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**210** members from

**37** countries!

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**IPMS SCALE MODEL WORLD 2018  
THE WORLD'S LARGEST MODELLING SHOW!**



Left to right: Ian Gaskell (winner of Best In Show); Chin Lin Kwek (Administrator of Republic of Singapore Air Force SIG); Mark Attrill (aviation author); Andy Terrell (builder of Commended JASDF F-4EJ); David Thomas (Deputy Leader of Asian Air Arms SIG); Brian Griffin (Leader of Asian Air Arms SIG); Alan Smith (winner of Class 1—1/144 scale); Craig Godwin (organising the SIG's first ever Group Build); Andy Binks (Our Japan/Koreas/Taiwan Specialist); Tony Clayton (Member No.1 of SIG and owner of Diaerama); Andy Hardwick (builder of the gorgeous JASDF "301 Phantom Mother Squadron" F-4EJ).



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## SHOW REPORT

### Scale Model World 2018 was a great event for Asian Air Arms SIG!

This year we had a record number of members displaying from the stand and their models covered a huge variety of scales, aircraft types and nationalities. Our stand attracted a considerable amount of interest from visitors and we were kept so busy dealing with enquiries and discussing the display that there was barely any time to get around the show ourselves! By the Sunday afternoon we had signed up another twenty enthusiastic modellers, taking total membership to 208 members—from 37 different countries!

And, as I write, the number of hits on the website is fast approaching 10,000! A great landmark!

Members Mick Burton and Phil Camp gave visitors peek previews of their new decal sheets:

Mick offering generic Pakistani, Indian and Indonesian markings, and Phil putting out a 1/48 set of decals for several Indian Hunters.

Furthermore, 2018 was the first time we had held a modelling competition and we were extremely fortunate to be sponsored by four different organisations who all contributed great prizes for the Class Winners. See the prize-winners on the following pages.

I want to thank our Sponsors for helping make our first modelling competition a great success.



In the IPMS National Competition, Andy Terrell was awarded a well-deserved "Commended" for his beautiful F-4EJ Target Tug.

The show was waiting with bated breath to learn of the new release by Airfix and when the announcement came, it was greeted with some surprise—a 1/32 Grumman Hellcat! Not what modellers were expecting at all!

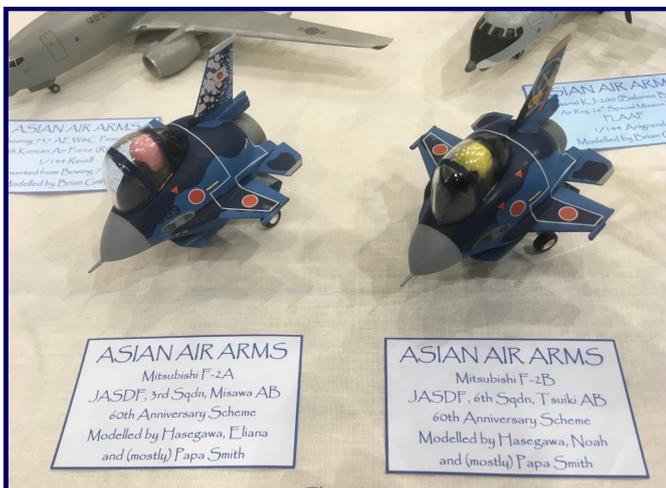
This coming year, there will be some developments in the running of the SIG. David Thomas has agreed to continue as Deputy Group Leader; Mark Attrill will be editing the Newsletter from January, whilst I do some much-needed "house-keeping" of the website; Andy Binks will be adding the two Koreas and Taiwan to his position as Japan Specialist; and Mick Burton has agreed to use his extensive knowledge of Indonesian military aviation by taking on the role of Indonesian Specialist. At the show, we made an agreement with Chin Lin Kwek, the Administrator of the Facebook pages "Republic of Singapore Air Force Special Interest Group". CL will send us, from Singapore, regular features plus his members' "builds" concerning the RSAF and, in his role of marketing Miliverse Decals, he'll send us some of them for review in the Newsletter: he also tells me that Hannant's will shortly be stocking these fabulous decals. Great news for the SIG!

**N.B. the next issue of the Newsletter will return to its usual format!**

### NEW MEMBERS

New members from the show and since, include: from Australia are Leslie Applebee, Johnson Zhangty and Lindsay Charman; From India are Ravi Wadhwa and Rahul Kulkarni; from the UK are Peter Shanley, Jonathan Spry, Peter Fearis, Brian Chan, Martin Smith, David Smalley, Steve Summerfield, Stephen Lee, Chris Goldsmith, Adam Barber, Radleigh Bushell, Adrian Cybriwsky, Karl Robinson and Lee Fogel; from Singapore come Jonathan Tan, Marcos Soriano and Gary Ng; from Austria comes Tom Cooper; from Guatemala (and Munich!) comes Erick Chang; from Finland comes Taavi Hiltunen; Pakistan is represented by Khalid Matin; Germany by Andreas Rupprecht and Ruediger Schwarz; from Holland comes Max Schep; Myanmar is represented by Aung ZawLatt; and Switzerland is represented by Alf Nolte and Alexandre Huwiler.

**Phew! What a list—welcome to you all and please tell your friends about us!**



UGH!!!

NOT my usual preference.

Alan Smith sneaked these onto the table when my back was turned!

Please be warned for those of you who think they're CUTE!

Alan's punishment was swift—

he was denied Kit-Kats

for the rest of the show.

