

IPMS Orange County

Southern California's Premier Model Club



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From Our President

Greetings all and happy April to you. Now, where's my April showers?

By the time you read this, Long Beach will be gearing up for the annual Grand Prix. If you ever wanted to find inspiration to model racing or automotive subjects, plenty can be found in Long Beach over the weekend.

This month we are going to have another demonstration with more of your favorite presenters. We are going to be discussing the various types of glue available and their many uses and which situations call for which glues. At least I think that's what we are talking about.

This month's theme is a bit of a personal favorite, April Fools. I really enjoy seeing some of the creative stuff our members come up with for this theme. I never seem to get anything done for it though. I guess that's what you get when you're a droll humorless curmudgeon.

Speaking of curmudgeon...

There seems to be a disturbing trend in the modeling industry. It seems that modelers just aren't buying models these days. I know I haven't bought as much over the last few months. If anything I'm selling more than I am buying. To me it seems that the powers that be in the model industry are ignoring these disturbing trends. The prices of plastic models have skyrocketed over the last 5-7 years and only a couple of

the model makers have reacted to that in any way and even then it's not that much. I've spoken with some of the hobby shops around town and they all say the same thing sales have dropped off sharply since the beginning of the year.

I'm not sure what the High-Price model makers are thinking. But have the modelers themselves finally reacted by saying "that's enough, I can't afford this hobby anymore!?" Attention model makers! Stop trying to pass-off 40+ year old models kits as the newest and greatest just because you've packaged it with new decals and box art. The molds are old and paid for why are you trying to get more than top dollar for them. Pass those savings along to your faithful followers and keep the industry alive. It seems that we the modelers aren't buying the re-pops, and if we do it's at the expense of the hobby shop that is losing money on it because they are blowing it out. I really hope the hobby shop doesn't go the way of the Dodo because of corporate greed.

Sorry, didn't mean to be a sourpuss. So build some of those super pricey expensive kits everyone and bring them to the club Friday night!

Keep On Modeling!

April Meeting

Date: Friday April 19th

Doors Open 7:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Location: La Quinta Inn
3 Centerpointe Dr.
La Palma, CA 90623

Theme: April Fools



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Membership is of importance, both here at the level of the local chapter as well as at the National level.

Our club is one of 230 plus local chapters of our parent organization, IPMS USA. As a long time member of the National, I can highly recommend the expenditure of the additional dollars to become a member of the National. With membership comes, among other things, six copies of the IPMS Journal and the right to participate at the IPMS Nationals. The subscription to the Journal alone is worth the modest cost of joining. A

copy of the membership application is below or available on our web site or at www.ipmsusa.org. Complete it and return it to the address on the form.

International Plastic Modelers' Society Membership Application

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
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 Junior (17 years old and younger) \$12; Birth date: _____
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Name: _____ IPMS# _____
Mail completed application and check payable to IPMS/USA to:
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Model Display Update

By Nat Richards

IPMS Orange County has been invited to loan some models to Fullerton College and they will be included in a display at a special exhibit at the Fullerton Museum celebrating the college's centenary. They want the models to illustrate the roles and actions of Fullerton College Alumni.

The models will be protected by lexan cases and secured for safety. They want models covering the time period from 1913 to 2013. The models must be American military subjects. Though they can be in any scale, space is limited and we would suggest limiting the models to 1/48 and 1/72 aircraft, 1/35 military vehicles, ships in 1/350 or 1/700 scale and figures 54mm and larger.

We would like to offer the College five or six models for

each of the following eras:

- World War I
- Between the Wars
- World War II
- Korean War
- Cold War
- Vietnam War
- Modern Subjects and Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan

Time is short, as the models need to be installed in the exhibit on April 24th and will be on display through the 27th of July. Models loaned for display may not be removed until the conclusion of the exhibit.

If you have models you would be willing to loan to the project, please speak to Nat Richards who will be coordinating the exhibit. We will photograph the models/figures and send the images to the College and they

will select the ones they wish to use. So there is no guarantee that all models offered will actually be used.

We're still seeking armor from the WW II, Korean and Modern eras. We'd also like to see if anyone has figures or vignettes depicting soldiers of any of those eras.

This is a fantastic opportunity for IPMS OC and the individual modelers to receive some recognition for the high quality work we do. Models exhibited will have a descriptive card that includes the modeler's name and a description of their work.

We would hope that quite a number of you will come forward and be a part of this exciting display opportunity.

From Our Treasurer

Meeting Statistics for the meeting in March 2013

Admission Members	30	Distressed Kits	\$ -
Non-Members	2	Raffle Income	\$ 154.00
Juniors	0		
Paid in Full	7	Total Income	\$ 322.00
Guests	0	Total Expenses	\$ (270.57)
Total Attendance	39	Profit/(loss)	\$ 51.43
Memberships/Renewals:		\$ in Checking	\$ 2,344.87
Regular	1	\$ in Savings	\$ 4,309.48
Youth	0	Total in Bank	\$ 6,654.35
Full Year	0		

Contest Table

By Darnell Pocinich

OK IPMS OC members, April is here. The month noted for April showers and tax deadlines. This month's model contest theme is "April Fools".

