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The Georgia Mountain Modelers is a Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS/Georgia Mountain Modelers 03-47). Our club meetings are in a relatively loose, informal, conversational format. IPMS/USA is an organization dedicated to the fun of Scale Modeling. In

January of 1964, Jim Sage, from Dallas, Texas, was invited to form an independent and equal branch of IPMS/UK, and soon IPMS/USA was born. There are now hundreds of IPMS chapters all over the world. Many Local Chapters and Regions sponsor Model Shows & Contests every year. You do not have to be a member to attend the shows or our local club meetings. But, you will need to be an IPMS member to enter models in any of the National IPMS events. You can join at the IPMS/USA website...

<http://www.ipmsusa.org/index.htm> . Our chapter is a part of IPMS Region 3; you can learn more about our region, and the other clubs located in the region, at <http://ipmsregion3.org/index.html> . If you are not an IPMS member, we HIGHLY recommend that you join the organization.

WHY JOIN IPMS?

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, back when Squadron was an actual hobby shop and the only US print option for the scale modeler was the mediocre, "Scale Modeler," the IPMS/USA publications were the only link between the modeler and the outside (the closet) world. Today, there is the Internet. So, why be bothered with IPMS/USA? First and foremost is the network of local clubs that afford the modeler the opportunity to commune with likeminded people and show off his/her work. If you take the time (and I have on several occasions) to compare the number of local shows/contests sponsored by IPMS/USA affiliates nationwide to those sponsored by all other organizations/companies-COMBINED- , you will find IPMS/USA sponsors, on average, three times per year as many as all the others, again, COMBINED.



The second reason to join IPMS/USA is the opportunity to have your work published in our bi-monthly publication, the IPMS/USA, "Journal," magazine. "Oh, piffle," as you turn up your nose at our little pedestrian rag. Yeah, right. Just wait for the thrill of seeing your ebullient words of prose, coupled with your Renaissance creation of a model in print. If you've ever had a date with a crush of the opposite sex, it comes a bit close to that. And, while on the topic, just try getting your opus published by some of the mainstream modeling magazines.....good luck.

Another rather excellent reason for joining IPMS/USA and a local club (or creating your own) is the excellent event insurance Mother IPMS/USA provides. Try putting on a contest or a mall show without insurance. First, it won't happen. Second, it will cost you/your club a veritable fortune. Not so if you are an IPMS/USA affiliated club.

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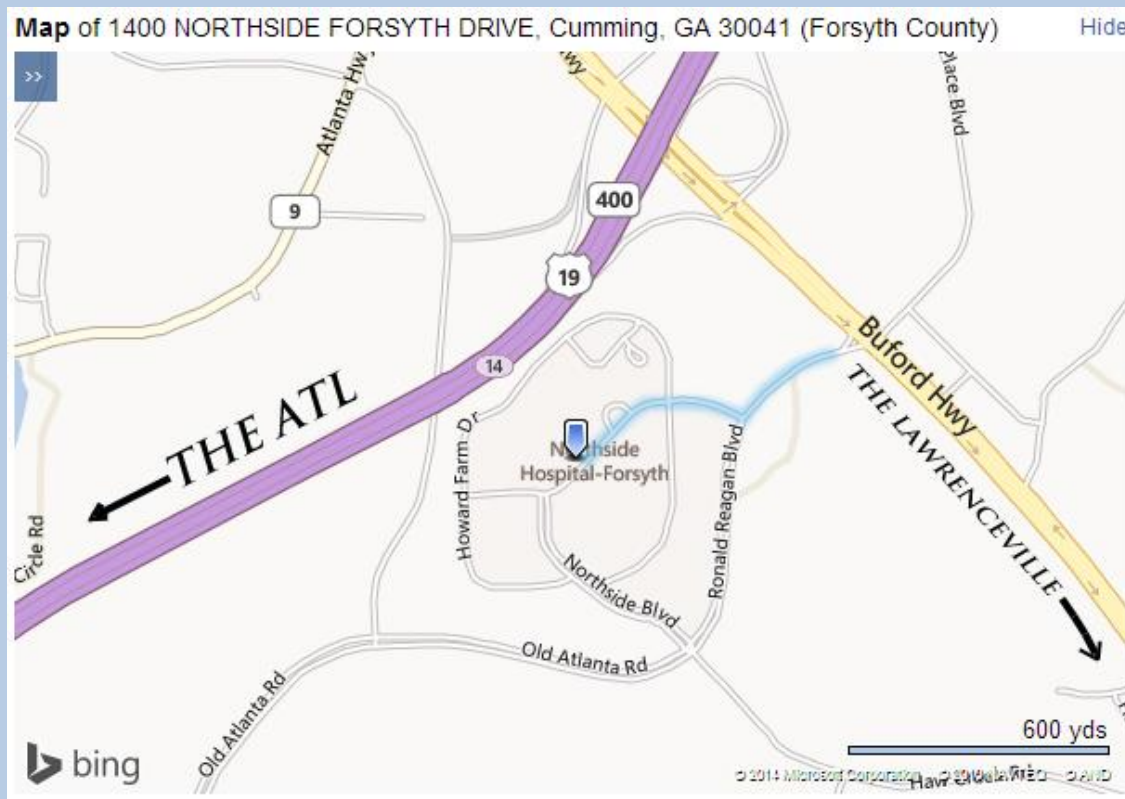
WEB SITE NEWS

Join us on Facebook to continue the modeling fun. **No politics, no social issues, no nastiness...just some excellent modeling camaraderie!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/479334665478654/>

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, @7PM



Northside Hospital Bldg, 1400, Northside Forsyth Dr, Cumming

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HEAD SHED RAMBLINGS

The Chattanooga Modeler's Society put on another great ModelCon show this past January 10-11. They have been putting on a great show for the past 3-4 years. Each year it seems to get better, particularly since they moved to the Chattanooga Convention Center downtown. I believe this was the largest show they've hosted. That huge convention room was full. The vendors took up as much space as the show tables.

The Georgia Mountain Modelers were very well represented. If I'm not mistaken, we had 10 members attending and most of these folks brought models to enter. Chuck and Ed took advantage of the Friday afternoon opening and spent the evening sharing stories with fellow modelers. All the rest of us arrived Saturday morning and managed to get through the registration process without too much trouble. What a fun day talking to other modelers, shopping the vendors, watching the raffle board, and seeing some really great skill and craftsmanship displayed on a wonderful array of models.

