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Our grill master and V.P. Jim Rafferty

It's All About Fun!

Random Thoughts & Musings

By Joe Caputo

Hi Guys and Gals,

First, and most important, our meetings in November and December have been moved up to the third week of the month, November 20th, and December 19th, due to the holidays. Secondly, we start collecting dues in November (National dues have increased) and finish in December, as well as our annual can drive for the needy (at least two cans per member, per meeting. December will be our annual "Chinese auction", and since we have "leftovers", another cookout. Sign up with Jake, for whatever you'd care to bring.

Our October meeting went well, with a great cookout, Chef Rafferty at the grill. All the guys brought more goodies than we could eat. The evening was mostly a social event, with a few models thrown in.

We also had a guest, at the meeting, Bill Emerson, who had asked to put on a short program. Almost a year ago, Bill had come to the club, asking for help with a special project. He had been a friend of Donald Healey of Austin Healey fame little known were Healey's efforts as a WWI pilot. Bill proposed that volunteers build models of Healey's aircraft, which he had brought, and a month later, he would take them to the Healey Museum in the Netherlands, and present them for display. The "volunteers" ended up being Mike Knowles, who would build the aircraft; I rig them, and Dan Murtz, who would paint the figures to go with them. We managed to finish the job, on time, and Bill was off on KLM to present these offerings to the museum.

Months later came the call from Bill, saying what a huge success the models had been, and would we let him do a short program on his trip and the presentation of the models. Of course the answer

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was affirmative. It was good to see him again. Bill gave his program showing Donald Healey's WWI career, and led up to his presentation of the models to the museum, and showing their revered place on display. Just beautiful! After the presentation came the big surprise. Mr. Emerson presented Dan, Mike (posthumously), and myself, certificates of appreciation, and lifelong membership in the "Friends of the Healey Museum". As if this wasn't enough, Bill presented each of us with a copy of his excellent book, "The Healey Book", autographed, personally to each of us! This was quite a surprise and a wonderful end to a great meeting. Thanks, Bill.

Back to November, On November 1st, we had an excellent turnout to fill all the display cabinets at

the Ocala Public Library. Well done, guys, and a special thanks to Dan Murtz, who got there a day ahead of us, and had everything ready for us when we got there. All we had to do is load the case, and thanks to our participating members, it was mission accomplished! All models are to be picked up about 10:15 AM on Saturday, Nov. 29th.

November 8th, we participated in another display at our local R/C field. This one was their annual "Salute to Veterans" warbird fly-in. After loading the library, I didn't know if we had enough left for a second show. Our guys appeared with more than they did the previous two outings. We all enjoyed another social gathering as well as an R/C warbird airshow. We got to see quite a few unusual R/C aircraft flying. While their numbers seemed down from previous years, the quality was just as high. The "fly boys" take great pride in their work, as we do, and have made great strides towards realism, which is good to see. From Fokker Tri-planes to F-15's, there was something for everyone. Thanks to all our guys that showed up, and made it a very pleasant day.

A reminder to all that we are always looking for a (backup) place to meet. Trinity Lutheran has really been great, but you never know what the future holds. It's always good to have a plan. If you

know of a place you think might work out, please bring it to our attention.

Our newsletter seems to have taken a different path than any other. It seems that the others go their merry way, sometimes mentioning club happenings, member's projects, excursions, etc., but seldom is there mention of IPMS. It's as if the national organization exists in name only, and, outside of a few local members attending the national convention, hardly anymore is said. I'm curious if that's because you don't know or because you don't care what happens outside your local clubs? Our newsletter editor, Jacob Duryea, has asked a few questions that he felt might stimulate some interest in our national organization, and how things work. Yes, our "it's all about fun" mantra is true. It's true as far as our friends and hobby are concerned, but running the club, at any level, is serious and sometimes difficult work. I'm glad to see Jake recognizes this, continues to inquire, and attempts to call attention to things all members should give some thought to.

Of course we'll throw some modeling into the mix, as usual. We welcome any news, commentary, or anything model or club related for our newsletter. Jake will have a deadline for each month, so if you don't want to wait a month to see your contribution, please adhere to his time frame.