Don't let this happen to you!



# ASIAN AIR ARMS FIRST MODELLING COMPETITION 2018!

# 1/144

## Class 1 Winner: Alan Smith

Alan won a year's subscription to a Guideline Publication magazine plus a book of his choice from SAM Publications.



ASIAN AIR ARMS  
Mitsubishi F-86F-40  
43 Sqn Royal Thai Air Force  
1/144 Trumpeter  
SIAM Decals  
Modelled by Alan Smith

FIRST PRIZE  
CLASS 1  
1/144 SCALE  
ASIAN AIR ARMS SIG



North American F-86F  
Royal Thai Air Force  
(Trumpeter)



# ASIAN AIR ARMS FIRST MODELLING COMPETITION 2018!

# 172



## Class 2 Winner: Mick Burton

Mick won £50 worth of decals from Fantasy Printshop plus a book of his choice from SAM Publications.



**Republic F-84G  
Royal Thai Air Force  
(Tamiya)**



# ASIAN AIR ARMS FIRST MODELLING COMPETITION 2018!

1/48

## Class 3 Winner: Ian Gaskell

Ian won £40 worth of tools from Modelling Tools plus a book of his choice from SAM Publications.



**MiG-21PFM North Vietnamese Air Force (Eduard)**



# ASIAN AIR ARMS FIRST MODELLING COMPETITION 2018!

**BEST IN SHOW**



**Asian Air Arms 2018 Champion: Ian Gaskell**  
Ian won the first ever Asian Air Arms Modelling Trophy



**MiG-21PFM North Vietnamese Air Force**



A SELECTION OF SOME SIG MEMBERS' BEAUTIES—I



Andy Terrell won a Commended in the Nationals with this F-4EJ Target Tug



Bell AH-1 Cobra, JGSDF by Craig Godwin



CAC/PAC JF-17 Thunder of Pakistan Air Force by David Thomas



BAe Hawk 209 of Indonesian Air Force by James Carr



Grumman Bearcat of Royal Thai Air Force by Paul Husband



McDonnell Douglas F-4EJ of JASDF by Richard Napper



McDonnell Douglas F-4EJ of JASDF by Andy Hardwick



North American F-86F by Neil Robinson



SOME MORE SIG MEMBERS' BEAUTIES



Sikorsky MH-53 of JMSDF by Andy Binks



Hawker Sea Fury of Royal Burmese Air Force by Paul Husband



Kawasaki-Hughes OH-6D of JMSDF by Simon Higginbotham



Hawker Hunter T-66 of Indian Air Force by Brian Griffin



Sukhoi Su-27SKM of Indonesian Air Force by Andy Hardwick



KAI F/A-50 of Philippines Air Force by David Thomas



Bell AH-1S Cobra of JGSDF by Tony Clayton



Some of our other models—superb all!





# Other modellers' output—1. They should join us!



McDonnell Douglas F-4E Phantom II  
100<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 1989  
Essex AB, 1987  
Modelled by  
Andrew Terrell





# Other modellers' output—2. They also should join us!





## AND FINALLY

Included in the December Newsletter will be:



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# Asian Air Arms

encourages you to join

## IPMS THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELLERS' SOCIETY

But, why?



### IPMS covers not only the UK but also the whole world!

Over 80 clubs in UK (including 2 on-line clubs) plus 55 overseas branches in over 50 countries (from Malta to Venezuela, Russia to Brazil, Australia to China).

**Contact these branches for foreign advice!**

### Like to concentrate your modelling on particular topics?

IPMS has over 70 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) covering every possible subject, such as:

"Battleship", "Formula 1 & Motorsport", "Harrier", "Landing Craft", "Sci-Fi & Fantasy",

"Splash—Flying Boats and Amphibians", "Leopard Main Battle Tank", "Aerobatic Display Teams" etc., etc!

There is a SIG just for you!

**And it's free to members!**

### Like to keep informed about what's going on in the modelling world?

IPMS Magazine is published six times a year with all articles written by IPMS members and is posted directly to your home.

**And it's free to members!**

### Want technical advice on your modelling themes?

There is a Technical Advisory Service for all topics including aircraft, figures, shipping and military vehicles.

**And it's free to members!**

### Hunting for that elusive decal sheet?

IPMS Decal Bank has thousands to choose from—just ask and they'll start searching for you!

**And it's free to members!**

### Lost an instruction sheet and don't know how to proceed?

The Instruction Sheet Library will put you back on the right path.

**And it's free to members!**

### Wish you could attend the biggest modelling show in the world?

IPMS Scale Modelworld event in November covers three huge halls, welcoming thousands of visitors from all over the world to see the very latest releases and enjoy club displays from UK, Europe and beyond.

**And it's free to members!**

## And what will all this set you back?

About one pint of beer a night for 8 nights a year!

Or to put it another way, less than filling your car's tank just once a year!

Adult membership in the UK from just £22! Equivalent to 42 pence per week or 6 pence per day!!

For this you get:

- \* **Free** fellowship with the whole international modelling fraternity wherever you travel!
- \* **Free** access to all Special Interest Groups and Technical Advisory Services
- \* **Free** weekend entry to the biggest model show in the world!
- \* **Free** access to IPMS Decal Bank and the Instruction Sheet Library!
- \* **Free** IPMS Magazine posted to you six times a year!

**And all this for just 6 pence per day!**

Asian Air Arms strongly recommends that you join IPMS.

Join here today! <http://ipmsuk.org/membership/membership-prices/>