

The FORUM - We've got there at last:

We have been discussing the creation of a forum for a couple of years. The time taken was used in watching, talking to others and working out just what modellers really wanted, how they wanted to interact and what sort of atmosphere they wanted to create.

We wanted a place that had lots of talent but less "acid comment and attitude problems" than in some places we visited. We wanted inspiration without distraction, positive support and robust discussion without lack of respect. Basically... a place for modellers to enjoy, teach, share and learn together.

Of course, there is more to it as well: We also wanted to find a way for us to create an interactive customer support area without seeming to overbalance things with our brand presence.

We think we have it right now... so its time to go live.

The Forum name is: FOCUS FORUM

The Forum by-line is: Share, Inform, Advise and Encourage

The Forum can be found at: https://www.dccconceptsforum.com

It <u>is</u> early days, but we already have some outstanding core members. All good people with a variety of modelling skills and of course, a positive online attitude.

(DCCconcepts content is light right now but lots of "hobby advice" threads and useful help articles will follow soon... subtly and in the appropriate area of course)

If what's been seen and said so far is interesting – please - take a look. If you like what you see, join us.

When you do that, you will receive a welcome email that includes a lot of information about how we will think, manage and act in relation to the forum.

What will the FOCUS FORUM offer members?

- Equal and respectful treatment of all, irrespective of modelling skills or experience.
- An Advertisement and pop-up free environment.
- A cost-free environment.
- Easy image upload to threads and galleries.
- Almost unlimited image space for those that need it... without charge.
- The possibility of self-moderated threads for power users.
- A well moderated general environment with good people sharing modelling & advice.
- A place where talent can be shared, and advice given freely, where robust discussion is no problem... and of course a place that is proactively managed in accord with simple rules!

And... If you DO join us, please pop into the Snug, find the members lounge to say hello, then, take the time to have a look in the "News Stand" area.

There you will find a simple Caption competition (in the "We Challenge You to..." area) that will run for the month of September. Have a little fun with it.

Kind regards
The Fat Conductor.