November's meeting is one of our bi-annual "Swap N Sell", so bring stuff you'll never build, and plenty of cash for stuff you can't live without. We can offer the bargains, but you'll have to figure out how to sneak them into the house when you get home.... See you there, you don't want to miss it, and don't forget those cans for the needy (and dues).



Tips, Hints, and Tools



This brush holder comes from Dan Murtz. All you need is an empty tub and some cat litter or sand. Then just stick your brushes in bristle end up.

This tip comes from Jim Gordon in NC

I've tried this stuff out now, and I'm way pleased with it. I gave the wing tips of the XB-70 a coat of WM flat white and I've now misted on two coats of the rust-oleum gloss white --- no ill effects. The can states that it dries in 15 minutes, which seems to be true, but I let it dry over night before doing the next coat. I'll be putting on what I think will be the final mist coat today, but it looks real good right now --- - I think I could get by with just 2 coats if I did a better job of spraying. The ultra-perfectionist might do a light sanding with really super fine wet/dry for even better results.

The can is labelled:

RUST-OLEUM
PROFESSIONAL
HIGH
PERFORMANCE
ENAMEL

If things keep going this well I'll try other colors, probably starting with gloss black. The next step will be if I can mask over it without damage to the paint. I'll keep you posted.



The sanding block is my own creation. A scrap 1X6 lumber, some all-purpose spray adhesive used for headliners in cars that you can pick up at Autozone, and a sheet of sandpaper and presto. A simple flat sanding block that will sand smooth and flat most pieces allowing for a perfect gluing surface with little to no putty needed.



This one comes from Joe. These clamps from Harbor freight are great for clamping parts together while they dry and they are cheap.

Upcoming Important dates

November 20 th	Club meeting
November 29 th	Remove library display
December 18 th	Club meeting
December 25 th	Christmas
January 1 st	New Year's day.

Dues Information

It's that time again.....
 I will be collecting dues this month and also in December.

I.P.M.S. dues have increased \$5.00 for the year.

Local club dues have remained the same.

I.P.M.S.....\$30.00
 I.P.M.S. and local.....\$50.00
 Local only.....\$25.00

Please have your dues in to me by the Dec. meeting, as I will be sending all I.P.M.S. members' dues in to National after the meeting. After the Dec. meeting, you will be on your own to renew your membership with I.P.M.S.

Thanks for your cooperation,
 Dan Murtz
 Sec/Trea.

Club Information

Dollar Model Club

We will start collecting for the "Dollar Model" in Dec. The model is a 1/48 P-40, and the price is \$6.00 for one model, and \$5.00 each for two models with a limit of three models. If we collect \$2.00 a month, we could hand out the models in Feb. or March. If you want your model early, just pay the \$6.00 and let me know and you can pick it up at the next meeting.

Church Yard Sale

The Church which allows us to have our meetings free of charge has a yard sale on the 2nd Saturday of every month. It is a great sale and the prices can't be beat. At the last sale they had a piano for \$25.00. How can you beat that? They also have good burgers and a great little bake sale.

Newsletter Involvement

It's no secret that we always need you the readers to be involved in the newsletter. You all contribute by bring models to the show n' tell, but it would be nice if you would write something for the newsletter. Anything from a little history to a book review or a kit review would be great.

November & December Can Drive

We will be collecting cans of food at our November and December meetings for the needy. Remember to bring two can of food to each meeting.

Newsletter Question

This month's question is a two part question.

1. "What do you think of the increase and will it affect your decision to join or not"?

2. "What about IPMS are you thankful about"?

Gaston Bernal, IPMS #430

My membership is due in December and it will be on the mail by then. For those of us that spend so many dollars in kits to complain about +\$5 is chicken _____. Come on guys, drink one less cup of coffee at Denny's or HIOP and you would have paid for your extra fee. Well, maybe two cups of coffee.

You are right, you will get several long replies to your second question, but for me it is simple. First and most important, Friends and the time we spend during the Nationals together. Second, the opportunity to check the vendors room and see firsthand all those goodies that we hear about all year long.

