delighted with the actual TOTS meeting. The location at the Midlands Air Museum is excellent. Folks driving from anywhere in the UK have about equal transit times, and the Birmingham airport is within taxi/Uber distance. The museum itself has a nice collection of interesting mainly Jet Age aircraft, and interesting displays of models, books, and other artifacts. If you attend next year, be aware that they have a great selection of used aviation books for sale as a fundraiser.

We were happy to see a good turnout for the meeting. Most attendees were, of course, from the UK, but there were also visitors from the USA, Austria, and France. For us it was a reunion with friends we have known for many years, finally meeting face to face with others we had met only via letters and emails, and getting to know other collectors and producers. The open, welcoming atmosphere reaffirmed my belief that collecting is an intensively social activity.

New models in the One True Scale were there in profusion. New models from Wojtek Benzinski/Cloudburst Models included a dandy DH Dove, the North American B-45C and RB-45, and an Armstrong-Whitworth Whitley – all complete with undercarriages, decals, and instruction sheets. Chris Sayer / Shed Models brought an SUV load of new issues, finally bringing to light a number of the Century Series fighters and other unissued models from Derek Barratt's archives. The new types included the F-101, F-102, F-104, F-105, F-106, Dornier Wal, Ford Trimotor, JU-W-34, Junkers D.1 and J.1, Like the Cloudburst models these are complete, boxed kits to a very high standard. In both cases I was extremely impressed with the finish of the resin components. They would require almost no prep before assembly and painting. Unfortunately Paul was unable to attend this time. Watch TOTS for further news.

A great number of pre-owned models from estate collections were also presented, primarily by Geoff Noble. Many, if not most, found eager new homes. I was happy to do my share. The sellers were equally pleased.

Then there were demonstrations and exhibits of other items. Those included a realistic 1/200 air warfare simulation of Japanese and US Navy aircraft off Guadalcanal in 1943 and a display of aircraft that John Lee carved himself.

All concerned praised Chris and Wojtek for organizing and underwriting the meeting year after year. It is a major undertaking that does not come close to breaking even. Please be generous with your thanks.

I will certainly be back. I wonder now if there would be interest in a parallel meeting on this side of the pond.

(Chris has our photos from the meeting and will weave those into the final text.)

As promised an indecently long time ago, we have finished two batches of master models. The first set of new models is already with our caster and should be available this winter. Those include the

Grumman Mallard amphibian with separate under-wing floats

Lockheed-Detroit YP-24

Boeing YP-29

Loening OL/OA biplane floatplane with separate upper wing

Seversky XP-41

McDonnell XF-85 Goblin

Curtiss XP-87

North American XB-28 Dragon

The next group will include the Whirlwind and Wellesley (improved Helmet models with Paul's permission), the Convair XF-81, Bell XF-83, and the PZL.50 fighter that was just coming on line in 1939, a Vickers 432 high altitude fighter prototype, a Bloch 135 bomber, and a Hawker Tornado. Those are awaiting just a coat of glossy sealer and should go to casting by the end of this week.

Still on the bench are our set of pre-WWII USAAF bombers. We had to make major corrections on some but I anticipate getting the masters to our casters by the end of this year. The series includes the XB-15, XB-16, YB-17, XBLR-3, Y1B-20, XB-38, and YB-40.

Those will be followed by two projects that I have been mulling for years. One will be a set of the USAAF, USN, and other variants of the Consolidated P-30 Condor. The other will be the Flower Class Corvette. That will be a real international project, with data from Canada, a hull form from Poland via Germany, deck and superstructure from the Czech Republic, decals and detail castings from England and Austria, and photo-etched railings and such from Scotland. If we get the Flower into boxes by next summer it will be a miracle. It should also cure forever my interest in making surface vessels.

HBM Sale List

Copies of my want list, disposal list, the list of remaining HBM stock, and an updated checklist of all of our HBM production over the years are in the attached PDF file. Please contact me if anything catches your interest. The best will probably be email at either ron200hbm@gmavt.net or ron200hbm@gmail.com.

