

Submitting an article for RCM News

We welcome input from readers and recognise there is a bit of time and effort in writing an article so in the first instance, please contact us with your idea.

Getting started

Always write about something you have a good working knowledge of, or have been researching and have references on. Conversion, modification and/or detailing modelling articles, including favourite techniques, are always popular features, or camouflage and markings articles. Don't worry if you don't consider your English grammar to be very good - as long as I can read it and it's "good stuff", I can edit it - that's what

We are paid for! Where ever possible our preference is you leave the spaces and indents out. Saves us doing it.

The Write Stuff

The trick is to strike the right balance between words and pictures. Five pages of text with only a couple of photographs is going to be hard work on the reader. The best balance is one 'step-by-step' under-construction photo to approximately 200 to 300 words of text, with two or three shots of the finished model. In total, about 1500-3000 words - including a 'dramatic' heading photo - will fit nicely into the pages of the magazine. 1500 -1800 words would generally cover an event.



Flying shots are great.



Picture perfect

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words - and this can certainly apply to modelling articles. Digital photographs on a CD; not resized preferably as they come out of the camera. Anything from a three megapixel camera will do. We also can accept colour prints.

Step-by-step under-construction photos should ideally be shot against a neutral background. A cluttered, paint-spattered or woodgrain workbench can be distracting and make pictures harder to decipher for readers. A simple piece of A3 card, (light grey or buff/beige), makes an excellent neutral backdrop.

Lighting is all-important. If you can use flash, all the better. With digital cameras if the flash whites the subject out and try again, we can crop quite a lot these days. If not sure take two, one with and without flash.

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