This month we salute our members' wilder side. Anything silly or amusing. The more offbeat the better. So let your creative juices flow and flood the contest tables with your entries. There are no scale restrictions. All models small or large are welcome. Good luck to all!

Next month we salute Igor Sikorsky, rotary wing technology pioneer. Construct a helicopter or autogyro in any scale for May's meeting.

April Program: Glues & Seams

By Sean Fallesen

It looks like we hit on a good subject last month with our program on metal finishes. Big thanks to our presenters, and big thanks to all those attending for giving such rapt attention! I know I certainly found the material fascinating, and came away encouraged to try more metal-finished subjects.

We're going to follow this up with another night of technique demonstrations that should have some good cross-appeal. In lieu of our traditional round-robin format, we will once again have a sequential series of topics presented at the same table.

We'll start off with glues. I will prepare and present a series of samples to demonstrate the properties and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of several types of adhesives commonly – and sometimes not so commonly – used by modelers. I know most of us already

use glue, but perhaps some new applications and options can be learned!

Now that you've got the parts stuck together, how do you clean up the residue or fill in the gaps, or even flush out those edges that don't quite match? Jeff Hunter will demonstrate the basics of seam filling, taking us beyond merely "slapping it together."

So now your seams are filled, but what about that detail that got wiped out in the process? Brian Casteel takes us further, into the realm of finish work. A seam may be filled, but you might still be able to tell where it was – Brian will share his techniques on making it look like it was never there.

This should be a good one. I hope to see you all there!

March Contest Entries

THEME: THE COLD WAR

Aircraft = 5 Armor = 0 Autos = 5 Ships = 4 Others = 1 Theme = 3

NAME	ENTRY #	SCALE	MODEL
Owen Ryan	434	1/72	AV-8A
Joe Lo Musio	444	1/32	Roland D.VIa
Bob Bolton	401	1/24	1950 Mercury Wagon
	402	1/24	Moon Eyes Dragster
	407	1/24	Radio Flyer Altered
	403	1/20	Midget Racer
	406	1/24	Meyers Manx
Dennis Henry	428	1/72	P-51B
Keith Mundt	405	1/32	ME-262 A-1A
Sean Fallesen	443	1/350	USS Swanson DD-443
	447	1/144	B-47 Stratojet
Craig Elliott	337	1/400	Soviet Typhoon Class Missile Sub
Mark Glidden	405	1/350	IGN Yamato
Foster Rash	414	1/72	Granma Yacht
Alexendra Avalos	123		Wooden Horse

March Contest Results

THEME: THE COLD WAR

NAME	ENTRY #	SCALE	MODEL
Junior Division Horse	123		Wooden
Novice Division	No entries		
Advanced Division	337		Soviet Missile Sub
Master Division	First Second Third	Mark Glidden Joe Lo Musio Keith Mundt	IGN-Yamato Roland D.VIA ME-262 A-1A
Theme Winner		Craig Elliott	Soviet Typhoon Class Missile Sub
Judges Award		Mark Glidden	IGN-Yamato

MODELERS OF THE YEAR 2013 POINTS

1. Leigh Eaton	14
2. Mark Glidden	10
3. Mike Budzeika	9
4. Chris Kavanaugh	7
5. Keith Mundt	6

MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2013 POINTS

1. Foster Rash	7
2. Nat Richards	6
3. Sean Fallesen	6
4. Mike Budzeika	4
5. Brian Casteel	3

For Sale or Trade

Wanted: Propeller spinner (3-bladed prop) for 1/72 Allison-engined Mustang. Distressed kit for group build was missing spinner, and adaptable replacement would ease task of scratching a replacement. Contact Ken Pick at meeting or at: cathuria@earthlink.net

For Sale or Trade: Leftover 1/72 Eagle Strike decals for 2 P-51Ds of 352nd FG (Blue-nosed Bastards), aircraft HO-M ("Petite 3rd", 487th FS) and PZ-H ("Hell-er Bust", 486th FS).

The Granma

By Foster Rash

In November 1956, 82 men boarded a small yacht and set sail for Cuba with the intention to overthrow the government of the dictator General Fulgencio Batista. The leader of the group was a 30 year old attorney named Fidel Castro. The yacht Granma, designed for only 12 passengers, was loaded with arms and an additional 2,000 gallons of fuel on deck for the voyage from Tuxpan, on the Mexican coast, to southeastern Cuba. It was a miserable 1,200 mile voyage. Many of the men were seasick and one man fell overboard in the night. The engines were in poor condition and gave constant trouble. The seas were rough and the heavily loaded vessel began taking on water. For a while it looked as if the boat might sink.



Granma at sea

Castro had estimated the trip would take five days, and communicated to his allies in Cuba that he would arrive on the night of November 30th. The rebels in Cuba were to create diversionary attacks on the 30th to cover his arrival. The government learned of the plot and the Cuban Air Force was watching for the Granma.