3D Printing Update

Finally I can report that 3D printing has evolved to the extent that reasonably priced desktop machines can reliably deliver results that a collector can prepare and paint. For a surface that looks and feels smooth, and to show tiny raised or engraved details, the printer should minimally be able to resolve accurately at layers of at least .05 microns. Otherwise the product will display steps that are very difficult to remove or conceal. Such machines have been available for a few years as Chinese made DLP resin printers. The leading brand in the US, the Wuhan D.7, costs about \$500. When dialed in it produces astounding prints, but quality control and reliability have been disastrous. The user bulletin boards are a litany of sorrow and anger over failed LED's, mother boards, etc..

Just in the last few months, Prusa has introduced a machine that exceeds the performance of the Chinese, is built around a sturdy frame and uses cheap, reliable components and still won't break the bank. We have been very favorably impressed with their FDM machines, and their resin design is equivalent. I am ordering one.



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1/200 scale metal model aircraft kits. Kits include decals and many include etched parts and rubber tyres

Airco DH 9a	£18	Fairey Rotodyne BEA	£29
Avro Bison II	£20	Fieseler Storch Fi 156	£16
Avro C30 Rota	£15	Flying Flea	£3
Avro 504K	£17	Fouga Magister	£12
BAC TSR2	£22	FMC B450 tug	£5
Beech 18 float	£18	GA Jindivik/Pika	£12
Beech 18 ski	£17	Gloster Javelin	£25
Beech 18 wheel	£17	Hafner Rotabuggy	£6
Blackburn Blackburn	£20	Handley Page O/100, O/400	£28
Boulton Paul Overstrand	£25	Hunting 126	£15
Boulton Paul Sidestrand	£25	Leduc 021	£18
Bristol Belvedere	£20	NA Mitchell B25B/C	£19
Bristol Sycamore RAF	£15	NA Mitchell B25J	£19
Bristol Sycamore BEA	£15	NA Mitchell B25H	£19
Bristol 138a	£22	NA T28 Trojan/Fennec	£18
Britten Norman Islander	£19	Percival Pembroke	£20
Britten Norman Turbine Islander	£19	Piper Cub wheel & float	£15
Britten Norman Trislander	£20	Piper Super Cub wheel & float	£15
Coleman MB4 tug	£5	RE8	£18
DH Sea Vixen FAW1 Fleet	£25	Saunders Roe SR.A1	£20
DH Sea Vixen FAW1 Special colours	£25	Saunders Roe SR 53	£15
DH Sea Vixen FAW2 Fleet	£25	Saunders Roe SR 177	£16
DH Sea Vixen FAW2 Special colours	£25	Scottish Aviation Pioneer	£16
English Electric P1A	£15	Scottish Aviation Twin Pioneer	£20
Fairey Long Range Monoplane	£22	Short SB4 Sherpa	£12
Fairey Rotodyne	£29	Short SC1	£12