In the old days, we used to get most of the "classified information" through the several publications that we used to receive with the membership. Today, with the internet and all the commercial magazines, etc., we really don't need the IPMS pubs anymore. I know some people still like the romanticism of getting the society news, gossips, but for me, that is not sooooooo important. The two first issues are my most important ones, since model building to me is a Hobby, and aviation a passion.

Well, there you go. Thanks for the opportunity to express myself about this issue and keep up the good work!!!!!!

Gaston Bernal, IPMS #430.

Joe Caputo

No, the increase will not affect my decision to be a member. I think the increase in dues was long overdue. How many organizations (especially national) can you be a part of for less than \$ 3 per month (\$30 is less than the cost of most models)? Of course this is in addition, most of the time, to local dues Even if local dues were equal to national which they seldom are, it would still be only \$60 per year, \$5 per month. Try bowling, fishing, or golfing, for \$5 per month. As far as pastimes go, it's still a bargain. And then there's the question of, "what do I get for my money?" But that wasn't the question asked....

What, about IPMS, am I thankful for? Unequivocally, the friends I've made over the years. Guys I would never have met, had it not been for our club, and/or the national organization. After the glue dries, and the airbrush is put away for good, I'll still have a handful of friends I would never have known, had it not been for the fellowship of the group.

Jim "Crazy" Stepanek

I realize IPMS is having some financial woes and won't complain much about a dues increase. At the same time, IPMS needs to do some belt tightening on their expenses – cheaper paper in the Journal might be a way.

Our club was formed with the intention of hosting model car/truck contests. Paying IPMS a few pennies a year to be able to get liability insurance makes joining IPMS worthwhile.

Fred Horky

Forty one years ago I was very happy to learn that other adults had created a real organization for people like me, who were interested in what most thought was a child's pastime, and that organization had a structure of chapters, regions, and conventions; published regular and very useful magazines, helped me learn more, and other myriad ways that gave my hobby legitimacy. I'm convinced there would never have been a spontaneously created constellation of clubs when I knew about each other, or interacted with each other as clubs or with individuals unless IPMS, or something like it, did not exist. In other words, there was a need, and IPMS filled it.

There was also a period when I was in the military overseas in a country where I never saw another model or modeler for three years: to me IPMS and the APO mailbag was a real lifeline in every way to my hobby. You have to be a real "lone modeler" to understand that. And about half of the IPMS membership does NOT belong to a chapter, and IPMS is there link as above.

Finally, I'm convinced that without IPMS membership I would never enjoyed the many, MANY friendships I have all around the country, and no, I don't think that would have happened spontaneously without IPMS or something like it today, with or without the internet.

So, why do we continue to be asked these "...when did you stop beating our wife?" questions?

Fred Horky
IPMS #6390
member continuously since 1973

Ed Ingersoll

Part 1: I will still support the my National Organization

Part 2: I'm thankful that we have a National Organization. It may have problems, but they all do. The National Organization helps with the coordinating of modeling activities internationally, nationally and regionally, it supports an annual national event and a web site that provides lots of modeling information. I am given the opportunity to voice my opinions about organizational operations at the national event if I choose to do so. It all boils down to "you get out of something what you put in it".

That's my 2 cents worth!
Ed

Bill Winters

The cost of membership in IPMSUSA is a bargain. I will remain a member. If you go to one movie at night and take a friend or your spouse, buy popcorn and a drink for 2 people, you will spend \$30. Clubs need funds to operate. What are the funds used for if nothing else, INSURANCE for contests. No insurance, no contest. Okay, if you don't like IPMSUSA, what other national club will you join? If you don't like IPMSUSA, get involved and CHANGE IT. Dropping out is no solution. Be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

The friends that I've made because I am part of a club.

Joe Cifrian

1- We give our guys the option to join national and we wave club dues, we are doing this because we are ok financially.

2– Well we don't ask for regionals it doesn't change most of our numbers and we don't do make/ take we give a model away,so you can't beat the charter cost for the insurance is all we can say.

Cheers
Joe

Dan Murtz

Just like the Govt. do they really think that you can tax your way to prosperity. Take a hard look at expenses (The Journal). Do we really need the expensive paper? Nice, but not necessary. I would rather spend the money on a good model magazine.

