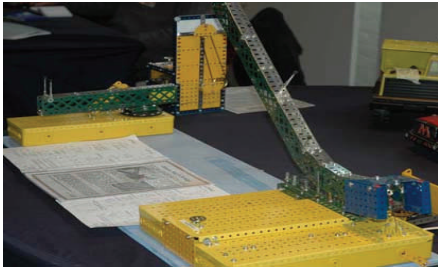


By John Evans



Chris Shute took part in the James May Bridge project. He has now built his own version of the bridge. An amazing programme!



It has become the usual practice for members to build their models at meetings. **Ken Senar** reversed this practice by dismantling his pylon! He wishes to thank those who helped him including, Sid Becket, Paul Hubbard, Keith Way and Chris Shute.



Roger Burton's latest model is von Braun's proposed Mars Tractor. Published in 1953 but never got off the ground!

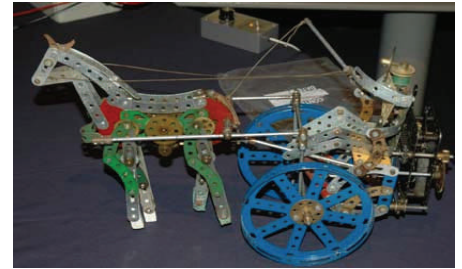
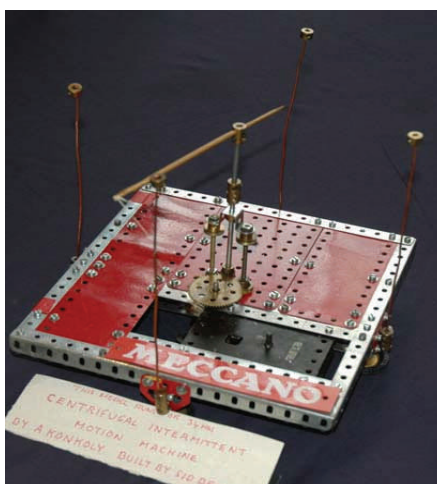
As usual, the **Nightingales** showed a Meccanograph, a Konkoly design modified to produce both spiral & direct line Guilloche patterns. There were also an excavator, ping pong ball lifter, a mini loco and an ice skater.



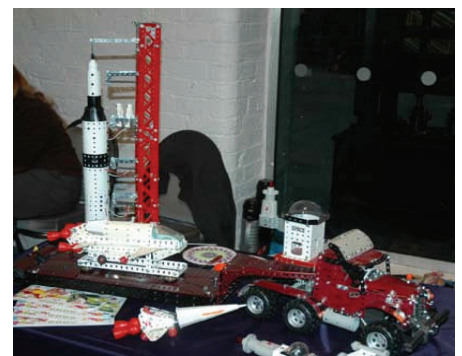
Tony Evanson showed examples of all the models from the 70s YZB sets from 1 through to 10. Nostalgia for many of us!



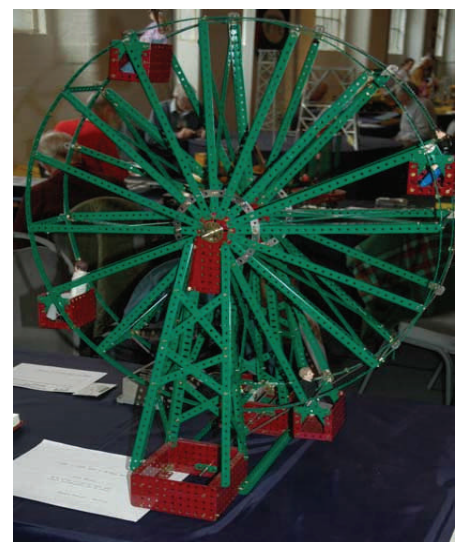
Sid Beckett's offering was Konkoly's Intermittent Motion Mechanism.



Tony Clapperton also built a Konkoly favourite, the horse and Chariot.