Castro's insurgents entered Cuban waters in broad daylight on December 2 and were spotted by aircraft.



Disembarking in Cuba

They were forced to beach in a swampy area several miles short of their intended landing. Most of their arms and equipment had to be abandoned as the men made a hasty exit through the swamp with only what they could carry. Their intention was to make their way into the rugged Sierra Maestra Mountains where they could regroup and contact sympathizers. With the army hot on their trail, most were killed or captured. Fewer than 20 reached the safety of the Sierra Maestra. The handful of rebels who survived the Granma voyage and reached the mountains included Fidel and his brother Raul, Camilo Cienfuegos and Ernesto "Che" Guevara. They became Castro's trusted inner circle.

Over the next year they recruited more rebels and fought a guerilla war against the Batista regime. By 1958 Batista's control of the countryside was crumbling. Some of his supporters joined the revolutionaries. The United States government withdrew its support, hoping to reach an agreement with Castro as they had with previous Cuban regimes. In December 1958, Batista fled the country and left Havana to Castro.



Above: Young Fidel Castro
Below: Fidel and guerilla fighters in Cuba



Fidel Castro was the son of a prosperous sugar cane farmer and enjoyed a privileged lifestyle. He became politically active as a student at the University of Havana in the late

The Granma...continued

1940's. He was an outspoken critic of government corruption and the domination of Cuba by U.S. business interests, such as the United Fruit Co. After he received his law degree in 1950, he opened a practice in Havana and became a member of a moderate reform party. He planned to run for a seat in the House of Representatives in the 1952 elections. But a coup by General Fulgencio Batista cancelled the elections.

When legal means to remove Batista and restore ousted president Carlos Prío failed, Castro attempted to start a revolution. With a group of 160 men, he raided the Moncada military barracks on July 26, 1953. Their purpose was to seize arms but the attempt was a total failure. Most of the attackers were killed. Castro and his brother Raul were arrested and sentenced to fifteen years in prison but were released in 1955 as part of a general amnesty. The brothers fled to Mexico where they found many Cuban exiles who wanted to see the end of the Batista regime. They organized the "26th of July Movement" named after the date of the Moncada attack.

The group had some money provided by ousted president Prío but they lacked the means to get their force back to Cuba. At first Castro tried to find a used military

aircraft or vessel. Finally he purchased the yacht Granma for \$18,000. The Granma, named for the grandmother of its American owner was run down and in need of repair. It barely made the crossing from Mexico to Cuba. The restored Granma is now the symbol of the revolution and is on display at the Museum of the Revolution in Havana. The official newspaper of the Cuban Communist Party is Granma, named for the historic vessel.



Above: Granma Poster –
Heroes of Socialism
Below: Granma Newspaper



Cuba became the focal point of cold war tensions in the western hemisphere. Once in power, Castro confirmed that he was a Marxist and confiscated the property of foreign investors, mostly American. Other "Banana

Republics" seemed ripe, pardon the pun, for revolution. Che Guevara, an Argentinean, was intent on spreading communist revolution throughout Latin America. He was captured and executed in Bolivia (1968).



Above: : Castro with Soviet
Premier Khrushchev

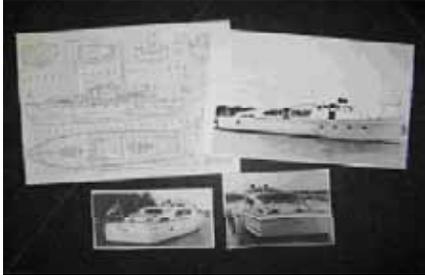
Below: Cuban Missile Crisis:
US Navy intercepting Soviet
Vessel



The U.S. policy was to contain communism on the island. The U.S. imposed an embargo and Castro turned to Soviet Union for aid. The U.S. then backed the anti-communist Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. That led to the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962) which was about as close as the world has come to nuclear war.

The Granma...continued

Granma, the symbol of Castro's revolution, seemed a fitting subject for the Cold War theme contest in March.



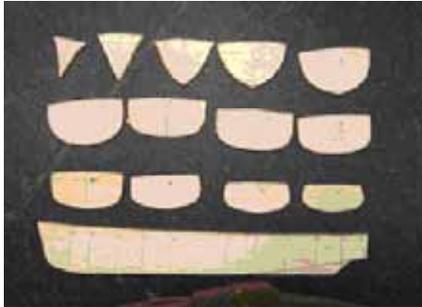
Above: Photos and plans

Constructing the Model

By most accounts, the vessel is a 60' twin diesel yacht. One pretty good side view was found. In 1/72 scale 60' is 10" which was about the size I wanted for the model. So I enlarged the photo with a copier to 10". Another internet search found plans for a model boat with a hull similar to Granma. I downloaded and enlarged those plans to 10" length. I altered the deck line to comport with a superimposed photo of Granma.

