



Pylon II

Newsletter of the
Western Reserve Chapter of the
International Plastic Modelers' Society

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The President's Corner

Hi Model Builders!

It looks like winter has finely gone home and left us alone! I hope so, in this long and cold winter, I have learned one new thing about modeling: that being you cannot spray lacquer paint when it is cold. My basement only got up to 56 degrees and that is way too cold to paint. I got word that the AIR SHOW will be early this year, with lots of aircraft on display. I will let Jerry Hammerhofer tell you more. The Stark

Model Show and contest is going to be held at Tuslaw High School in Massillon on April 26. It will have dealers and a model contest. It will run from 9:00am-1:00pm. No news on the CMS show. The next meeting is in August.

Well, that is all the news that this fit to talk about. I hope to see all of you at the Sunday Meeting on the 27th of April.

SeeYou then.

Tim Glowacki

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The Secretary's Desk

Happy Spring!!

The first Quarterly Contest has come and gone and now we turn our attention to the next Quarterly, due in June: German WWII Armor. I hope we have a good turn out!

While you guys were freezing here in Ohio during the March meeting, I was fortunate to spend a few days in California with my wife. She had a conference to go to everyday, so what's a guy to do? Rent a car and find some hobby shops!

I went to one new one each day (I had to get back and enjoy the pool!); Burbank Hobbyshop in Burbank, Evette's Hobby Shop in Santa Monica, and Hobby People in Torrence. Each shop had a different look and feel, but all the people working were very friendly and chatted me up about what I like to build. I got to an old dear childhood friend and we even had an earthquake that we didn't even notice!

The winners of the first Quarterly Contest will be published in the next Pylon. I'm trying to get caught up with work and school, so I'm a little behind on my communication efforts.

See ya Sunday!

The spotlight features some research dug up by Kirk Ballash. The Japanese have a store that sells everything! Electronics, clothing, food and yes-models and modeling supplies. I bet I can get my Tamiya-Gundam-Macross-Yamato fix there!!!

Ted Bamber told me about a site he discovered recently: Scalehobbyist.com. I must apologize. I've been ordering from this site for several years and I didn't realize that their existence wasn't common knowledge. Scale Hobbyist is based in New Hampshire and orders ship fast and their prices are nice. Sometimes, I find their prices and shipping a little better than Squadron or Sprue Bothers, and when comparing prices, I often order from them. Anyway, check out their site and see for yourselves!

*John Camper
Secretary*

Spotlight

Hobby Shops – Over There



More time spent wandering the Web when I should have been

gluing plastic resulted in this – the Yodobashi-Akiba store just east of Akihabara station in Tokyo. Keep in mind as you marvel at the amount of stuff they have on the shelves that this is NOT a hobby shop. Yodobashi is an electronics megastore. Nine stories

worth that also just happen to sell modeling and railroad related items too.

According to the folks on the Interweb each floor is the size of your standard Best Buy or Walmart. The 6th floor is dedicated to our beloved past time.



Plastic, photo-etch, resin, tools and scenery supplies as far as the eye can see. And once you hit input

overload and are feeling peckish you can go to the 8th floor for a nice sit down restaurant meal.



One more thing. When you bring all your goodies home and get the evil eye from the Better Half, direct her to the following article from a modeler's wife.

Linda Lester, the wife of Starship Modeler's founder John Lester, wrote a nice article on why our hobby is not so bad, and can even be a good thing. <http://www.starshipmodeler.com/perspective.htm>

I got lucky and married a woman who sees not just what modeling means to me but more how it can benefit her. My "ultimate set of tools" not only build models but also fixes all sorts of her things and can even be used to make jewelry. A lot of jewelry! Almost as much as my ever growing stack of unbuilt kits.

Enjoy.

Kirk Ballash

Quarterly Contests for 2014:

March	Cold War era Soviet Union Aircraft (1946-1989) (Any Scale)
June	WWII German Armor
September	Racing Cars
December	Civilian Aircraft (Any Scale)

Foursight

Greetings IPMS/USA Region IV!

Hope you all have endured the winter well. With the last of the two winter shows (Indy and TriCon) in the books – and with good reviews, I might add – we finally head down the stretch with the Spring shows. WrightCon leads things off next weekend in Dayton, with May featuring the IPMS/USA Region IV Convention

hosted by IPMS/Warren May 9-10, followed by MMCL's show a week later to close out the R4 show season.