Thankful... I'm thankful that dues didn't go up more than the \$5.00.

Mark Box

I think the increase is unnecessary. I believe current monies should be recalculated and managed closer to prevent increases. I do NOT plan to rejoin IPMS national in 2015. I am retiring and looking at any and every way to reduce my living expenses. I love this hobby but IPMS is money going out, I am interested in money coming in!

I am thankful that IPMS uses part of our annual dues to provide insurance for our clubs.

Tony Ivone

What am I supposed to think?

This seems to be a great shock to the pocketbook that dues have been increased. A \$5.00 increase for the year that takes effect on January 1st 2015 that amounts to nine cents a week, a \$10.00 increase to Re-Charter IPMS Ocala, a fee that has not been increased since 1999 or earlier. What does this \$30.00 Charter fee get me as an IPMS Club member and especially a nonmember?

First: Moving from state to state, and not having a National organization like IPMS you would not know if there was a model building club in your area, many chat rooms but no addresses of the modelers.

Second: Without the insurance coverage that comes with the Charter fee you could not afford to host a Contest, Mall display and other functions that would require insurance coverage. No Contest No Vendors, No Competition, etc. Are you willing to accept the legal liability of these events?

Third: The National Organization is what binds us as model builders throughout the country, and throughout the world.

Fourth: How do I advance the hobby of model building besides paying dues, meeting once a month, and attending a contest or event? That is the question that should be asked. How many when attending the contests enters the vendor room first and then view the contest tables? When you have a public display what is the theme of this display? Your display is basically a collection of models for the public to view without a central theme or message. What period of time or event in history are your models representing? A theme should arouse interest in the viewer to ask questions about that event. How do we support

this public display of our Art Work? Additionally, how do we explain that the finished model is art work no different than any other art form that requires materials, equipment, research, and most importantly the creative talent of the artist?

Tony Ivone RC-11

Ken Zuk

Q#1 – Wings, Wheels & Keels has reviewed the increases in IPMS Re-charter fee and annual membership dues... As a group we believe the increases are necessary and in the best interest of our club and the entire IPMS membership. Every member of Wings, Wheels and Keels is an IPMS member. Please note that our club has discussed these items at our November 4th meeting.

Q#2 – We haven't discussed IPMS benefits as a group but as an individual I appreciate the efforts of Mary Jane Kinney and I enjoy the work in the IPMS-USA Journal. I know that Mary Jane works "hard" for the entire membership and the Journal is much improved of that of a few years ago. So, my thanks go to MJ and the Journal's entire editorial staff.

I also know that our membership is thankful for the insurance provide by IPMS for our annual model show and contest – without this insurance, we would-NOT have a show.. We also recognize the efforts of the clubs and members that sponsor, organize and run the National and local shows each year. I think we have many things in IPMS to be thankful for....

Warmest regards,

Ken Zuk – Wings, Wheels & Keels Model Club –
Venice, Florida
IPMS # 37718

Jack Mugan

"What do you think of the increase and will it affect your decision to join or not"?

Not at all, with the cost of kits and reference material these days, the cost of belonging to IPMS is still acceptable to me. I am disappointed that they went right to the increase without looking for cost saving solutions, but that's what you get with a volunteer organization. If they did investigate other options they did not communicate their findings to the members, but that is a topic for another discussion.

"What about IPMS are you thankful about"?

It is a simple matter of structure. We may not agree on what kind of job is being done by the national organization, but without some kind of infrastructure we would not be organized as a hobby at all. We just saw the annual event in Telford that illustrates that it can be done better, as they draw members from surrounding countries to produce, in my opinion, the best kind of convention. I am aware of the geography argument but there are other reasons for their success that we could consider looking into.

Yes, I am grateful that we have our IPMS/USA, rather than no attempt to bringing modelers in this country together. Yes, I am glad they provide insurance to the chapters. If you have ever tried to organize a contest or club display, you will quickly find out that this is an essential benefit. Though I do not believe we still need a printed journal today, I do appreciate how it has evolved from a simple typed sheet to the professional looking magazine we have today, again, a topic for a future conversations. Perhaps more important to me, the IPMS regional contests are easier to attend and easier to afford than going to the Big Show every year.