The hull was constructed as a framework consisting of a keel and bulkheads which were covered with 1/16" balsa sheet deck, sides and bottom. I chose to use balsa for this because it is easy to carve and shape. I had made several copies of the plans so I could cut out the patterns for the parts and glue them (glue-stick) directly onto the balsa sheet. I find this method to be faster and less tedious than tracing

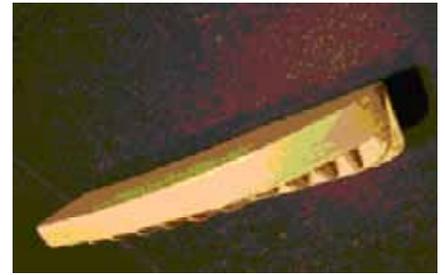
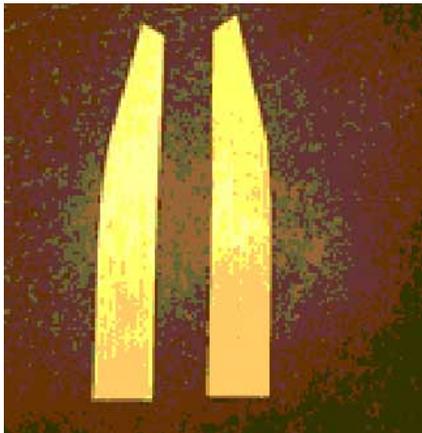
patterns. After the parts are cut out, the paper can be peeled off.



Below: Keel and bulkhead assembly



Above: Deck and sides
Below: Bottom panels



Above: Deck and sides assembled

When I completed assembling the hull and compared it to my photos, the bow didn't look right. This sometimes happens with scratch building. So I glued on a couple more pieces of balsa and recarved the angle of the bow. After rough sanding, the hull now looked to be correct. But when I double checked my dimensions, I found it was now 1/16" too short. That was easily fixed by adding a piece of 1/16" balsa sheet to extend the stern. The hull was completely covered with a thin coat of Bondo auto body filler, resanded and primered. The remaining blemishes were filled with Squadron putty, sanded and primered again. I was now satisfied with the hull form. Completed hull, filled and rough sanded

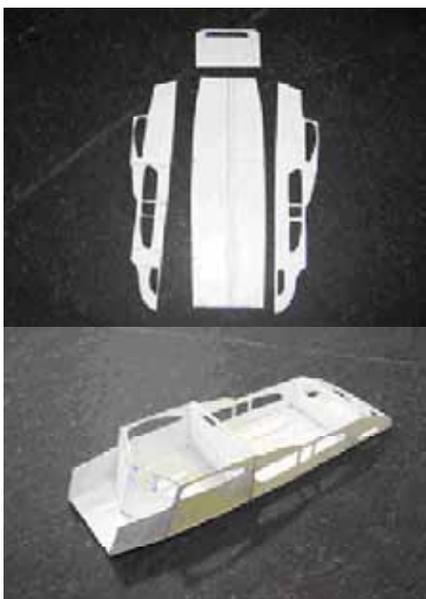


The Granma...continued

I vac-formed .020" styrene sheet over the wooden form to make the finished hull for the model. A trial fit of the sub-assemblies indicated the model was not quite up to Tamiya standards. A bit of trimming, reinforcing, sanding and filler were required to join everything together properly. In other words, it was a typical vac-form project!



Above: Vac-formed parts
Below: Patterns for the cabin were cut from the photos cut from styrene sheet



Above: Cabin sub-assembly)
Trial fit of sub-assemblies



Various small details were made from wire and styrene. Propellers and rudders were filed from sheet metal and soldered to brass rod shafts. Lights were cut from styrene tube with a dab of clear 2-part epoxy glue for lenses. The horn is from a 1/25th scale Model A Ford. Railings are brass rod posts with brass wire lines. The curved mast was cut from sheet styrene with a brass rod cross bar. Flags were cut from sheet metal, and then soldered to brass rod staffs. The metal flag portions were twisted and curled to appear like they were flapping in the breeze. Photos of the actual flags were found on the internet, resized to scale

and printed on paper. The paper flags were glued to the metal backers. For a base, I cut a map of Cuba from plywood and added a pair of forked pylons to support the boat. Very clever, I thought. My wife commented, "Oh, it looks like two whales diving into an oil slick." I get no respect!

Rushing to complete all the final details the night before the IPMS meeting, I gave everything a spray of dull coat. The next morning I checked out my work. Yikes, it was as shiny as a show car! In my haste I had covered it with gloss coat. When I put my model on the contest table, Bob Bolton commented, "That sure is a shiny paint job." "Yes it is Bob," I replied, "the model represents the restored version of the vessel!"



Las Vegas Contest

The IPMS Las Vegas Chapter is once again sponsoring its 18th annual Best of the West model contest and show on May 4, 2013. Please share the following info about the show with your chapter membership. Any excuse for a weekend in Las Vegas is always good, especially when you can attend a model show at the same time!

The show will again be at the Railroad Pass Casino and Hotel, 2800 S. Boulder Highway, in Henderson, NV. The folks at Railroad Pass were very supportive and anxious to have us back. This is a smaller, local hotel/casino and is located midway between Henderson and Boulder City on US Highway 93/95. It has hotel rooms, buffet, casino, steak house, and sports book. Phone 702-294-5000 for room reservations (be sure to mention the group code for the show - MOD0504). Note: There are no close by attractions within walking distance, however there is shopping and restaurants, plus Boulder Dam, within a short drive.