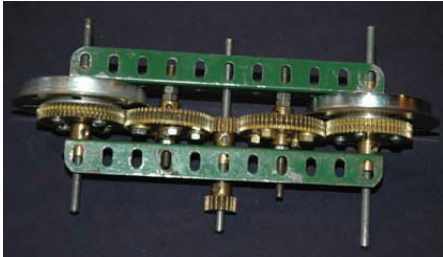
Peter Sleaford showed a 6 wheel Radio Control Truck together with a low-loading trailer. There was also a Space Centre Rocket plus other space-craft.



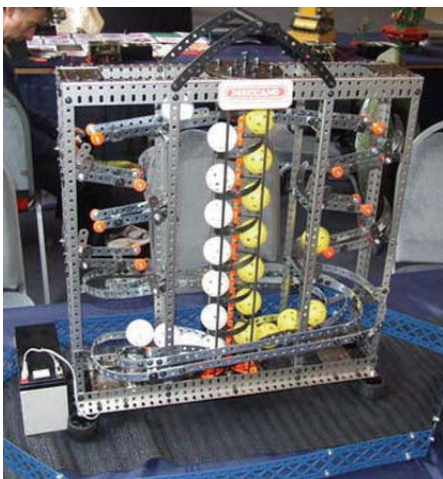
Dennis Remnant built the Big Wheel from the 1928-39 Set 6. Finished in Dark Green and Burgundy with Nickel curved strips. Dennis also showed a racing car in Y/B/Z from the 1990s Set 6. 2 very different set 6 models!



David Lacy at work on his 1959 Midland Red D9 Double Deck bus.



Terry Bullingham is building a Block Setter. Last time we saw the jib. On Saturday he brought part of one of the bogies. Keeping us in suspense Terry?



"Spiralling Upwards" was the theme of **Max and Hilary Morris'** models. Above is the double spiral using the spring from a Hornby loco as the spiral. There were 4 more ball lifters, two of which are hand-operated. **I need more space for these descriptions!**



John Evans went back in time with his model of a horse-drawn Potato Ridger.



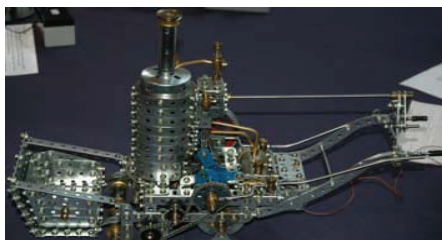
The ever popular South Seeking Chariot was **Dennis Backler's** model. Details are in the January 1957 MM.



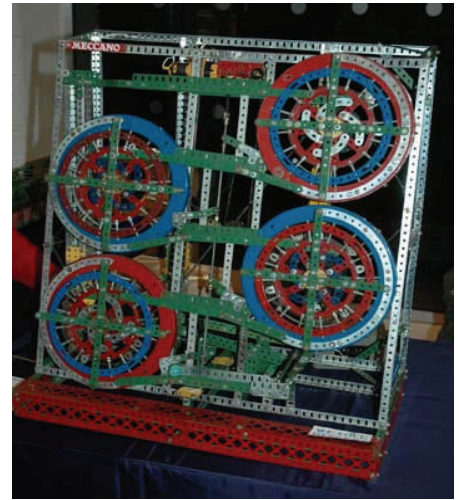
John Casteldine's model was a Scammell S24 Prototype Ballasted Tractor.



John Palmer showed a Volvo Truck Unit in Red & Green. He also had a "Trucker Fleet" 6 X 4 lorry with 6 axle trailer carrying various Design Starter Sets.



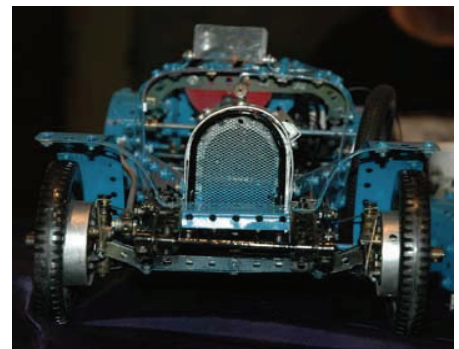
Terry Allen's Steam Powered Lawn Mower. The original weighed in at 1½ tons and moved at 4 miles an hour. Lawn mowing anyone?



