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Talk by Ian Peacock on static model aircraft

Did you make Airfix kits as a youngster?
Did you used to shoot 'em up with your air rifle, or blow them up with penny bangers?
Do you know how this business started, and where?
Do you know where it's got to, today?
Do you still have an Airfix kit, still sealed in it's polythene bag, with it's coloured paper header?

(If the answer to the last question is "yes!", then you will be well aware of it's value!!)

Are you aware that the "International Plastic Model Society" is the largest international model organisation in the world, hosting international meetings throughout virtually every part of the globe?

If not, then maybe an evening with the "Peacock Idiot", might just lift the lid off of some of the mysteries that surround this industry!

An industry, once thought to be dying as a result of the birth of computer games, but currently enjoying a re-birth, due to such things as James May's Toy Stories on BBC One, and the recent Guinness book of records stint, (In which Ian was a participant!), where 250 people, (mostly young, but all young at hearty), built more Airfix Spitfire kits, in 12 hours than ever before. Never has the RAF museum at Hendon seen so many Spitfires in one place!

Ian will illustrate his talk as usual, with a car full of interesting goodies, including some really old models, still in boxes, and some other really old models, that he, himself, built some (cough, cough) years ago!!

HOWEVER - - - If you've got anything from years ago, that you think might be relevant, please bring it along.
It all adds "grist to the mill!"

Ian Peacock