Because of the larger than expected number of models entered, 613, the head judge was looking for volunteers to help with the judging. Ed, Steve, Chuck and myself jumped in to help. The judges were grouped into teams of three and assigned to specific categories. I think this is one of the best ways to learn to be a better modeler. Heaven knows I need to improve the quality of my models. By judging you can see how closely the models are scrutinized and learn what makes a model an "also ran". You also can see what it takes to make a Gold medal winner. If you ever get a chance to help judge and haven't done so, I encourage you to give it a try.

The judges certainly liked what they saw from the GMMers. The results are:

Chris F: **Best of Show – Figures**, 2 golds
and 3 Silvers

Leo: 2 silvers and 1 bronze

Keith: 1 silver

Steve: 1 silver and 1 bronze

Perry: 4 bronzes

Paul: 2 bronzes

Charlie: 1 gold

Bill R: 4 silvers and 4 bronzes

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** and pats on the backs to all award winners!

This show has the only photo contest of any show I've attended. It's a great way to show off your models other than just sitting them on a table or shelf. I entered the contest with hopes of picking up at least 1 or 2 bronze awards. It wasn't to be. There is obviously an entirely different judging criterion for the photos. Until I learn what the judges are looking for, I'll not enter that contest again. There is too much time involved that I could better spend on plastic.

ModelCon2015 will be here in eleven short months. It's time to start selecting your kits and building a whole new set of models to enter one of the best shows around.

NEW STUFF!



New from Wingnut Wings are the Salmson A2 and AMC DH.9 Available online directly from the manufacturer: <http://www.wingnutwings.com/ww/>



Complete from Andrea Miniatures is this fantastic WWI diorama in 1/32 (54mm) scale. Check out the unboxing video: <http://www.andreadepotusa.com/en/andrea-news/21/tank-fight-on-the-western-front-unboxing.html>



Devotees of the old Babylon 5 sci-fi series will enjoy this little ditty found online by Leelan Lampkins. Ron Thornton's passion for sci-fi has led him to work on popular TV shows, including Babylon 5, Star Trek and Starship Troopers. Here he reveals the secrets to a successful spaceship design:

<http://www.creativebloq.com/graphic-design/ron-thornton-starship-design-11135146>

Perry Downen submitted the following article he found on the Net.

New U.S. Army Rifle



The XM25 Counter Defilade Target Engagement System has a range of roughly 2,300 feet - and is to be deployed in Afghanistan soon. I would call it the "Equalizer." Some call it the "Punisher." The rifle's gun sight uses a laser range finder to determine the exact distance to the obstruction, after which the soldier can add or subtract up to 3 meters from that distance to enable the bullets to clear the barrier and explode above or beside the target. Soldiers will be able to use them to target snipers hidden in trenches rather than calling in air strikes.

The 25-millimeter round contains a chip that receives a radio signal from the gun sight as to the precise distance to the target. Lt. Col. Christopher Lehner, project manager for the system, described the weapon as a 'game-changer' that other nations will try and copy. He expects the Army to buy 12,500 of the XM25 rifles this year, enough for every member of the infantry and special forces.

Lehner told Fox News: "With this weapon system, we take away cover from [enemy targets] forever. Tactics

are going to have to be rewritten. The only thing we can see [enemies] being able to do is run away."

Experts say the rifle means that enemy troops will no longer be safe if they take cover. The XM25 appears to be the perfect weapon for street-to-street fighting that troops in Afghanistan have to engage in, with enemy fighters hiding behind walls and only breaking cover to fire occasionally. The weapon's laser finder would work out how far away the enemy was and then the U.S. Soldier would add one meter using a button near the trigger. When fired, the explosive round would carry exactly one meter past the wall and explode with the force of a hand grenade ABOVE the Taliban fighter.

The army's project manager for new weapons, Douglas Tamilio, said: "This is the first leap-ahead technology for troops that we've been able to develop and deploy." A patent granted to the bullet's maker, Alliant Tech systems, reveals that the chip can determine how far it has traveled. Mr. Tamilio said: "You could shoot a Javelin missile, and it would cost about \$69,000. These rounds will end up costing \$25.00 apiece." They're relatively cheap. Lehner added: "This is a game-changer. The enemy has learned to get cover, for hundreds if not thousands of years. Well, they can't do that anymore. We're taking that cover from them and there are only two outcomes: We're going to get you behind that cover or force you to flee." The rifle will initially use high-explosive rounds, but its makers say that it might later use versions with smaller explosive charges that aim to stun rather than kill.



Regular readers of this tome may remember that your faithful editor is a Top Gear U.K. fan (the US version is rubbish). Perusing the TG webpage, I found this which may be of some passing interest to

autophiles. The General Motors Heritage Center, Sterling Hts, MI is home to a collection of over 600 significant and pristine GM vehicles. Group tours (only) are available to groups, clubs, or staffs, and require a 30-person minimum. A fee of \$10 per person is charged for tours scheduled during normal business hours Monday through Friday. A fee of \$20 per person is charged for tours scheduled after hours or on Saturdays. Sunday and Holiday tours will be quoted by the GM Heritage Center event coordinator. Guests should allocate about 1.5 hours for their tour.<http://www.topgear.com/uk/photos/This-is-the-GM-secret-stash-2014-01-22>



The Vintage aviator, hailing from New Zealand, is the WWI aircraft lover's website, featuring in progress and detail shots of detailed, exact reproductions of significant WWI aircraft. Your editor's personal favorite is the rather cumbersome looking RE 8 (Harry Tate). Have some fun at this site! <http://thevintageaviator.co.nz/>



Fred Horky sent this link to an absolutely bitchin' video on F-15 air-to-air combat training at Kadena AB, Japan. <http://player.vimeo.com/video/40935850>



Also from Fred, is this boomer's eye view of a B-2 Stealth bomber refueling!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luk3rdV5np8&feature=relmfu>



Because Perry Downen found this on YouTube you can take a tour of the Ford Willow Run assembly plant that was used to mass produce B-24s even before hostilities began for the US. One would assume someone somewhere knew something would happen!

