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Aircraft Carrier to be 'Centaur' of Shropshire Model Show

11th April 2010

FREE entry

The popular Shropshire Model Show is returning to the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on Sunday 11th April 2010 and is open to the public from 10am – 4pm.

The event will bring together members of Shropshire Scale Modellers and its associated body, the Telford branch of the International Plastic Modellers Society, whose members provide many of the exhibits on display. More than 80 clubs will be exhibiting intricately detailed models including aircraft, cars, bikes, trucks, Dr Who figures and other science fiction related items.

In addition to this the show will boast over 40 traders in all of the Museum's hangars selling a range of materials and kits associated with the world of modelling including plastic kits in various sizes along with glues, paints and detail sets. There will also be a stall for the ladies, selling hand made cards, handbags and jewellery. A key attraction will be a 10ft long, model of a post WWII Aircraft Carrier used during the 1950's and 60's called Centaur. Built from scratch, it took modeller Peter Jones four years to build and features aircraft of the Cold War period and will be on display within the National Cold War Exhibition.

A tombola will run all day offering a range of excellent prizes including tickets to the RAF Cosford Air Show in June. The show will also be hosting an open competition where modellers of all ages and abilities can enter their creations to win a much coveted award.

Organiser Gary Stevens of Ellesmere says:

"The Shropshire Model Show gets bigger every year with more clubs and traders alike travelling from all corners of the country. It has become the highlight of the year for some modellers. This show provides these dedicated model enthusiasts the opportunity to display and show off the skills involved in making elaborate models, ranging from aircraft to boats and trains. The depth of skill and dedication on display is truly breathtaking."

Visitors will also be able to view the Museum's three hangars and the National Cold War Exhibition during their visit. There is ample car parking available along with free park and ride and a restaurant and souvenir shop on site.

The Museum is open from 10am – 6pm (last admission 5pm). For further information, please call the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on 01902 376200 or visit the Museum website at www.rafmuseum.org.

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Notes To Editors:

- Photo shoot in the week running up to the show is possible if scheduled in advance. Please contact Gary Stevens on 01939 250351 Ext 7432 or 07864961751.
- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily between 10am – 6pm (Last admission 5.00pm)
- FREE admission
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at:
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