The meeting room is compact, but exhibit space in the Las Vegas area is expensive and dates are difficult to lock up in advance. It has been adequate for our purposes. There will be vendors.

The category list, registration forms, and contest rules are on our web site www.ipmslv.org.

Categories are similar to last year, and we hope to add some more special awards. The category list and show flyer are attached.

The special awards will include Best of Show and Best Theme, which this year is "Movie Night", any subject that has actually been in a movie. We will also have our first Anime special award. There will be first, second, and third place awards for all categories, except for those exceptions as described on the category sheet. We believe the award plaques will be well received.

As usual, we would appreciate any help from attendees with judging. If anyone is able to assist us, please contact the show chairman, Joe Porche' at 702-296-9976 or jwporco@embarqmail.com.

Driving Instructions

From Utah and Colorado – Take I15 south to I515/I95, then south toward Phoenix about 11 miles to Railroad Pass on the left.

From Arizona and New Mexico - Cross Hoover Dam or the new bypass bridge to Boulder City on US 93. Go west approximately four miles towards Las Vegas to Railroad Pass on the right.

From California – Take I15 to first Las Vegas exit, which is St. Rose Parkway. Follow it until it merges on to I215 east to US93/I95 south towards Boulder City. Railroad Pass is about 5 miles on the left.

2013 San Diego Model Expo Regional Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by

**IPMS San Diego &
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The San Diego Air & Space Museum



SATURDAY, June 1, 2013

**San Diego Air & Space Museum Annex
Gillespie Field, 335 Kenney Street, El Cajon, CA 92020**



Scan to go to the
IPMS San Diego Website.

• **Model Registration 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon** • **Swap Meet 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
• **Raffle Drawing 1:00 p.m.** • **Awards Presentation 3:00 p.m.**

• **Admission:** \$3.00 • **Contest:** Adults: \$10.00* (\$7.50 with valid IPMS/USA card), 17 and under: \$5.00* (\$3.00 with valid IPMS/USA card)
*Contest registration includes 3 model entries. Additional models \$1.00 ea. Does not include admission fee.
The contest will be judged based on IPMS national rules, including the no sweeps rule, and no previous SD Model Expo, IPMS National, or Region 8 winners.

This Year's Contest Theme:

IN THE MOVIES



Contest Categories

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|---|--|--|
| 1-Juniors, 17 & under: all scale/categories (non-automotive) | 13-Military Vehicles: 1/47 & larger, softskin | 25-Automobiles: Juniors |
| 2-Aircraft: 1/72 & smaller-prop | 14-Dioramas: small composition | 26-Automobiles: Production/Replica |
| 3-Aircraft: 1/72 & smaller-jet | 15-Dioramas: large composition | 27-Automobiles: Street Rod/Hot Rod and Street Machines |
| 4-Aircraft: 1/73 to 1/33 prop | 16-Ships: 1/451 & smaller | 28-Automobiles: Custom |
| 5-Aircraft: 1/73 to 1/33 jet | 17-Ships: 1/450 & larger | 29-Automobiles: Competition - Non- Drag Racing |
| 6-Aircraft: 1/32 & larger prop | 18-Ships, Sailing | 30-Automobiles: Dragsters |
| 7-Aircraft: 1/32 & larger jet | 19-Figures: 54 MM & smaller | 31-Automobiles: Large |
| 8-Helicopters: all scales & types | 20-Figures: 54 MM & larger | 32-Automobiles: Low Riders |
| 9-Military Vehicles, Armor: 1/72 & smaller, all types | 21-Figures: Sci-Fi & Fantasy | 33-Automobiles: Motorcycles |
| 10-Military Vehicles, Armor: 1/48, all types | 22-Space Vehicles, Sci-Fi & Real: all scales/types | 34-Automobiles: Out of the box |
| 11-Military Vehicles, Armor: 1/47 & larger, full tracked | 23-Miscellaneous: all scales/types | |
| 12-Military Vehicles, Armor: 1/47 & larger, wheel, semi-tracked | 24-Out of the box: all scales & types | |

Special Awards

- Best Aircraft • Best Military Vehicle • Best Diorama • Best Ship • Best Figure • Best Automotive Subject
- Judges Grand Prize - Best of Show • Best Theme: In the Movies • Best Hypothetical Model: Craig Burke Memorial Award

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Category Sponsorship Application

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
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Make check or money order payable to: IPMS San Diego, c/o Gary Williams, 4741 Robbins Street, San Diego, CA 92122

CATEGORY NUMBER(S) _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

For category sponsorship, indicate the category number(s) you wish to sponsor and multiply by \$25.00

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or contact Manny Gutsche MGutsche@rfindustries.com (858)518-1577, or Gary Williams (858) 453-8777

See Reverse for Swap Meet Information & Table Application

Updated February 15, 2013

Kickoff Classic

By Mike Budzeika

Friday March 22nd David Frederick, Sean Fallesen, and I made the trip to the Kickoff Classic for the contest on Saturday the 23rd. This contest is put on by the Silicon Valley IPMS chapter at the Santa Clara Convention Center, This is the second overnight trip this year to a model contest, and it's not as far as Petaluma which was the first trip this year.

