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Hi Folks,

Wishing members and their families all the best for 2014, 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.

Our thanks to Noreen Perryman and Khurshid Mohideen from AutoDealer, for the interest shown, and for the recent article and pics of entrants and their models entered for the Rod Guérin Annual Diorama competition.

Once again our sincere thanks to the VCC committee, who have again kindly agreed to let us use their facilities for 2014, at the same cost. This will help us to keep our costs down, and so our NDMC subs are the same as last year: viz: the annual subscriptions for membership in 2014 will be R100-00, and are due now.

The dates for our 2014 meetings are as follows:

27 th January	31 st March	26 th May
28 th July	29 th September	24 th November

Richard Hebborn is planning to hold another Annual Hobbies Fair during 2014. 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 hope to hear from Toyota soon, regarding our planned tour of their factory and premises. Members will be kept informed once we confirm and finalise the dates etc.

See you at the next meeting,

Keep collecting

Philip

NDMC Rod Guérin Annual Diorama Competition

The theme for this year's competition was "A Working 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 9/11 Diorama which was kitted out with flashing lights, smoke and sound effects.

Second and Third spot went to Jimmy Monk and Neville Geddes. Neville was also 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 Jill Alberda, Rowan Sear and Chris Brown. The senior judge was Theo Alberda. Rowan Sear also presented the prizes and trophies to the winners.



Kevin Taylor with his 911 Twin Towers scene.

Jimmy Monk with his goods yard.



Neville Geddes with his road accident scene.

Richard Hebbron with his garage scene



Classifieds on our Website

As per my e-mail to NDMC members on 12th December 2013 - 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 2014 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.

Upcoming events

Date	Event/Function	Venue	Comments
27 th January 2014	NDMC Meeting	VCC - Kloof	Time: 17:30 for 18:00 'till we end. Cost: R20.00 for non-members Subs due: R100.00 / year. R60.00 Country Members
27 th January 2014	Theme		Found under the Christmas tree / models obtained recently
31 st March 2014	NDMC Meeting	VCC - Kloof	Time: 17:30 for 18:00 'till we end.
2014	Annual Hobbies Fair		Date to be confirmed / advised
2014	Visit to Toyota		Date to be confirmed / advised

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The DAVID LANGDON
survival guide for summer's
traffic jams



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. . . much more important than your car tax, which you can claim to be permanently at Swansea DVLC.