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Hi Folks,

Wishing members and their families all the best for 2015, compliments of the season, and a happy, healthy and safe New Year to all.

Our November meeting was well attended, with members of the public attending too. See article and pics further on in this newsletter for the Rod Guérin Annual Diorama competition results and winners.

Our thanks to Noreen Perryman from AutoDealer, for the interest shown - and for the recent article and pics of entrants and their dioramas as entered for the Rod Guérin Annual Diorama competition. See also our NDMC website, under "Events" then "Past Events" for the electronic copy of the AutoDealer article.

Once again our sincere thanks to the VCC committee, who have again kindly agreed to let us use their facilities for 2015, but at a slightly increased cost. This has helped to keep our costs affordable, and so our annual NDMC subs have increased by only R10.00 viz: the annual subscriptions for membership in 2015 will be R110.00, and are due now. Postage and printing costs have also led to this small increase.

The dates for our 2015 meetings are as follows:

26 th January	30 th March	25 th May
27 th July	28 th September	30 th November

Richard Hebbron is planning to hold another Annual Hobbies Fair during 2015. His contact Nos are at the end of this newsletter, and once arrangements are confirmed and finalised, he will try and keep the costs the same as previously - i.e. tables are free if you display, and R100.00 for sellers.

We were sad to hear that Mike McCaul passed away recently, and we send our sympathy and condolences to his wife Beryl and his family. Mike had a most memorable and huge collection of model trains and model cars - certainly unique in KZN - and possibly in SA - plus he collected a few classic 1:1 cars too. At our January meeting we will hold a moments silence in his memory.

See you at the next meeting,
Keep collecting

Philip

NDMC Rod Guérin Annual Diorama Competition

The theme for this year's competition was "An Outdoor Scene" - which gave the entrants a wide opportunity to express themselves, and the theme was interpreted differently and uniquely by each entrant.

Entries were once again of a very high standard, and the judges had a difficult time separating the scores.

Kevin Taylor was awarded the Floating Trophy for first place - and also the prize for Diorama of the meeting - for his entry "*Camping outdoors at Tembe Elephant Park.*"

"Tembe Elephant Park is home to the biggest herd of African elephants. The terrain is very rough and robust so for my display, I used vehicles and caravans of a 4x4 calibre - which are mainly used to access the park. I also used a sound track of elephants trumpeting which made the diorama more effective." said Kevin.

Diorama entrants used original ideas with materials and sound - and materials used ranged from earth, carpet and polystyrene for bases, while wooden skewers were used for fences and Christmas tree branches were made to look like small trees.

Neville Geddes and Richard Hebborn took second and third place respectively.

'A Day in the Country' won Neville Geddes second place. "There are many children all over the world who never leave the cities. They therefore do not believe that milk comes from cows, and that eggs come from hens and not from the carton egg boxes they see in the supermarkets. A Christmas treat is a day in the country to see farm animals and farm equipment, said Neville.

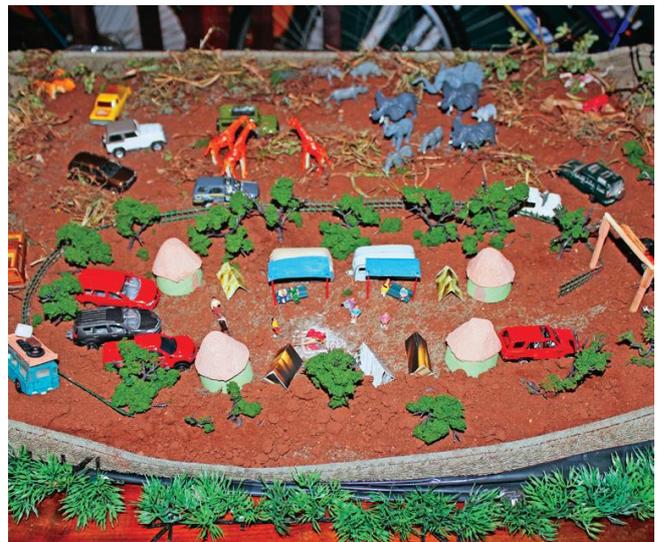
He designed and painted his set which was made from polystyrene, floor covering to resemble grass, trees were branches from a Christmas tree, hedges were made from greenery from a butcher and fences were skewers cut and glued together. The lorries were cattle and horse transporters.