Short Seamew	£16	Douglas Skylancer	£19
Short Sturgeon	£19	Saunders Roe SR.N1 Hovercraft	£20
Sikorsky Hoverfly	£15	Sikorsky R5	£17
Sikorsky Hoverfly float	£16	Westland Dragonfly	£17
Sikorsky H34/S58 Choctaw	£20	BRISTOL BRABAZON (resin and metal)	£78
Sikorsky S55 early	£18	Accessory packs	
Sikorsky S55 mid	£18	Prop pack (20+ 2 to 5 blade props)	£10
Sikorsky S55 late	£18	Weapons pack (60 approx assorted)	£15
Sikorsky S55 float	£19	Undercarriage pack (90 approx assort)	£20
Sikorsky S58T	£20	Strut pack (small ones ideal for aerals)	£10
Supermarine Spiteful/Seafang	£15	Recently released	
Westland Walrus	£20	Boeing B17E/F	£27
Westland Whirlwind early	£18	Boeing B17G	£27
Westland Whirlwind mid	£18	Boeing PB-1W	£27
Westland Whirlwind BEA	£18	Boeing SB-17	£27
Westland Whirlwind turbine	£18	DH 83 Fox Moth	£20
Westland HSS-1 Wessex	£20	DH 86A & B Express	£25
Westland Wessex early nose	£20	Hawker Kestrel	£20
Westland Wessex late node	£20	Piaggio Pc7 and Bugatti 100P pair	£25
Westland Welkin	£18	Biplanes	
NEW MODELS		These will be produced as numbered limited editions of only 20 kits. Resin and metal or all metal. A few are still available to order.	
AW Meteor NF11/13	£18	Decals and etched brass not included in kit	
AW Meteor NF12	£18	Recently released	
AW Meteor NF14	£18	Fairey Albacore R+M	£20
Hawker Hunter F6, FGA9	£19	Vickers Virginia R+M	£25
Supermarine Walrus	£20	Vickers Victoria R+M	£25
Short Shetland (resin and metal)		Vickers Vildebeest R+M	£20
S35 Mk 1 military version	£39	Vickers Vincent R+M	£20
S40 MkII civil version	£39	Coming soon	
Clear plastic stand for Shetland	£ 2	Airco DH16, Bristol F2B, Curtiss Jenny, Fairey	
Cessna 172	£16	IIF float, Fairey IIF wheel, Westland Wallace,	
Cessna O2	£17	Westland Wapiti float, Westland Wapiti wheeled.	
Convair Sea Dart	£19	Postage £4 per kit UK, £6 rest of world.	
		Multiple kits - postage at cost.	

The latest resin and metal models available are

Aero Commander	£20
Cessna Bobcat/Crane	£20
EE Lightning T4 /T5	£20
Lockheed L133 Starjet	£20
Rockwell XFV 12	£20
Douglas DC5	£25
Short Sealand	£20

Derek Barratt's Metalmodel series that he did not produce. Resin with some small metal parts.

Bellanca Air Cruiser	£20
Cosmic Wind and Taylor Aerocar	£25
Dornier Wal	£20
F101 Voodoo	£20
F102 Delta Dagger	£20
F104 Starfighter	£20
F105 Thunderchief	£20
F106 Delta Dart	£20
Ford Trimotor	£20
Junkers D1 and Junkers J1	£25
Junkers W34	£20
Zvezda Ju 52/3 plastic kit with BA/BEA or LOT decals	£10
Accessory pack with civil engines etc	£5

Shed Decals - 1/200 scale

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IMPORTANT

Please read

Shed Decals are laser printed. This means the colours are very accurate, registration is perfect and decals are thin but strong. It also allows shading and graduation of colours.

There are two problems, namely that white cannot be printed and colours are not very opaque. If the decal has straight edges and can be easily cut out accurately then the decals are printed on white decal paper. If not, we can supply white base decals as listed below. For a roundel, for example, put the appropriate base decal on first, allow it to dry then apply the top decal. It says which base decals are needed on the list, don't forget to buy them as well as the top decal.

Base Decals

Supplied on A5 size sheet with hundreds of decals

£2.50 per sheet

98% round discs to go under roundels

110% round disc to go under roundels and producing a white outer ring

(eg Hinomarus and RFC roundels)

Soviet stars

Stars and bars

Chinese stars and bars

Code letters and numbers

RAF, RN WWII, hundreds of characters on four sheets, white, light grey, sky, dull red £15

RAF, RN post war, hundreds of characters on two sheets, white, black £10

USAF, US Army, hundreds of letters, numbers and titles in white, black, orange £15

US Navy, Marines, hundreds of letters, numbers and titles in white, black, dull red £15

British Civil markings, hundreds of markings, single sheet smaller sizes black £9

British civil markings, hundreds of markings, three sheets black incl. Larger sizes £15

