



The Movie and TV sig

SIG Newsletter 1

Spring 2022

To Boldly Go.....

Hello and welcome to a long overdue newsletter. This is something i have been looking to produce since setting up the sig in 2016 but time and other things were never on my side. However, rather fatuously, the stars have aligned up and after years of procrastinating and mojo searching we are finally in a position to re-launch this group.

Over the past few months long time member Martin Aris has been offering a lot of encouragement and support behind the scenes and i am delighted that he has agreed to become the group secretary, a position we have needed for a long time. He is keen to book us into shows, not just Telford, that will give us all a chance to meet up and display our builds.

For the past two years members, myself included, have suffered loneliness, isolation and depression. Now i feel the time is right to move on, to get back to seeing each other and to mixing again. We are expanding this group from facebook only to a living, breathing entity. It is a brave and bold step and can only work with your support and encouragement.

So, i invite each and everyone of you to join us. Post your work on facebook, send us images or even features for future newsletters, send us "how-to" tips and join us behind the tables at shows. And don't just look at the on-line posts, join in or even start them. Because if you don't then this can't succeed. So please do join in . THIS IS YOUR SIG.

Ian

SIG SHOWS 2022

August 28th 2022 - Stoke Model Show

November 12 - 13 2022 - IPMS International,
Telford

Sig Committee:

Ian Simpson (founder)

Martin Aris (secretary)

Iain Costall (moderator)

Dave Howard (moderator)

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Members Builds



AMT Ford Coupe from "Dick Tracy"
by Ian Simpson



Revel '76 Ford Torino from "Starsky & Hutch". By Ian Simpson



Silent Hill by Martin Aris



1/72 Starfleet Airtram from Star Trek: The Motion Picture made by Cozmic Models by Doug Stirling Stewart



The 'Dukes of Hazzard General Lee'. I thought everyone does it orange, and stored it for a long time until I got a 3d printer. After lots of trial and error I printed a V8 Hemi engine, so cut out the bonnet and viola, Ghost rider's car from Marvel's Agents of Shield.

Martin Aris



3D printed, "The Incredibles".
Martin Aris

IPMS Nationals

Telford

November 12 and 13 2022



After a 3 year absence, the SIG is making a welcome return to the Nationals at Telford in November. Everyone is welcome to display on the table. All we ask is that you let us know what you intend to bring, in advance, to avoid duplication.

Of course you are free to display any movie or TV related build but if you want to build something specific for the table then we are celebrating "60 years of James Bond". We will have dioramas from many of the films including "Dr No.", "Moonraker" and "The Living Daylights". Please feel free to join in this unique display that I am sure we can make a memorable part of the show. If you are unsure what to build but want to take part, why not post a request for ideas on the facebook page? There are a myriad of cars, helicopters and planes that can be made. So what's stopping you?



SIG Meal

Ian is looking to arrange a SIG meal on Saturday November 12th for those members staying in Telford. I will post details nearer the time but if anyone is interested, or needs help with accommodation, please let him know.

T - Shirts

We will be wearing sig T-Shirts this year. They are black with the following logo. If anybody wants one I will be getting prices etc in the coming weeks.



The History of the SIG



Our special interest group started in March 2015 as a result of a display at Telford, in the previous November, by the car and motorcycle sig. We had the theme of "cars from the movies" and it got me thinking. My initial idea was for the group to concentrate on James Bond cars and aircraft and so, with the support of 5 fellow Wirral IPMS members, i submitted a request and the 007 sig was born. And it didn't really take off. I did a bit of promotion but apart from a dozen or so friends and club supporters, it wasn't going anywhere.

And then, on one of my days off in January 2016, daydreaming with a cup of tea, i had an idea. Change the name. !

I messaged my good friend Richard Middleton straight away, a supporter of this group and my go-to IPMS advice guru, to see if i could do this. Apparently i could and within the hour we became the "Movie sig". A few hours later and the name changed again to the "Movie & TV sig" after a member, who i can't remember but am grateful to, suggested the addition of television, a clever stroke that stright away expanded our remit expotentially. By 4 o clock that Friday we had 35 members !

By this point i was starting to get to know Ian Costall who had recently joined our IPMS branch. We both had the same interests in common and i asked him if he would help out with the sig, to which he not only accepted but helped me run the Telford displays. In 2017 another club member, Dave Howard, came on board in much the same way. Both Iain and Dave are stunning builders and they took our displays to an incredible level. And if it wasn't for Dave, the sig would have folded.

So as the membership and interest grew so did our confidence to display at Telford 2016. Iain made a fantastic art deco cinema frontage for the table and with Colin Bebington's scratchbuilt Thunderbird 3 to the fore the table got a fantastic reception from the public. We were someting very different.



Telford 2016

We displayed at Telford in 2017 and 2018 too, by which time the sig was getting a bit stale. We weren't recruiting any new members and i personally was struggling to run the group. Months and months went by without any interaction. By autumn 2019, I was also getting bored with my local branch. I had stepped down from the Committee and just wanted to go to model shows as a visitor. Iain was feeling the same and so, despite booking in for Telford we both decided to pull the plug and cancel the display. It was the end of the sig as far as i was concerned. Then up to the plate stood my friend and fellow club member Dave Howard who felt he couldn't run the sig but didn't want to see it fold. Single handedly he took over that years Telford display and with the support of fellow sig members put on one of the best displays. Thanks to their unselfish support they gave me the breathing space i needed and saved our group.

And then came covid !!!!!!!!!!!

Which has helped us re-think and re-launch the group. Both myself and other members are no longer part of IPMS Wirral, which was nessecary for the sig to stand independently. Part of our failing was that we were always seen as an extension of that club, which despite appearances, was never the case.

Personally i was really looking forward to Telford last November but sadly a reaction to the covid booster stopped me going. But by feeling i "missed out" and i really feel like i did, it has energised me into moving forward. Martin Aris has always been a strong member of this group and has been getting more involved. I even asked him if he wanted to take over the group at one point !! Anyway, it is great that he has now offered his services as SIG Secretary and with myself, Iain and Dave we hope to really start taking the group forward. And with you, start writing the next pages of the story.



2017



2018



My Favourite Movie

On Her Majesty's Secret Service 1969

This is it for me. The first James Bond film i ever saw and the best (in my opinion). Picture the scene, a spring Saturday in 1970. I am 7. I have only been to the pictures once in my life. TV is in black and white and I don't know anything about James Bond.



By 5pm that Saturday, my life had changed. The sheer spectacle, the noise, the music, the action. I suppose it could have been any film. But it wasn't. I didn't know or care that George Lazenby wasn't as good as Sean Connery. It was my first action film and i fell in love with cinema that day. Even now, those 4 chords at the start of the theme music make the hairs stand up on my neck.

It had everthing an impressionable 7 year old boy could want. A dashing hero, a scary villain, exotic locations, dangerous stunts, explosions, helicopters, sexy girls, guns, violence and an ending to shock.

The particular picture house is gone now but last January i had tickets to see it once more on the big screen, only yards away from that place over 50 years ago. Sadly i never got there. The second lockdown saw to that. Which is quite ironic as the plot to OHMSS was about germ warfare.

Ian



I feel like this newsletter has been all about me. Sorry about that but i wanted to get something out quickly to show you all what you can expect. Striking while the irons hot. Anyway, i do hope this is the sort of newsletter you want. Please let me know either way. The next edition will be written by yourselves so please send ideas, pictures or things you have written to

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and please make the subject: newsletter.



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2022 10.00 - 16.00
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