An Arcade Ball Game was the subject of **Rob Miller's** model. Seen in CQ and the actual game sits on the Pier in Skegness.



Ralph and Sue Laughton built a foundry crane using parts from the Vintage Sets. They also showed a range of 6 robots and their tin boxes.



A front view of **John Macdonald's** Bugatti Racing Car featuring suspension, steering, gearbox, differential and operating expanding brakes.



Janet Way showed a selection of small models built from recent kits, including cars, aircraft excavators etc. Next to Janet was husband **Keith Way** who is busy building bridges. We have already seen the Set 7 Lifting Beam Bridge. He also showed a 100th scale model of the



Not easy to show in a small picture!



Continuing with the theme of bridges, **Hugh Nicolson** showed the Johnson Street Strauss Bascule Bridge. Now hand operated, motor drive is planned.



Becki Picking showed a Big Ben from the "Landmarks" set. Her First Meccano



The Millennium Falcon ship from "Star Wars" was **Dave Harvey's** model. He also showed a Horizontal Steam Engine and two clocks.



No truck from **Pete Pyefinch** this time. He is working on a prototype multi-axle steering system. Can anyone help with the 132 Action Man tyres



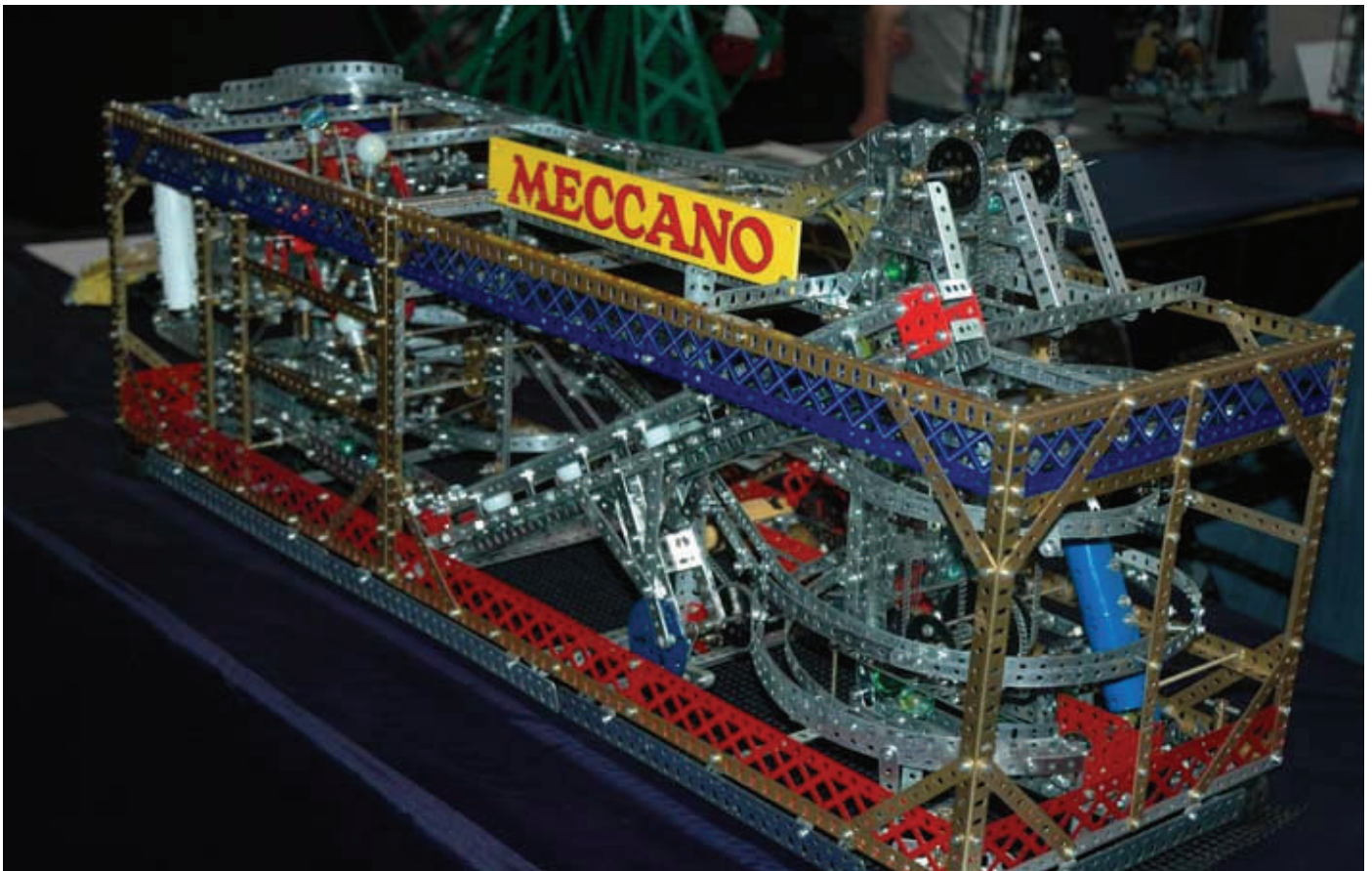
Trevor & Tom Shackleton showed a range of models including Lorry with infra red control, Crazy Inventors Walker. Thunderbirds International Rescue Fire Fly. There was also a Cliff Railway, a work in progress.