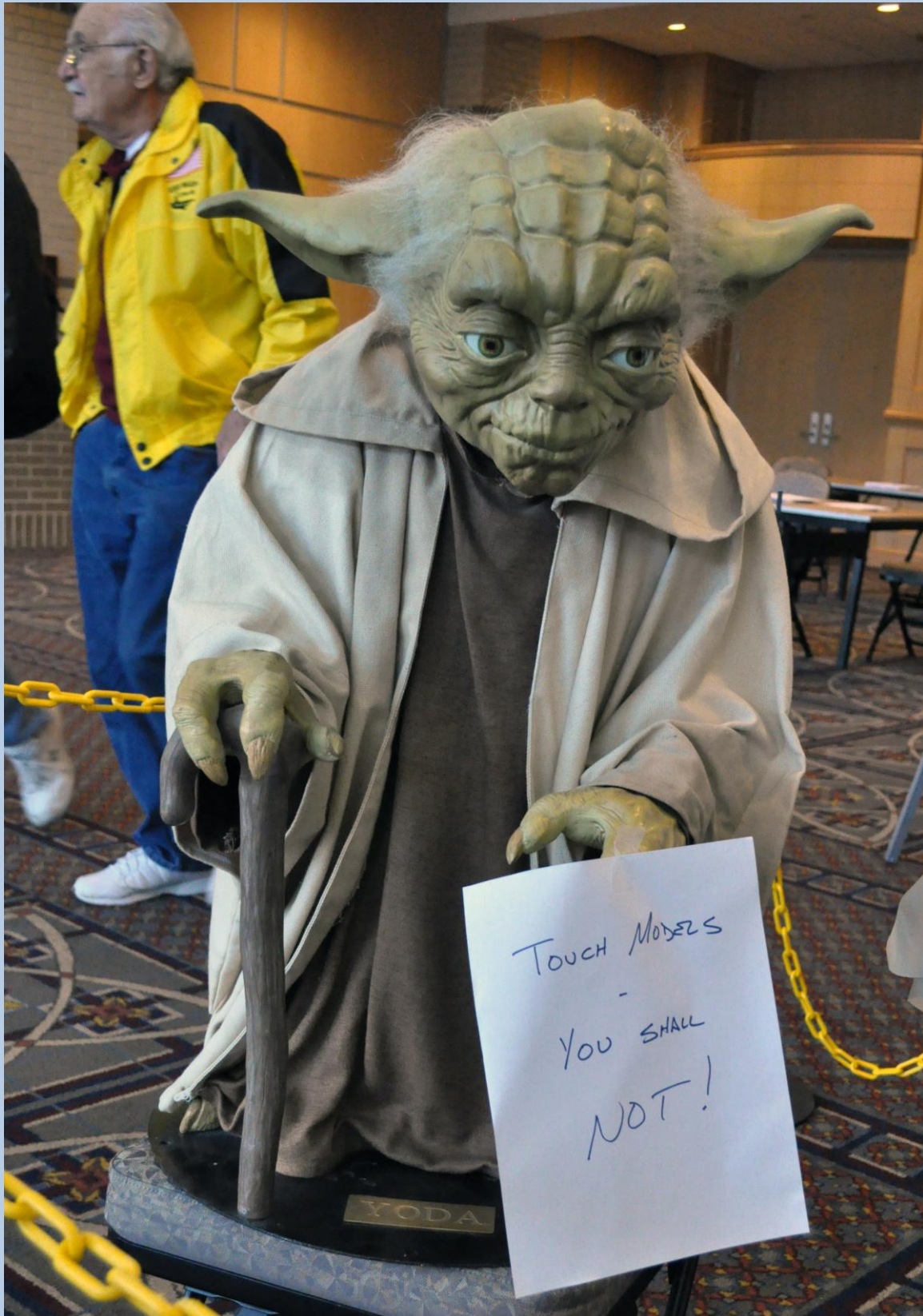
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HISTORY 101

When your editor was a member of the Robert L Scott chapter at Warner Robins, GA, one of our members, Wally Gilbaugh, was an 8th AF mechanic in England during WWII. Wally helped paint those stripes - all night long. On the bigger airplanes, the mechanics sometimes used brooms, and mops. Former club president and former IPMS/USA President Fred Horkey sent along a reminder to all you WWII aerophiles who take such care aligning and painting those D-Day invasion stripes on your airplane how the result actually appeared! Note that this picture is easily in scale with a 1/48 scale model.