I am a long time member of IPMS/USA. I do not spend a lot of time thinking about the politics involved in running the organization, I am just happy to pay my dues and enjoy going to the contests. I like the idea that our hobby is enjoyed around the world and many of those modelers are a part of IPMS. I would encourage all modelers to support and join to keep our hobby for future modelers.

Jack Mugan

IPMS 4806

Jacob Duryea

What do I think of the dues increase? It's \$5.00 big deal. The price of everything else is going up so why not IPMS dues?

What am I thankful for about IPMS? I would also have to say the friends I have met in our club. Some have left and others have passed away but I have enjoyed their friendship and tutelage over the years. Being part of the club has driven me to improve my craft.

I am also thankful for the contests and the chance to get together with others who enjoy our hobby. IPMS is not perfect but like others have said those are discussions for another time.

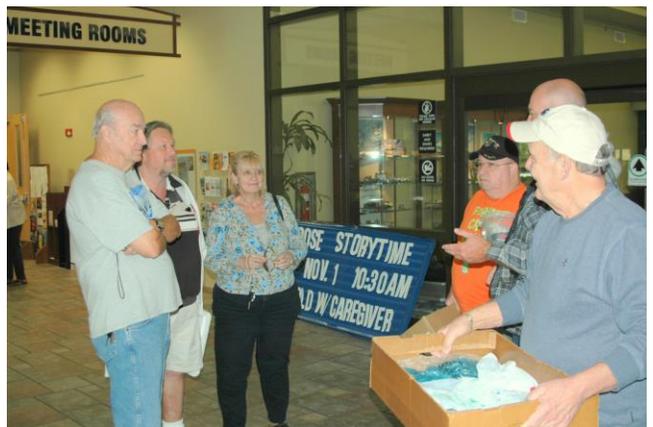


Cookout and Library Display

Well we had another successful library display and club cookout this past month. The cookout was a big success. Our Vice President and grill master Jim Rafferty did an excellent job of grilling up the burgers and hot dogs. All the food brought by our fellow club members was delicious and I saw many near empty dishes heading home. Thank you to Jim and everyone in the club for pitching in to make the cookout a hit.

The library display was another success. Dan and Walt had gone up to Mike's and brought up a small assortment of Mike's models for the display and included a little placard in memorial to Mike. Included were also some models from Ed Bonthron. That had been given to club members before he moved away. Turn out of members and models was high and much jockeying was being done to include everyone and their models. There was a good variety of models from cars, to armor, to planes, and even sci-fi. Don't forget to remove your models from the library on Saturday November 29th.





Show N' Tell



A 1:25 scale Monogram Slingster
by Mark Box



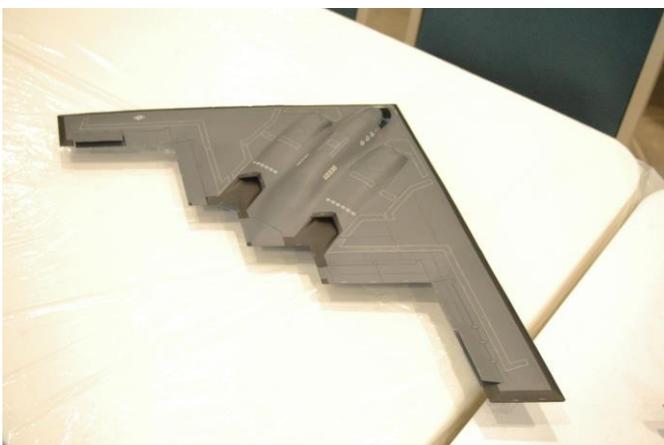
A Monogram 1:48 scale A-37 Dragonfly
by Joe Caputo



An Aurora Frankenstein
by Bill Willinter



A Hobby Boss A-7
by Howard Burke



A 1:72 scale Testors B-2
by Jim Gourgues



A 1:25 scale Monogram Slingster
by Jack Mugan



A 1:144 scale Junkers 38
By Dan Murtz

Websites of Interest

<http://www.ipmsusa.org/>

<http://www.scalemates.com/>

<http://imodeler.com/2012/10/how-to-paint-figure-faces-with-an-airbrush-a-video-tutorial/>

[HyperScale – An Online Magazine for Aircraft and Armour Modellers](#)

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[Tony Matteliano's Scale Model Index](#)

[Swanny's Models](#)

[IPMS Ocala Plastic Modelers Facebook Page](#)

Do you have a website you would like other to know about? Let us know and we will share it with everyone.

