

South West Model Expo. April 17/18th.

Though the South West Model Expo is only in its third year this year's Show staked its place amongst the leading Model Shows in this country, if not the top spot. The excellent space offered by the Bath & West Showground at Shepton Mallet, coupled with great organisation and weather provided all that any modeller could ask for, with all the usual trade stands that one would expect at such shows, coupled with Club and display stands covering all aspects. There were boats on the boat pool, radio controlled tanks, outdoor flying displays, with a bus service to take those too tired to walk to the flying area, and radio controlled cars of all shapes and sizes.

The Mendip Club had a large flat area of tarmac on which they were showing off the performance of a range of i.c. powered circuit cars from 1/5th to 1/10th, along with bikes and anything else that Club members and those invited had brought along. Indoors in the Mendip Hall the Chippenham Club had laid a carpeted track for some 1/10th and 1/12th racing along with invited Clubs, and had a Club Stand in the Showering Pavilion alongside the BRCA static display Stand. Outside on the grass the Sweetnap Club could be found demonstration the capabilities of the Large Scale Offroad cars, whilst opposite them No Limit RC UK could be found proving that there really is no limit to what you can do with radio controlled trucks and offroad vehicles by doing various stunts with them over ramps etc and in the process winning the Shows Award for the "Best Moving Display".

Thanks must go to all those from the BRCA who put in the work to get such a good turn out to the Show and to those who took part, whether doing demos or talking to the general public, it was much appreciated.

If you did not attend this year, keep an eye out for the dates of next year's event and put it in your diaries.

Mike Chilvers. (BRCA PRO)