PANEL LINES BY MICK CASTELL

I am rather flattered that people have said nice things about the appearance of my Hurricane. The model features extensive use of panel lines and I have been asked on several occasions how this was done.

For those that are interested, I used a 'Master' lining pen made by R L Moore Engineering, New Park Works, The Old Forge, Stapleford, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE14 2SF. Phone 01572 787261.

This dispenses paint through a very accurate head to obtain a precise width of line. Different heads are available to obtain varying widths of line. I use the 'Standard Plus' head which produces a line 0.5mm wide. Humbrol enamel was used.

This pen is not cheap (about £50) but is a superbly engineered piece of equipment with the advantage that different paints can be used. (Usual disclaimer).

There is a very informative article on lining by Claus Maikis in the February 1996 Aeromodeller.

That's all for now. Keep 'em flying.



Mick Castell pictured with his Hurricane at a recent Milton Keynes meeting. Unfortunately the panel lines are not clearly visible in this shot (*John Benzing photo*)