Club News & Events

- Next meeting is November 20th at Trinity Lutheran Church at 7:00 P.M.
- November's meeting will be the third Thursday Dec 18th at 7:00 P.M.
- November's theme will be an open theme.
- Can drive and club dues are being collected.

Letter from the Editor

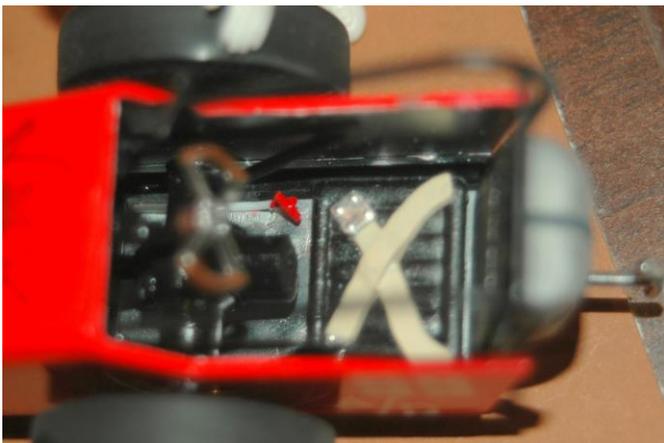
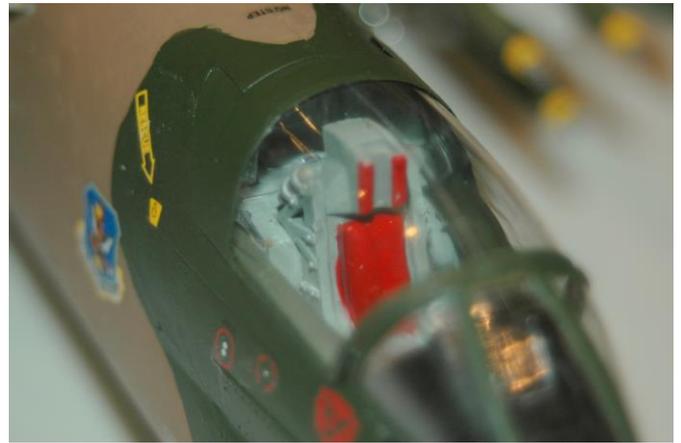
Hello Again everyone.

Well I am happy to see some response to our newsletter. I hear a few people say our newsletter is getting a little bit "Political". I don't understand why that seems to be a bad thing. It seems that nowadays if you start getting religious or political people start squirming in their seats and getting all sweaty. I guess people just don't like conflict or are just afraid to stand up for something that others might not agree with.

Anyway it seems that more people are interested in the politically slanted questions I ask rather than the hobby related ones. I don't blame them most of us have been building for years and if you surf the web will no doubt find a virtual ton of websites and videos from all over the globe that review kits, show you how to build, paint, weather, and even light up models. Welcome to the information age!

With that said I think it is the duty to of the newsletters to ask questions and be the voice of the people. ***"No one is dumb who is curious. The people who don't ask questions remain clueless throughout their lives."*** – Neil deGrasse Tyson.

Details



2014 Meeting Themes for the Year

Month	Theme	Program
• January	TBA	TBA
• February	TBA	TBA
• March	TBA	TBA
• April	TBA	TBA
• May	TBA	TBA
• June	TBA	TBA
• July	TBA	TBA
• August	TBA	TBA
• September	TBA	TBA
• October	TBA	TBA
• November	open	Swap N' Sell/ Cans/ Dues
• December	open	Cans/ Dues

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