The Chattanooga Show









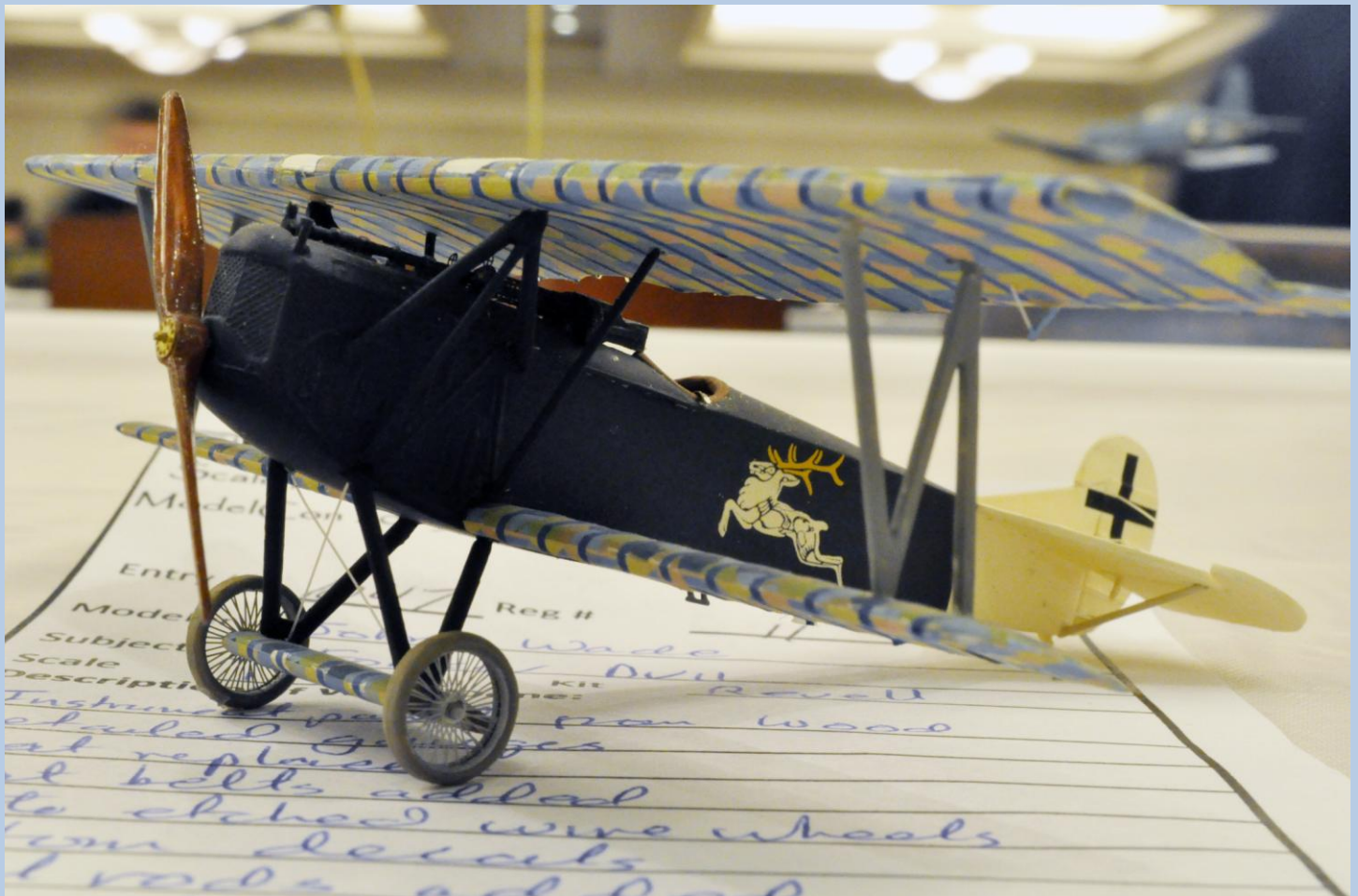






























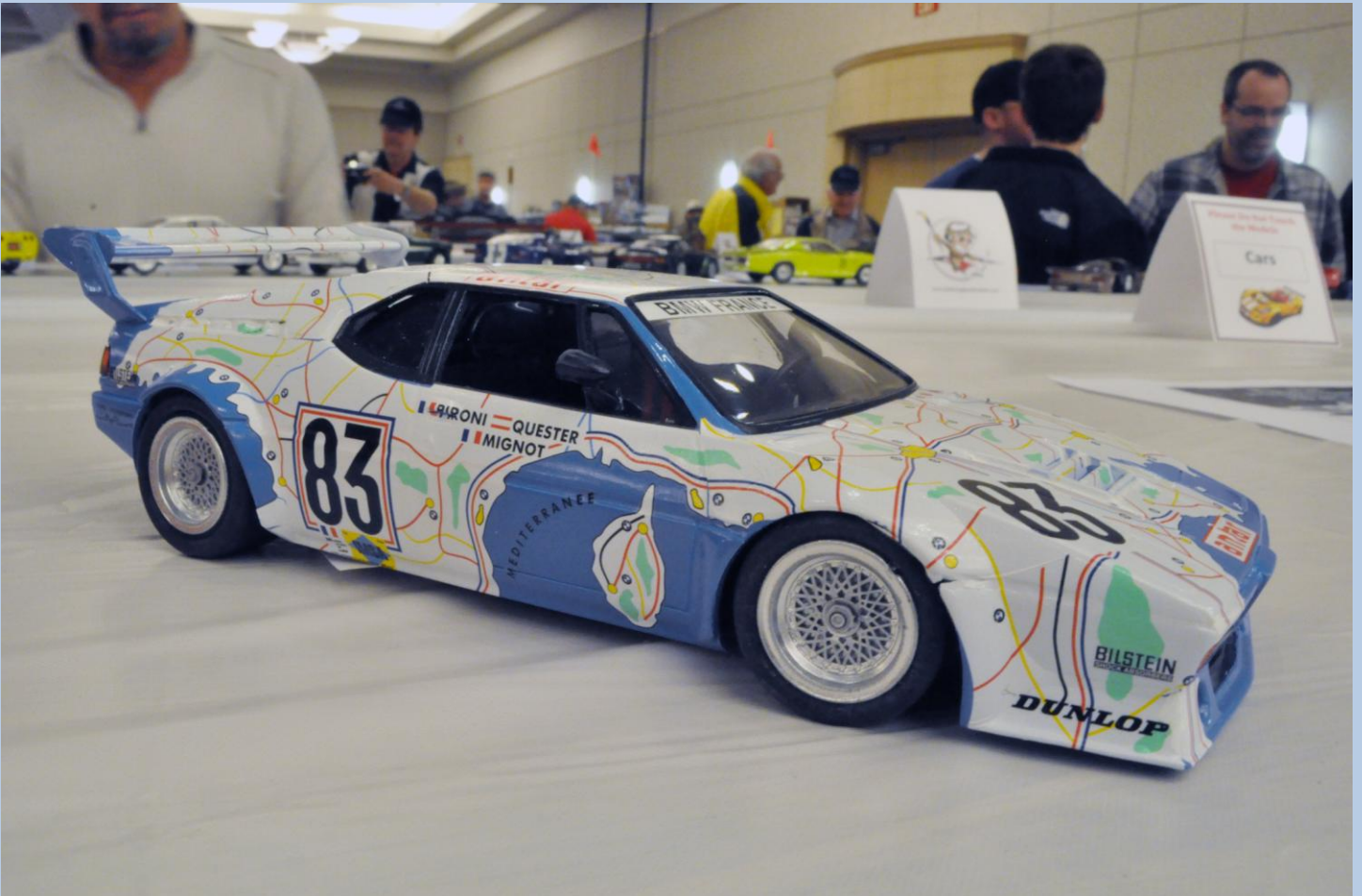




















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Date: 2012



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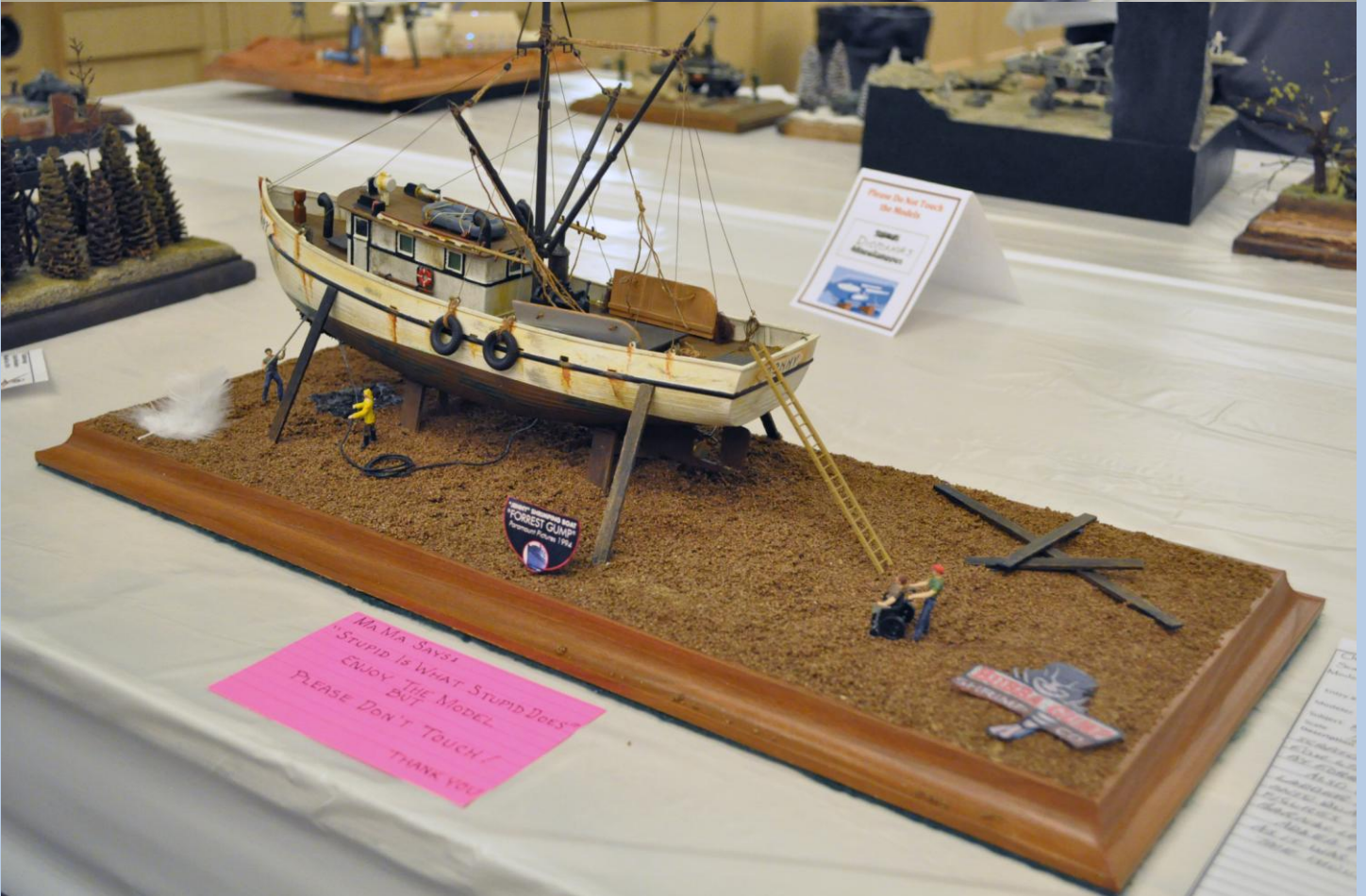