Dave arrived at my house around 7:00 AM; we loaded up my car and headed out to pickup Sean which is on the way. We got on the road and for the first hour or so our discussion is about who has what to enter at the contest, latest club news, what to be expected at the contest, and general conversation. I then asked Sean some questions about ships, if anyone needs any information about ships or navies he is a wealth of knowledge and I highly suggest talking to him. Of course during this time Dave is silent and even getting some Z's as it's not about Sci-Fi. The conversation with Sean and his information, before you know it, bang, we are at Harris Ranch to eat and gas up.

We had a nice meal and headed out on the last half of the trip, for this leg Dave is driving because he and Sean want to stop at a hobby shop in Gilroy, Gilroy Hobby's.

We arrived at Gilroy Hobby's around 2:00 PM, went inside and this place was an old skating rink so it's large. Inside there are more than models, there are collectables such as trading cards, RC stuff, and comic books. The vast majority of models seem to be older kits and from what I heard is he buys collections so maybe that's why there are older kits. Both Dave and Sean did purchase kits, Dave got a Yoda in 1/6 scale and it's vinyl, Sean got a Tamiya 1/350 USS Fletcher, both got good deals. After we were there for about an hour we headed to our hotel which is the Hilton and it's across the street from the contest.

We arrived at the Hilton around 4:30 PM checked in and went up to the room to discuss dinner and maybe a movie. We decided on the Outback which is at a mall about 4 miles away. We went to eat around 5:30 PM got seated right away which is always a good thing. One of the best parts of a trip other than the contest is meal time, it's relaxing, good discussion, and we can take our time it's very enjoyable. As we went into the Outback we spied a movie theater across the courtyard from the restaurant and we decided to walk over to see what was playing after we finished eating. We checked out the movies playing and

the closest movie time to when we arrived, luckily there was a start time 5 minutes after our arrival. As the movie start time was 5 minutes from when we arrived we decided to see that movie which was Jack the giant killer in 3D. For those of you who remember movie critic Gary Franklin and his rating scale of 1 – 10, 10 being best I gave this movie a 7.5. After the movie we got back to the room to wind down for the evening, luckily Dave the TV Czar had no Nitika on to destroy the mellow evening so the TV was not turned on. Sean started working on a Gundam in the room and was making good progress before lights went out.

On the day of the contest we got up, got ready and went to the IHOP for breakfast. We finished breakfast around 9:00 AM and headed to the Santa Clara Convention Center to enter the contest and setup our models. I try to park in the parking structure as it provides easy access to enter and leave the venue. We paid our entry fee and setup our models, then did a quick once over at the vendors. The amount of vendors seemed to be about the same as the last couple of years, and it seemed to range from people who emptied their garage to Barracuda Studios (Roy Sutherland) and Pacific Coast Models. Interesting at Pacific Coast Models they had

Kickoff Classic...continued

the fuselage and a wing of the forthcoming B-17 in 1/32 scale from HK Models and it looks fantastic, also it seemed to be setup for different versions.

At the start of the show the raffle looked very sparse, but within the first hour the raffle was populated. Dave loves to get involved with the raffle, and he makes a good point that he is helping support the local chapter putting on the show, I believe he put in \$20.00. They had two raffles, the first at 11:00 AM and the second at 2:00 PM with the high-end items following right after the second raffle. The regular raffles were nothing to write home about, but the high end items were nice and included a Tamiya 1/32 scale Mustang, 1/32 scale Heinkel He-111, and a couple Iwata airbrushes along with a couple other items. Sean purchased ticket following the first raffle so he was ready for the second raffle and high end items. Dave ended up winning seven items, none high end and Sean got bupkis, although he was teased as his set of number seemed to get bracketed with called numbers just before or after. To me the raffle was not very impressive so I spent my money with the vendors.

Heading back to the vendors making a more detailed search which I decided to purchase a couple aftermarket resin sets

for 1/32 scale Me 262 wheels and they look great. Since Sean got me pumped up to do a ship I found a good deal on the 1/350 scale Tamiya Bismarck and Fletcher for \$115.00. As the Fletcher came with PE and a conversion set to make it a late war fit I thought that was a good deal. Sean made a few vendor purchases one of them being another Fletcher which he got a good deal on, he also purchased a Kitty Hawk F-94C and an AMT P-70 night fighter in 1:48, and an Academy early P-51 in 1:72. Dave did not make any purchases.

When we come up here Dave usually meets his sister for lunch so he bails on us. Sean was to meet a friend which meant I was on my own for lunch. I decided to hang out at the contest because I did not want to move the car and was not hungry at that time. Checking out the contest during the afternoon after they had closed for entries I came up with a count of over 325 models, a little less than last year. We saw Steve Monroe and his wife as well as Jim and Lindy Woody, Jim is looking well. Dave made it back for the 2:00 PM raffle and apparently Sean's friend did not show up at the show and Sean was getting hungry and I was a bit hungry also. Of course Dave was well feed and he did not care.