John Armstrong showed 6 palm top Orreries designed by Michael Whiting; Sun and Inner Planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus Neptune and Pluto. Also, a micro-Orrery designed by Paul Dale of Australia.



Paul Hubbard showed a Diesel Train of two coaches - its last outing. Based on a prototype that runs between Coventry and Nuneaton.



Colin Bull's Marble Roller was difficult to photograph (See below) It features 2 chain lifts, a Pawl Staircase, Helix Spiral and a Spanner Staircase. Colin also showed various small aircraft.



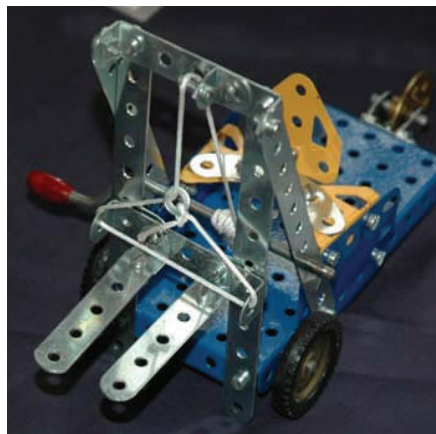
John and Joyce Sleaford had a table-full of aeroplanes. Three Spitfires, three Red Arrows, a Sopwith Camel, a Stealth bomber, two of the new Harrier Jump Jets from M & S, a Helicopter as well as several cars, and a Crazy Inventors Walking steam boat.

This completes the model report for the November meeting. Since there are so many models on show, it is a frustrating job selecting examples for the newsletter. It would also be very nice to be able to show larger pictures! Perhaps sometime in the future?

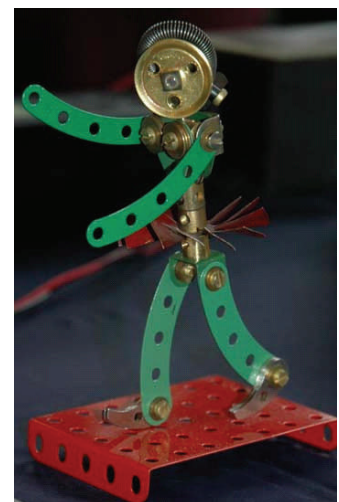
I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Santa added to your Meccano stocks!

John

A Couple of Extras



1970s Set 1 Fork Lift by Tony Evanson



Skater by Les Nightingale