

# The Boys From Syracuse

## December 2002

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**IPMS/Syracuse meets from 7 to 9 PM on the Second Thursday of each month at Walt's Hobby, 2 Dwight Drive, Syracuse, NY. Model Building Sessions are held at the same location and time on the Fourth Thursday.**

**Our Chapter Web Page may be found at <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/chwise309/index.html>**

**Our Yahoo Group Site May be Joined at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ipmssyracuseny>**

**Members may make general postings to other club members at [ipmssyracuseny@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ipmssyracuseny@yahoogroups.com)**

## November Business Meeting

The November business meeting was well attended and a great deal was discussed concerning the recently held Syrcon and thoughts to improve the show next year. It was agreed that the photo CD operation was worth pursuing with a certain amount of tweaking to make the process more manageable. Thanks were extended to Kevin Thomas and his sons and to Joe Dillman for the huge amount of work expended in photographing and down

loading the images to a PC. Future uses for the CD's for club and contest promotions were discussed. The show was our most profitable one yet and will certainly make operating the club in the upcoming year a bit easier.

We will be forming a committee at the December meeting to take care of Syrcon business and present information to the membership as needed. This will make it less necessary to drone on about Syrcon

preparations at every meeting of the year. Another committee will be formed to develop programs for the club meetings. This group will work to bring the meeting emphasis back to modeling. A third group will be formed to explore alternate venues to the Knight's of Columbus Hall on East Taft Road for holding Syrcon next year.

It was decided to hold a pizza party at the December 12 meeting to celebrate the holiday season. The club will

provide the pizza, members are encouraged to bring their own non-alcoholic drinks and any other goodies they care to share. We will also have a Yankee gift swap for those who care to participate. To take part, bring along a

wrapped gift to put into the pile and when the time comes, join in the fun. We did this last year and it was a blast.

Those who wish to will be getting together to go out to dinner with or without a date to dinner sometime in

December. This is informal and an everyone pays their own way deal. So if you are interested, contact Chuck Wise or John King and we'll keep you posted about where and when. *Chuck Wise*

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## Club Elections In December

**The current slate of officers was renominated to serve in the upcoming year. No other members were nominated or were seeking office at the time of the November meeting. Nominations will be reopened at the December meeting prior to elections. The elected offices in IPMS Syracuse are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Anyone interested in running for these offices is urged to make their pitch at the December meeting. CW**

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<h3>Upcoming Events</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☞ IPMS Syracuse Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12 at Walt's Hobby from 7 to 9 PM.</li><li>☞ IPMS Syracuse Builder's Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 26 at Walt's Hobby from 7 to 9 PM.</li></ul>
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## Model of the Month

This isn't a new model but it needs to be featured here as it is a beauty. Jim Marconi built this P-47D Razorback in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale from the Hasegawa kit. The plane's name is "The Syracusan" and the markings are from an Aeromaster sheet. Jim researched the history of the plane and the pilot who, as the name indicates, was a Syracusan. Jim's care in building this model is evident. Great job, Jim!



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## Secret Santa Sale Day At Walt's Hobby

We had a good turn out at Walt's on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Members brought out models for display to the

public and a number of us worked on projects during the day. Bill Nickal had a number of his helicopters on

display. Bill just keeps getting better and better. I'm starting to have a hankering to build a helo myself! Gary Haven

brought along several of his fantasy models and dinosaurs, done to perfection as always. There were a lot of great bargains to be had and John King probably had

to sneak in to his house with all the goodies he picked up... I didn't see a thing Arlene! Walt said that the sale was a big success with over a thousand people coming

through the door during the day. We can look forward to a great time at the Symposium this winter with all the participation we had on Saturday. *Chuck Wise*

### **...and now a few words from El Presidente...**

Hello everybody!

I want to thank each and every member of our group for making this the most memorable year at IPMS Syracuse. I think we all deserve a round of applause for each of the things we've done this year.

Whether involved with SYRCON or the make and take, the symposium or the I-90 challenge, or just a member that shows up at the occasional builder's meeting, I have felt the positive influence each of you has given to the club this year.

I feel that our future can only get better with on-going symposiums, attendance at regional and national shows, and even with the occasional publication of our work (Congrats Joe!!).

Now, let's get busy with our plastic!!

Happy Holidays!!

Pierre

The Boys From Syracuse is the newsletter of the Syracuse Chapter of IPMS USA. Contributions of articles, hints and tips, reviews, photos, drawings, and editorials are welcome. Submissions may be mailed or e-mailed to John King at 128 Cedarwood Blvd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027 [gladiatr@tweny.rr.com](mailto:gladiatr@tweny.rr.com) or to Chuck Wise at 309 Red Schoolhouse Rd., Fulton, NY 13069 [chwise309@netscape.net](mailto:chwise309@netscape.net). All submissions will be acknowledged and all copyrights respected. Deadline for submission is two Sundays before the first monthly meeting (that being the second Thursday of each month).