Contest Schedule Update

<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>City/Area</i>
<i>04/11/2014</i>	<i>04/12/2014</i>	<i>Wright Field Scale Modelers (IPMS Local / AMPS Regional)</i>	<i>Dayton, OH</i>
<i>05/09/2014</i>	<i>05/10/2014</i>	<i>Warren (IPMS/USA Region IV Convention)</i>	<i>Detroit, MI</i>
<i>05/17/2014</i>	<i>05/17/2014</i>	<i>Military Modelers Club Of Louisville</i>	<i>Louisville, KY</i>
<i>05/31/2014</i>	<i>06/01/2014</i>	<i>*Wonderfest, Louisville, KY</i>	
<i>08/06/2014</i>	<i>08/09/2014</i>	<i>IPMS/USA 2014 National Convention, Hampton, VA</i>	
<i>09/06/2014</i>	<i>09/06/2014</i>	<i>Dayton Area Plastic Modelers</i>	<i>Dayton, OH</i>
<i>09/13/2014</i>	<i>09/13/2014</i>	<i>NWVMM</i>	<i>Shinnston, WV</i>
<i>09/20/2014</i>	<i>09/20/2014</i>	<i>Shenango Valley Area Scale Modelers</i>	<i>Sharon, PA</i>
<i>09/27/2014</i>	<i>09/27/2014</i>	<i>Kalamazoo</i>	<i>Kalamazoo, MI</i>

		<i>Scale Modelers / West Michigan Scale Modelers</i>	
<i>10/04/2014</i>	<i>10/04/2014</i>	<i>Erie Scale Modelers</i>	<i>Erie, PA</i>
<i>10/11/2014</i>	<i>10/11/2014</i>	<i>Cincinnati Scale Modelers</i>	<i>Cincinnati, OH</i>
<i>10/12/2014</i>	<i>10/12/2014</i>	<i>Lorain County</i>	<i>Lorain, OH</i>
<i>11/02/2014</i>	<i>11/02/2014</i>	<i>John H Glenn / Western Reserve</i>	<i>Cleveland, OH</i>
<i>1/17/15</i>	<i>1/17/15</i>	<i>Shenango Valley Area Scale Modelers</i>	<i>Sharon, PA</i>
<i>02/07/2015</i>	<i>02/07/2015</i>	<i>Mid-Michigan</i>	<i>Bay City, MI</i>
<i>04/10/2015</i>	<i>04/11/2015</i>	<i>Wright Field Scale Modelers (IPMS/USA Region IV Convention)</i>	<i>Dayton, OH</i>
<i>05/02/2015</i>	<i>05/02/2015</i>	<i>Warren</i>	<i>Detroit, MI</i>
<i>05/30/2015</i>	<i>05/30/2015</i>	<i>Toledo</i>	<i>Toledo, OH</i>
<i>07/22/2015</i>	<i>07/25/2015</i>	<i>IPMS/USA 2015 National Convention, Columbus, OH</i>	

		<i>* Denotes non-IPMS event (shown for info only)</i>	
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Call for WWI Aircraft Modelers

An opportunity may be developing this fall for R4 to present a weekend-long display of World War I aircraft models. Please pass this along to any WWI Aircraft modelers in your chapter and have them contact me at dave.koukol@ipmsdayton.com if they might be interested in displaying their WWI aircraft models.

Other Rumblings on the National Scene

IPMS/Tidewater is soliciting award sponsorships for the IPMS/USA 2014 National Convention. Following is an excerpt from their missive sent earlier this week:

There are a couple of ways to sponsor an award. You can go directly to the IPMS USA website Online Store at http://www.ipmsusa2.org/store/nats_2014.html and pay for Sponsorship. This method is similar to how you pay for registration for the Convention online.

If your Chapter prefers to send a check, you can download the form at http://www.ipmsusa2.org/forms/nats_2014_registration.pdf

A Note Regarding Chapter Newsletters

Chapter Contacts should feel free to distribute their chapters' newsletters to this Google Group. It's a great way to share what's going on in our chapters. A few chapters have been kind enough to include me on their distro lists, and I've enjoyed seeing what's going on in the region, not to mention the outstanding quality of the publications themselves.

Well, that pretty much does it for April's update. Hope to see many of you next weekend in Dayton.

Model On,
Dave

Upcoming IPMS Events

- 04/27/2014 **SUNDAY Club meeting**, 1:30 PM at the Euclid Public Library, Erie/Babbitt Room, 631 E222nd St., Euclid, Ohio
- 05/18/2014 **SUNDAY Club meeting**, 1:30 PM at the Euclid Public Library, Lake Room, 631 E222nd St., Euclid, Ohio
- 06/21/2014 **SATURDAY Club meeting**, 1:30 PM at the Euclid Public Library, Lake Room, 631 E222nd St., Euclid, Ohio
- 07/19//2014 **SATURDAY Club meeting**, 1:30 PM at the Euclid Public Library, Erie/Babbitt Room, 631 E222nd St., Euclid, Ohio

****Times and meeting places are subject to change with little notice!***
Check the board when you enter the Library!