Chris Brown was awarded the Geoff Sear Annual Enthusiast of the Year Floating Trophy - this trophy is voted for by members only.

The judges for this year's Diorama competition were Allie Getkate, Dusan Milanovic and Terry Hitchinson, with the senior judge Ian Sutherland. Anne Geddes also presented all the prizes and trophies to the winners for the evening. Congratulations and well done to all entrants and winners - plus a big thank you to the Diorama judging team for their effort and input.



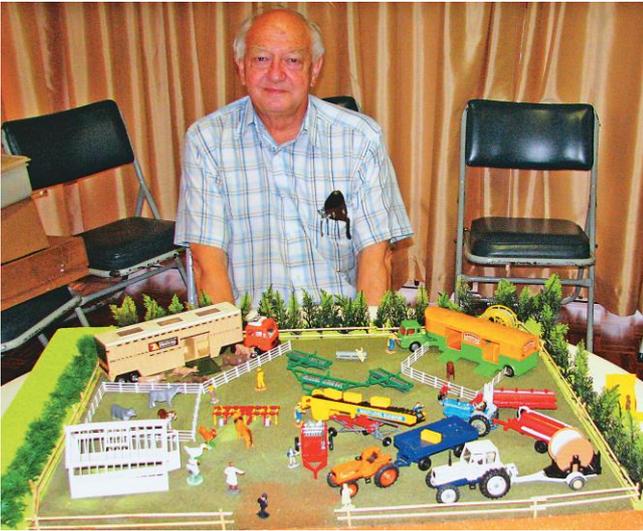
Kevin Taylor came first in the Annual Diorama competition winning the Rod Guérin floating trophy and winning the award for "Diorama of the Meeting". His theme was "Camping outdoors at Tembe Elephant Park."



"Camping outdoors at Tembe Elephant Park."



The Geoff Sear Floating Trophy for *Enthusiast of the Year* was awarded to Chris Brown by Anne Geddes who presented all the prizes for the evening.



Neville Geddes' *A Day in the Country* earned him second place in the annual diorama competition.



Richard Hebbon was awarded third place for his diorama themed *4x4 Club-day in a Game Park*

Classifieds on our Website

A reminder - you may have already looked at our NDMC website and "Classifieds". And if you haven't already visited this site you can go to: www.ndmc.co.za - then under Headings choose "Classifieds".

NDMC Members are encouraged to use this "Classifieds" page to list their models for sale - and then these models can be viewed by many more members / and later, by other SA model clubs.

However, before advertising on our website "Classifieds" page, I suggest that NDMC members should first try and sell their models via a "Closed Auction" at one of our NDMC meetings. And / or bring their models for sale to a meeting, to try and sell them individually.

These steps are not meant to dictate to members how they should sell their models - as I believe that putting models for sale on our website, could open the door to "all" - and may then also deprive other NDMC members of a chance to bid for them. This could also result in losing some of the friendship and camaraderie at our meetings, if we resort to selling via the website only.

So to summarise, my thoughts are to encourage members to hold a "Closed Auction" first / sell their models to members - and then any models not sold can be put onto our NDMC "Classifieds" page for say 10 to 15 days, to give members another short window to purchase, after which the website list will be advertised and forwarded to other SA model clubs.

What do other members think? - and we can discuss this at our January 2015 meeting.

After going the "Closed Auction" route - and if members still wish to make use of our "Classifieds", I suggest they send me their model list compiled on a PC, and not handwritten - as this list is then so much easier to distribute. Plus any members wanting to use our "Classifieds", will be asked to complete a form in a table format - which I can send them - so all the particulars can be filled in. E.g. Model Name, Condition, Mint, Boxed, Re-paint etc. This table can then be inserted straight onto our NDMC Website, "Classifieds", and members can then either give the price they're asking - or ask for bids to be submitted.

Members can also send in pics of their models for sale.

This will hopefully also help prevent models leaving KZN, and being sold to clubs inland - without offering them to NDMC members first.

Upcoming events

Date	Event/Function	Venue	Comments
26 th January 2015	NDMC Meeting	VCC - Kloof	Time: 17:30 for 18:00 'till we end. Cost: R25.00 for non-members Subs due: R110.00 / year. R70.00 Country Members
26 th January 2015	Theme		Found under the Christmas tree / models obtained recently
2015	Annual Hobbies Fair		Date to be confirmed / advised

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