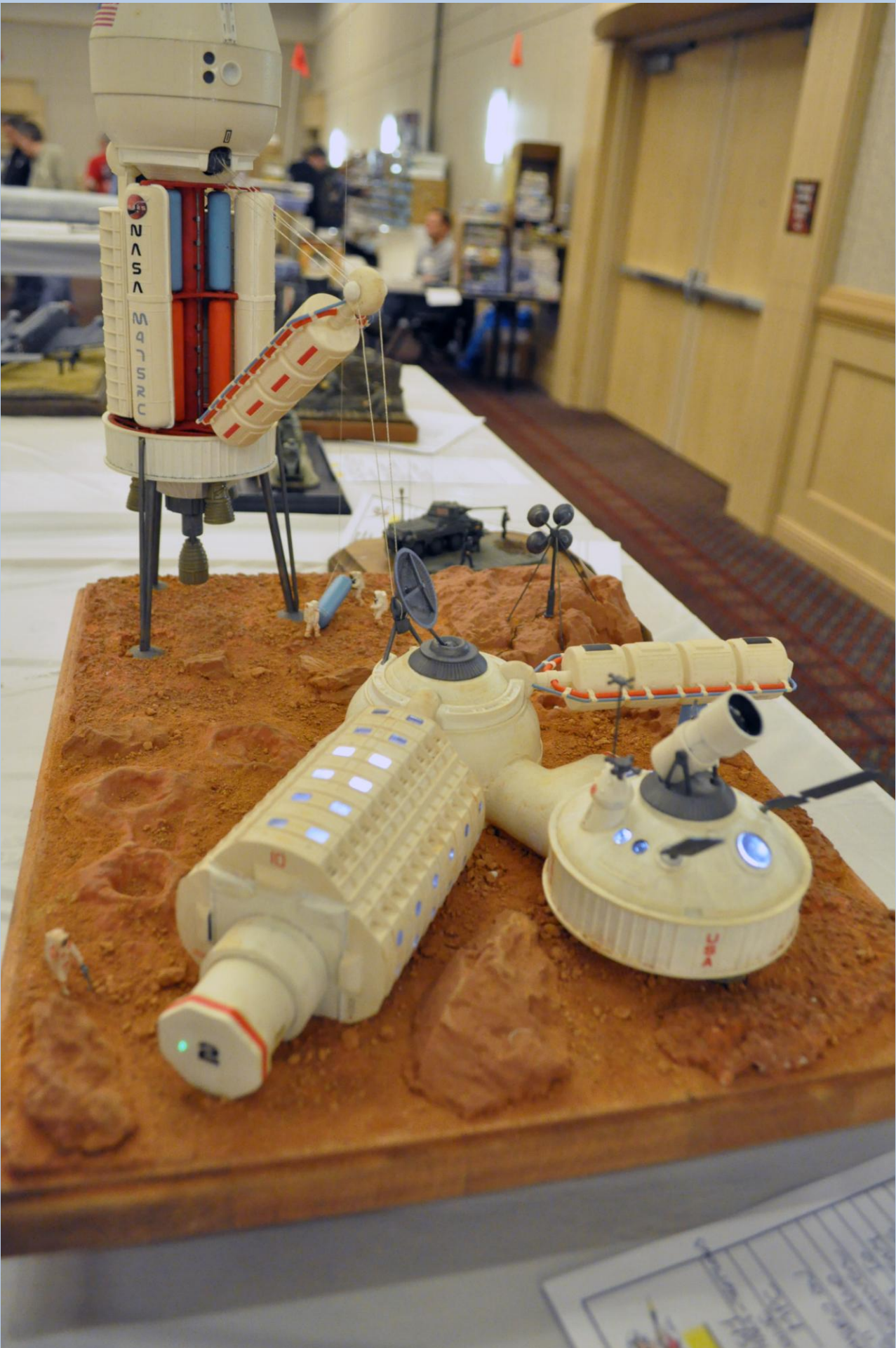
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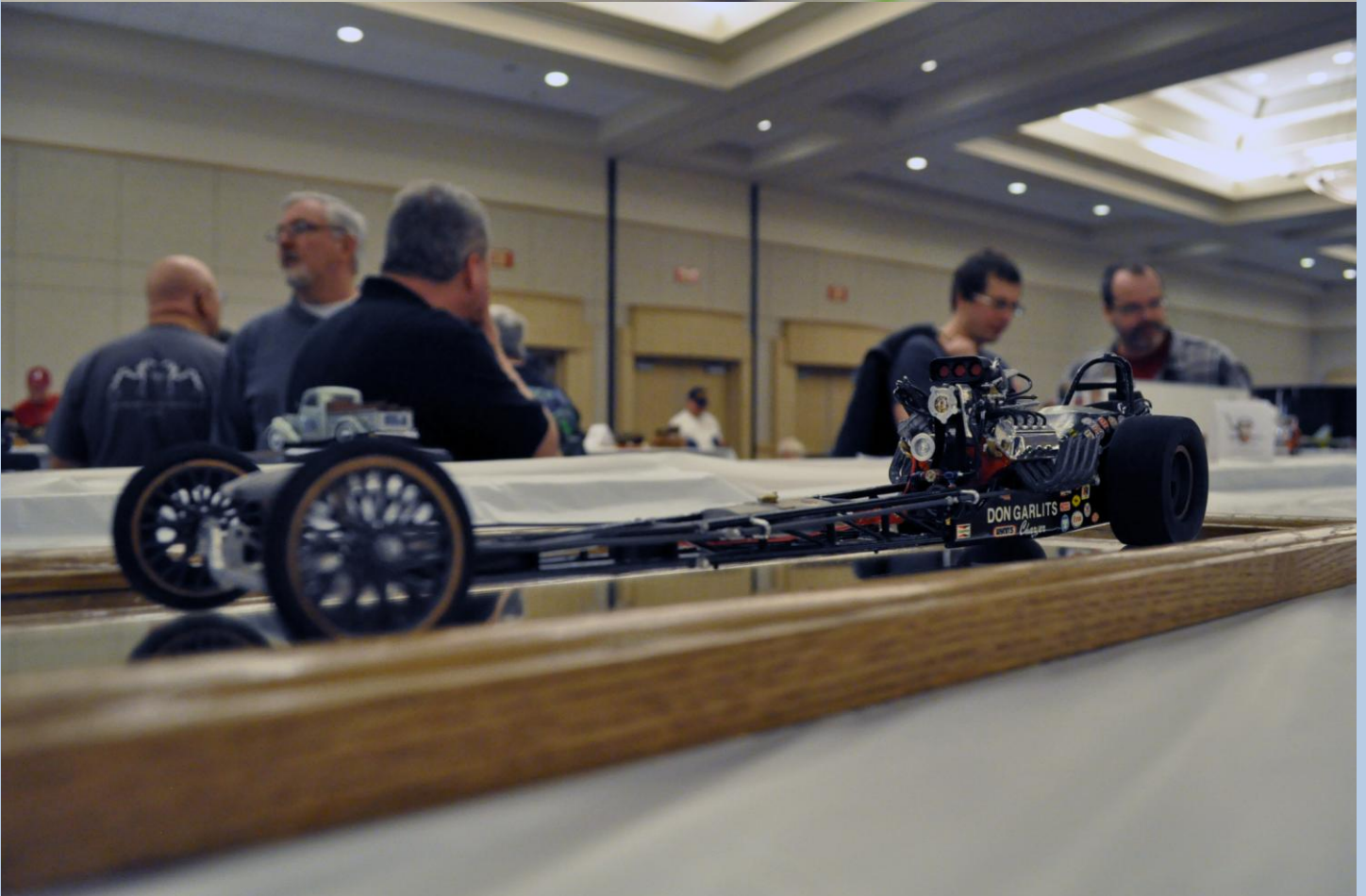














Scale Modeler
 January 2012
 Entry # 1174 Reg # 34