It was time for the awards presentation with Chris Bucholtz as the MC. He has been in the position for some time and does an excellent job. The presentation went very smoothly, they had a lot of special awards, some did not have winners. For some people they build for a show theme, I have not done that, but maybe I should give it a try. One thing that the three of us found odd was a split they had in a category with only four models and I believe that was the only split which was Biplanes/Fabric and Rigging all scales. They split it into 1/32 scale two entries, and 1/48 scale two entries which resulted in all four models in the category getting some award. It seemed to us some sort of impropriety was involved, maybe the judges knew the contestants in the category or some other reason. I think at least there should have been an explanation to the people in attendance at the presentation by the Contest Director/Head Judge why that category was split other than scale difference when there were other categories which seemed more valid to split because of volume. As far as awards, Steve Monroe won a 1st for his 1/35 T-55 and a 3rd for his 1/72 Tony, Dave won a 2nd for his Giant Insect (it would have been a 1st if he would put hairs on it), Sean won a 1st for his 1/350 USS Swanson, I won a 2nd for my 1/35 Panzer

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IIIN and a 3rd for my 1/48 N1K1 George.

After the awards were handed out, we packed up said our goodbyes and headed out which was about 5:00 PM. At this time Sean was really hungry, I was hungry and even Dave was ready to eat. We decided to stop in Gilroy as we got off the 101 Fwy, we found a Mimi's Café which is not in my top 10 but what the heck, and we could sit down have a nice meal and relax a bit. I usually have had breakfast at Mimi's with the wife so not really up to speed on the dinner menu, but they had burgers, sweet! It's not all bad. The burger turned out good. We finished our meal and headed out. Driving back after the meal we

had our discussion about the event, I picked Sean's brain for more ship stuff since I got a couple more added to my stash and am ready to start, or should I say complete a ship model, before you knew it we were at Sean's house. We dropped Sean off, headed to my house where we arrived around midnight. Dave loaded up his car and headed home.

In our opinion this show had been in a decline, but reached a leveling off the last couple of years. This year the vendors seemed to have more of a variety, the models entries were down from last year, and to me the raffle is subpar. The contest itself has some entries that I don't see very often, it seems like they have a good

selection of builders at this show and just like other shows you never know what's going to show up. With the variation of vendors there may be some gems or good buys to be had if you search. The awards were 5"x7" flat clear plastic with a unique category picture, an improvement over some they have had the last few years.

Overall I enjoy this show and its fine for a one night stay over, plus it's good to see some people from the area and to get out and represent IPMS OC.



IPMS Orange County

Southern California's Premier Model Club

The Orange County Chapter of the International Plastic Modeler's Society meets every month on the third Friday. Doors open at 7:00pm while the meeting begins at 7:30pm and typically ends about 10:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meetings are open to both members and non-members.

Our monthly meetings are held at:

La Quinta Inn and Suites,
8 Centerpointe Ave., La Palma CA
(Orangethorpe and Valley View)

Exit at Valley View from either the 91 or 5 Freeways

Our Monthly Meetings Feature:

- Programs of significance to Modelers of all skill levels and interests.
- Hands-on seminars and "How to Programs".
- Contest with Junior, Novice, Advanced and Master Categories
- Display Only Themes
- Show & Tell - New Kits and "Projects-In-the-Works" Bi-annual Distressed Kit Auctions
- Announcements of Coming Events in SoCal
- Model Builder Mentor Program
- Special Events
- Vendor Tables are Available at No Additional Cost
- Friendly, helpful people
- Family friendly environment
- Visitors are very welcome

2013 Schedule and Themes:

March 15th — THE COLD WAR

Subject from the cold war era. How about a scratch-built A-Bomb, SAC bomber on pad alert, or any Soviet bomber. The field is open. Vehicles, armor and ships fit.

April 19th — APRIL FOOLS

Time to get wild and crazy again. Anything msilly or amusing. The more offbeat the better! Serious entries need not apply.

May 17th — IGOR RULES

Tribute to Igor Sikorsky, rotary wing technology pioneer. Build a helicopter or autogyro in any scale. Try it – you may like it.

June 21st — KOREA (1950 – 1953)

A forgotten war. Any United Nations forces or communist subject included in this conflict. Any scale qualifies.

July 19th — I LOVE AMERICA

American-produced kit. Remember those sweet Revell and program kits of yesteryear. Hawk, Aurora, AMT and Lindberg also come to mind. Any subject, any scale.

August 16th — MY DREAM MACHINE

Your wishes could come true. Build a subject you would want in your garage. Remember this is a fantasy trip and your garage could be real big.

September 20th — OUT OF THE BOX

Schools are back in session. Time to get back to the basics. Build it out of the box like you used to when you were a little younger and after-market do-dads had yet to come. Any subject, any scale.