French civil markings, hundreds of markings, two sheets, black and dark blue £12

Large National Sheets

11" x 8" sheet with hundreds of markings

<u>Decal type</u>	<u>Base decal needed</u>	<u>Price</u>
RFC, RNAS, early RAF (A,A1,B type)	98% and 110% round	£12
RAF WWII (B,C,C1 type)	98% round	£12
RAF post war (D type)	98% round	£12
RAF 2 colour low viz	98% round	£12
RAF 2 and 3 colour v pale low viz	98% round	£12
SEAC South East Asia Command	98% round	£12
Japanese hinomarus (fresh and faded)	98% and 110% round	£12
French 3 colour	98% round	£12
French 4 colour (yellow outer)	98% round	£12
Belgian	98% round	£12
Spanish	98% round	£12
Italian post war and Co-Belligerent	98% round	£12
Italian WWII and ANR	White base decals included	£15
Luftwaffe WWII	White base decals included	£15
German WWI and modern	White base decals included	£15
Soviet stars	Star base decals	£12
Chinese WWII, RCAF, PLAAF	Chinese stars & bars, 98% round	£12
US stars and bars	Stars and bars	£12
US pre stars and bars	98% round	£12
Bush Wars (2 sheets Rhodesia and South Africa)	98% round	£15
Clipper Sheet (fits HBM clippers)	none	

Regional Decal Sheets

Each sheet is 11"x 8" and contains hundreds of markings in many sizes

The Middle East sheet is from the 6 day war period although only the Egyptian markings changed later. The North Vietnam markings have been changed very slightly to fit the stars and bars base decals. It would be unaffordable to do N Vietnam base decals.

Where there are fin flashes or markings these will be included printed on white decal paper and so will need to be cut out very accurately - scalpel and steel rule are ideal. No base decals are needed for these.

Individual countries are available but the regional sheets are more economical.

<u>Countries</u>	<u>Base decals needed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark	98% round	£12
Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia	98% round	£12
India, Pakistan, Iran, UAE	98% round	£12
Austria, Netherlands, Czech, Switzerland	98% round	£12
Romania, Portugal, Ireland (3 versions)	98% round	£12
Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru	98% round	£12
Greece, Turkey, Albania, Bulgaria	98% round	£12
Pacific WWII, BPF, NZ, Australia	98% round, stars & bars	£12
North and South Vietnam and Korea	98% round, stars & bars	

Smaller Sheets (half size)

These are A5 size and have hundreds of markings

<u>Countries</u>	<u>Base decals needed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Belgium with blue outer ring	98% round	£6
Brazil	98% round	£6
British Prototype Markings	None - screen printed decals	£6
Dutch East Indies	None - white decal paper	£6
East Germany	None - white decal paper	£6
Finland WWII	98% round	£6
Indonesia	None - white decal paper	£6
Iraq 1931 - 2003	None - white decal paper	£6
Israel no outer ring	98% round	£6
Mexico	None - white decal paper	£6
Myanmar (Burma)	None - white decal paper	£6
Naval Anchors	None - fits on existing decal	£6
Poland	None - white decal paper	£6
Romania WWII	None - white decal paper	£6
LOT decals for JU 52/3 and Bobcat	None	£6
BA and BEA decals for Ju52/3	None	£6
As above plus Zvezda plastic kit	None	£10

Small national sheets

Most are a quarter of a regional sheet

<u>Country</u>	<u>Base decals needed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Albania	98% round	£5
Argentina	98% round	£5
Australia WWII Pacific	98% round	£3
Austria	98% round	£5
Bolivia	98% round	£5
British Pacific Fleet WWII	Stars and bars	£5
Bulgaria	98% round	£5
Czech	98% round	£5
Denmark	98% round	£5
Ecuador	98% round	£5
Egypt	98% round	£5
Finland	98% round	£5
Greece	98% round	£5
India	98% round	£5
Iran	98% round	£5
Ireland (3 versions)	98% round	£5
Israel with ring	98% round	£5
Jordan	98% round	£5
Netherlands	98% round	£5
New Zealand WWII Pacific	98% round, stars and bars	£8
North Korea	98% round	£5
North Vietnam	Stars and bars	£5
Norway	98% round	£5
Pakistan	98% round	£5
Peru	98% round	£5
Portugal	98% round	£5
Romania	98% round	£5
Saudi Arabia	98% round	£5
South Korea	Stars and bars	£5
South Vietnam	Stars and bars	£5
Sweden	98% round	£5
Switzerland	98% round	£5
Syria	98% round	£5
Turkey	98% round	£5
UAE	98% round	£5

Postage - single sheet £3 UK, £5 rest of world

Multiple sheets at postage cost