 Modeler Carmen Hall
 Subject 1961 Jaguar XK
 Scale 1/18 Kit Mevco
 Description of Work Done: Box with 54
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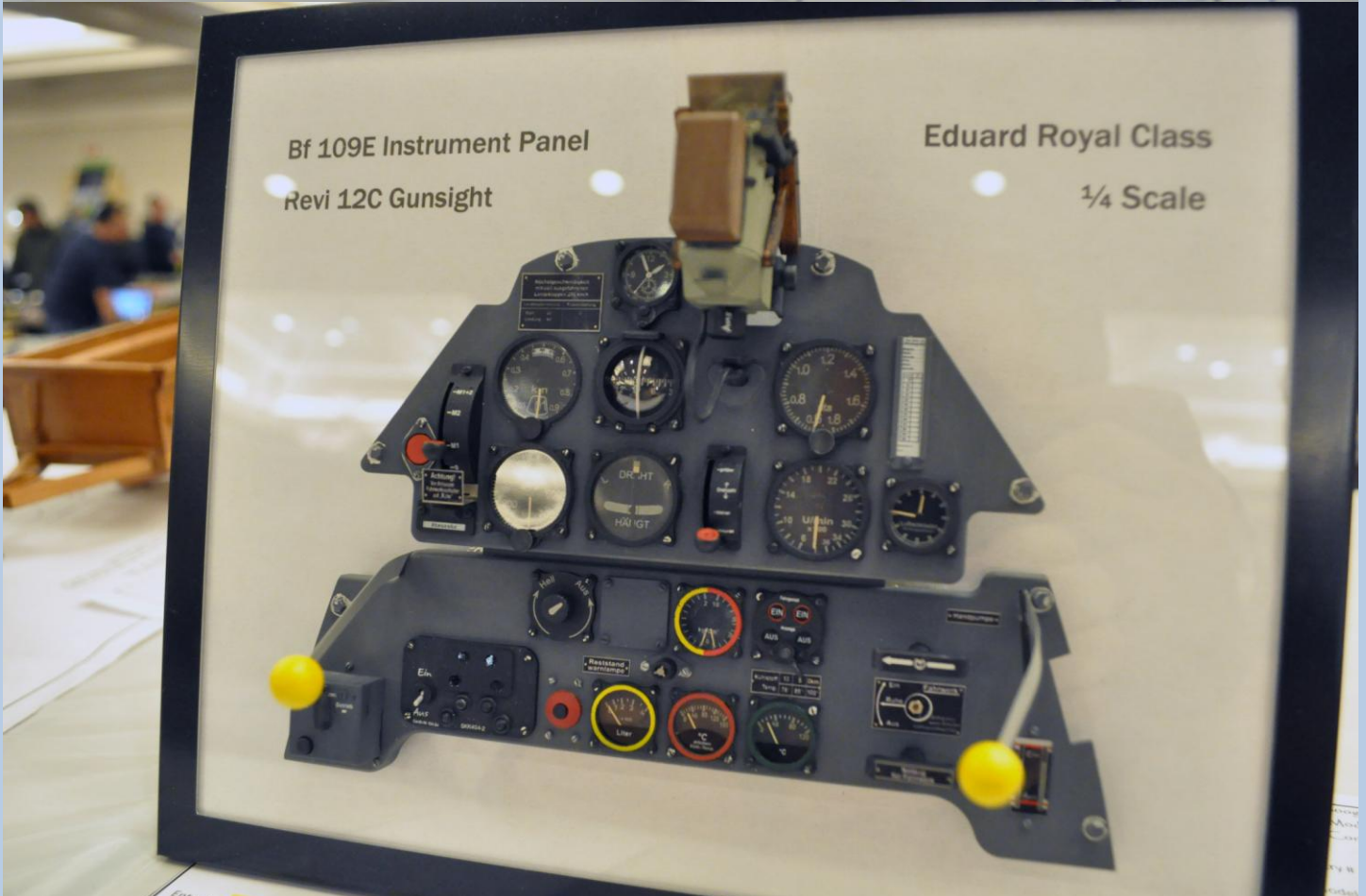