October 18th — OKTOBERFEST

Let's have a "Modelfest"! Break out the beer, pretzels, wurst and maybe even some sauerkraut. Any German subject. Military or civilian works here.

November 15th — SEMPER FI

Celebrate the 239th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Any USMC subject in any scale qualifies.

December 20th — SOS

The distressed kit auction build. Complete any kit purchased from the December 2012 or June 2013 club kit auction.

January 17th 2014 — DESERT STORM I

Remember Desert Storm I – 1991. Any subject operated by the coalition or IRAQI forces. All scales included. "May the sand be with you."

For more information please visit our website: www.ipmsoc.org

Admission		Annual Membership		Contact Information	
Members:	\$ 5.00	Adults:	\$ 22.00	Phone:	(949) 631-7142
Non-Members:	\$ 7.00	Young Adults:	\$ 10.00	Mail:	IPMS Orange County
		Memberships are for a calendar year starting in January and prorated quarterly after that.			P. O. Box 913
					Garden Grove, CA 92842

IPMS/OC On FaceBook

By Nat Richards

We want to bring the attention of the readers of this newsletter that there is another great way to be in contact with the chapter and your fellow modelers. IPMS Orange County has it's own Facebook (www.facebook.com) page.

The IPMS/OC Facebook page is now up to 330 Fans, from all over the country as well as a number of foreign countries

We are posting news and announcements, content from past newsletters, photos of the monthly meetings and contests as well as listing different model related events here in Southern California.

Facebook is a social media site that allows individuals and organizations (such as IPMS OC) to communicate, on an open forum, with friends and fans.

In practical terms, this is a means of giving updates to the membership and others of news and events of interest to our club. It will also allow you to communicate with other modelers. This includes showing your models, asking

questions, and giving answers and other things. The only thing off limits is advertising things for sale or to market model building services.

If you have your own Facebook page, do a search on "International Plastic Modelers Society", one of the items that will come up is IPMS OC's page.

If you click the button labeled, "Like" you will automatically receive the updates as they are posted. You will also be able to post questions, make comments, and follow the discussions of others.

One thing to keep in mind about Facebook, and all other social media sites, is that everything you say, or post, on that site is visible to the public. So don't say anything you don't want others to see or know.

The IPMS OC Facebook page is not a replacement for either this newsletter or for our web site (www.ipmsoc.org) but is simply another, easy and quick, means of communicating amongst ourselves.

2013 Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your member to IPMS Orange County. To make this easier we have a copy of the membership application on the following page. You may either complete a paper copy and either mail it or you can bring it to the next meeting. We will also have applications at the meeting.

If you have already done so, and some of you have, thank you. If you have yet to do it, please do so as soon as possible.

We have been able to remain at the same cost of membership again this year. This is largely due to the efforts of our Treasurer to keep the

monthly expense for our meeting place the same as before.

By renewing in a timely manner, you will continue to receive our award-winning newsletter each month. Having gone all-electronic, we are no longer limited to the 8 pages we had when the newsletter was printed on paper. In the past year, the newsletter averaged more the 17 pages per month.

This is your club...continue to play an active role!

IPMS Orange County Membership Application / Update

Circle One: New Application Renewal Status Change

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street address Apt. /Suite

City State ZIP Age

Home phone Cell phone

Email address (required to receive Newsletter)

What do you model? (circle all that apply)

Aircraft Armor Autos Dioramas Figures Ships Sci-Fi

What classification do you model? (circle one)

Junior Novice Advanced Master

IPMS/USA Membership Number _____ Expiration _____

Dues Paid: Entered on membership roster: Badge Done:

Membership Agreement

By signing this paper, the undersigned agrees to abide by the rules and provisions set out in the Orange County Chapter constitution and By-Laws hereon and elsewhere written, and by the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Plastic Modelers' Society elsewhere written.

Signature _____ Date _____

Membership Rates:

(January to December is our year)	Adult (18 and over)	Young Adult (12-17)	Paid in Full	Print and send with remittance to:
Jan-Mar	\$22.00	\$10.00	\$72.00	IPMS Orange County
Apr-Jun	\$17.00	\$8.00	\$55.00	P.O. Box 913
Jul - Sep	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$35.00	Garden Grove CA 92842
Oct-Dec	\$ 7.00	\$4.00	\$22.00	

Event Calendar

Sat, May 4th

Best of the West 17

IPMS Las Vegas

Railroad Pass Hotel
2800 S. Boulder Hwy
Henderson, NV

Contact:
Johnny Galza
702-658-6029

www.ipmslv.org

Sat, Jun 1st

**IPMS Region 8
Regional Contest**

San Diego Model Expo

**IPMS San Diego
&
IPMS SD Model Car
Club**

San Diego Air & Space
Museum Annex
Gillespie Field
335 Kenney Street
El Cajon, CA

Contact:
Richard Durham
619-602-3102

Sat, Jun 29th

IPMS Ontario

Ontario Senior Center
215 East B Street
Ontario, CA

Contact:
Barry Webb
310-398-9181