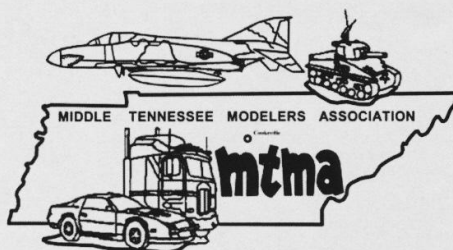






GMM HAPPENINGS

GMM Club Meeting: 28 Jan 2014



NEW DATE!

NEW LOCATION!

NEW HALL!

30TH ANNUAL MIDDLE TENNESSEE MODELERS ASSOCIATION SCALE MODEL SHOW AND CONTEST

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2014

9 AM TO 4 PM

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
MAIN EXHIBIT HALL
1398 Livingston Road.
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FREE ADMISSION CONCESSIONS SWAP MEET

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GO APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILES, TURN RIGHT ONTO INDUSTRIAL BLVD. GO TO END OF STREET.
TURN RIGHT ONTO LIVINGSTON ROAD, ENTER FAIGROUNDS. PARK IN MAIN PARKING LOT
OR INSIDE FAIRGROUNDS FENCE NEAR EXHIBIT HALL.**



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J2014 Jaxcon

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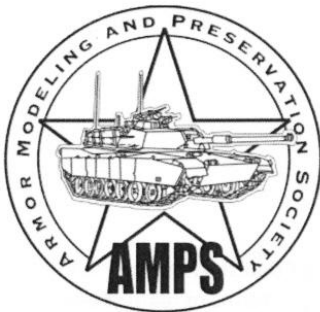
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complete contest info @ www.ipms-firstcoast.com

AMPS Atlanta 2014

Atlanta Armor, Figure, and Modeling Contest and Exhibition



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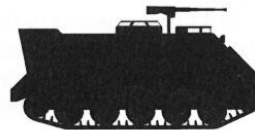
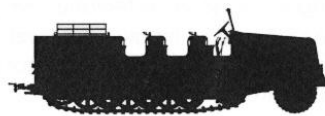
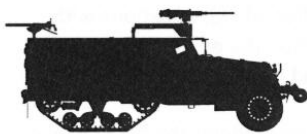
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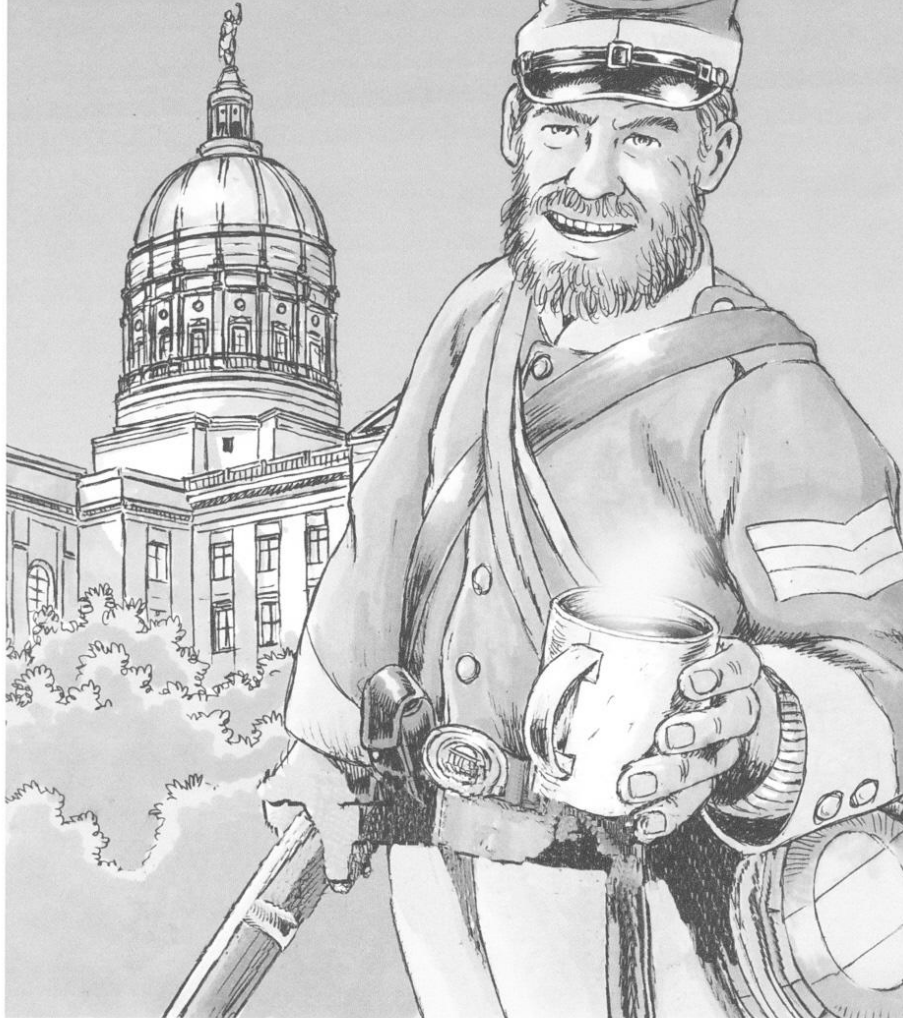


**Atlanta Military
Figure Society**

This show is being held in cooperation with the Atlanta Military Figure Society. Their support is greatly appreciated.

The Atlanta Military Figure Society presents

THE ATLANTA MODEL FIGURE SHOW



FEBRUARY 14-16, 2014
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Given to those present
that enter a theme figure
or figures.



FREE SHOW FIGURE

Sculpted by Matt
Springer, AMFS member,
a young GMI soldier at the
time of the Battle of
Atlanta is given to those
present and participating
in the show. Optional
headgear provided.

GMM Club Meeting: 25 Feb

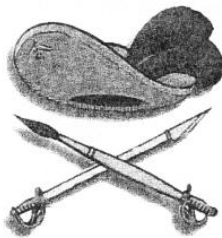


**Saturday, March 15,
2014**

9am-5pm

**University of West
Florida
Conference Center
Pensacola, FL**

Contact person: Kim
Sheldon, 850-479-2629
ksheldon@bellsouth.net



**IPMS/
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PANHANDLE



**MINIATURE FIGURE
SOCIETY**

2014



Scale Model and Miniature Figure Expo

Hosted by IPMS Pensacola Modelers and the Panhandle Miniature
Figure Society

**Scale Model Theme: "Sixty Years of the
Lockheed Hercules, 1954-2014"**

**Miniature Figure Theme: "100 Years of
Movie Characters"**

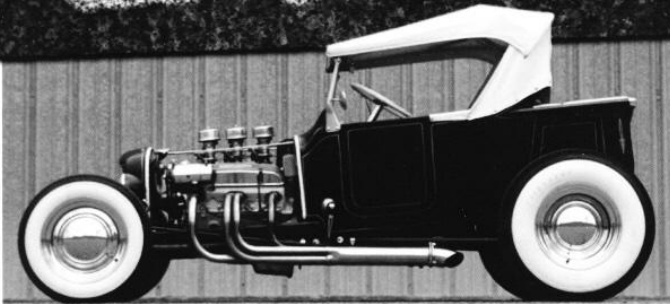
- 48 Regular Categories
- Special Categories and Awards
- Modeling seminars and Make-n-Take workshop for the kids!
- Raffle Drawings
- Vendors Room
- Food concession in adjoining UWF Student Union
- Lodging nearby at Davis Hwy and I-10:
 - ◊ Holiday Inn Express
 - ◊ La Quinta Inn, Motel 6
 - ◊ Red Roof Inn, Comfort Inn
- Nearby Attractions: National Naval Aviation Museum, Ft. Pickens, Gulf Coast National Seashore, Pensacola Beach, Pensacola Ice Flyers Hockey (Civic Center)

Complete Contest Info at www.pensacolamodelers.com

THE GREATER Presented By: THE MAGIC CITY CAR MODELERS BIRMINGHAM CLASSIC

* MODEL CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET * CITY MEETING CENTER - ANNISTON, AL *

March 22nd, 2014 8:00am-4:00pm



BUCKETS

- **TOP FIFTEEN!**
- **BEST JUNIOR!**
- **BEST of SHOW!**

We're celebrating weathered, rusty and crusty models this year so be sure to get those Tetanus Shots! But, if you're afraid of needles, build and bring any style T-Bucket and we'll have a nice, safe place for ya!

REGISTRATION & VENDING

Adults: \$15.00 for an unlimited number of entries. We encourage you to bring a bunch! Juniors (Age 17 and under) can enter for FREE. General admission is \$2.00. Models will be displayed by class for presentation purposes. Registration is day of the show only. Vendor tables are \$25.00 for the first and \$15.00 for each additional. Please reserve your tables by February 5. For more info, contact Tommy May at (205) 591-8038, or E-mail TOMMYNBHAM@aol.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Victoria Hotel is the host hotel for The Greater Birmingham Classic and is located across the street from the Anniston Meeting Center. CONSIDER MAKING RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY, AS THE SPECIAL RATE BELOW WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 3/1/14.

For reservations call: 1-800-260-8781 and ask for the Magic City Car Modelers Block. Rates are \$75/night for a King or Double room. A free country style breakfast (eggs, bacon and the works) is included. Inquire at the front desk of Victoria Inn for our Friday night modelers' hospitality get-together area.

GMM Club Meeting: 25 Mar



The Lone Star

figure show

March 29-31 2012
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4/5/2014 **Alabama** **IPMS Phantom Phlashers Phantom Phurball 2014** 

Anniston Anniston City Meeting Center
Region 3 1615 Noble Street [Map](#)
IPMS Phantom Phlashers
[Will Nichols](#) 205-616-5499

GMM Club Meeting: 29 Apr

5/10/2014 **Georgia** **IPMS Atlanta Con 2014** 

Marietta Marietta, GA - IAM Local 709 Union Hall
Region 3 1032 South Marietta Pkwy SE [Map](#)
IPMS Atlanta
[Bill Johnston](#) (678) 308-7308

May 17, 2014

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

3821 Hunsinger Ln,
Louisville, KY
40220

2014
IPMS/Louisville
Invitational
Contest

D-Day
The Invasion of
Normandy

70th Anniversary



Show Contact information:
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dcrou@bellsouth.net

Entry fee: \$10(\$8 for IPMS/USA members with card) which includes the first two models, \$1 per model after the second.
Juniors: (under 18) Flat \$5. General admission: \$2

www.MMCL.org

6/7/2014

Georgia

Warner Robins

Region 3

ScottCon 2014 

Museum of Aviation

1942 Heritage Blvd [Map](#)

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[Bill Paul](#) (478) 929-3210

GMM Club Meeting: 27 May

GMM Club Meeting: 24 June

GMM Club Meeting: 29 July

GMM Club Meeting: 26 Aug

GMM Club Meeting: 30 Sep

GMM Club Meeting: 28 Oct

GMM Club Meeting: 25 Nov

GMM Club Meeting: 30 Dec or TBD



"That's all Folks!"