



IPMS Syracuse 1/04, 2/04

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Minutes for the January 8th meeting

Pierre started out the meeting with the good news that Nate Wise was out of the hospital and recovering well!

It was announced that IPMS has decided that the national contest rules will apply to Regional contests. This was disappointing to our club because our vote was for opening entries to non members.

Pierre suggested that an award be given at the next Syrcon show for best model from a female contestant.

No vote was taken but the majority seemed enthused about it.

Our Across the Pond Challenge was discussed and it is proposed that we put a deadline of April 8 for entries. Joe Dillman will contact the Birmingham club and get their input. It was also suggested that we supply trophies for Birmingham every year and they do the same for us, instead of one club supplying all trophies.

It was mentioned again that all members should consider a nominee for Region 1 IPMS member of the year, and chapter of the year. Anyone interested should contact Regional coordinator Doug Hamilton with their nomination. This should be done by March 1.

Charlie Walker brought in flyers for the Noreastcon show and asked about the status of the I-90 challenge.

Pierre is going to look into this.

Show and tell:

- Don Green brought in a partially completed Messerschmitt 109 in 1/72 scale.
- Charlie Walker brought in his completed F3M-1 Bearcat in 1/72, and also showed some.
- Unstarted kits in 1/72 by Ace Models.
- Bill Nickal showed his recently finished Nascar Model with 65 decals on it!

Agenda- February 12 Meeting

Announcements

- I-90 Challenge Date set for May 23rd at Walt's Hobby. A letter asking for reply if interested has been sent to the presidents of the Buffalo, NENY and Rochester chapters.
- SYRCON Committee 1-30-04
 - Cotton gloves ordered by Pierre Salazar.
 - Adding Live Animals to the list of contest categories, under the Figures umbrella.
 - Advertising under way.
 - We are using 8" as a cutoff for figure sizes.
- Poll on IPMS site about a CD based index or full publication series of all the IPMS Journals, Updates, and Quarterlies. There's a link with an explanation of the project. Please check it out, and see if you're interested in getting in on this project.
- Please donate to the Baghdad Hobby Shop (see Hobbies for Heroes page 13).

Club Business

- Theme for SYRCON XVII.
Candidates:
Best WWI Model 1914-1918
The Roaring twenties 1920-1929
The Great Depression 1929-1945
Best Cold War Model 1946-1990
Best Gulf War Model 1990-1991
Best Air National Guard model
Operation Iraqi Freedom
Other Suggestions

Old Business/Outstanding issues

A Message from Art Loder regarding Noreaston's website

Dear Friends:

IPMS-NENY's Website is now free of popups, and much more easily accessible. Our server [Freeyellow] notified us that we would have to buy space, or have our site deleted. Since we do not use a huge amount of space, a basic plan was chosen.

The address is still: <http://www.aloder.freeyellow.com/>

The good news is that you will not have to delete all those @#\$%\$#@&&*^ Popups when you open the site.

There is a downloadable *model entry form* on the site, and shortly, there will be a downloadable *event registration form* as well.

There is also a link to the Holiday Inn Express in Schoharie, the site of the event.

I might add that, since the webring at the bottom of our page seems to be dying, we're considering dropping that as well.

There is, afterall, easy access from the IPMS-USA Homepage.

This Tuesday, we will be folding and stuffing envelopes with about 700 individual brochures to IPMS Region 1 and previous NOREASTCON attendees, as well as 5 copies to each Chapter in Region 1, and the northern part of Region 2. Please let me know if you need more.

Thanks for your time. Please come to Schoharie, for the longest running Regional Convention in IPMS [established 1972], to meet old friends and have o good time!

Warmest Regards,

Art Loder
IPMS #873
NOREASTCON 2004 Co-Chair.

Various Messages from our Region President, Doug Hamilton.

Greetings from 2004!! (dated 1-5-04, Ed.)

Happy new Year everyone. Now that that's out of the way, here is the latest scoop to start the new year.

The results of the poll to decide whether regional events should take on the National rules is, drum roll please.....

The proposal passed. We here in Region 1 voted overwhelming against it. The numbers went something like this. Thirteen chapters voted. I also voted as RC, for a total of fourteen votes from Region 1. Four voted in favor, and nine against. I voted against it as I felt my vote should reflect the views of the chapters I represent.

Thanks for passing on your comments when handing in your votes. Let it be duly noted that they were passed on when I turned in my tally. One reason that I heard so many of our chapters voting against it was the fear that this may trickle down to the local event level. I don't see that happening, but it was a concern voiced by some.

The following is an excerpt of a message I received from Jack announcing the National results. "OK, here is how the voting went. Of 200 chapters, 112 voted. Of the 112, 85 were in favor and 27 against. Ten of the eleven regions went in favor of using Nat'l contest rules at Regional conventions. Only Region 1 was against this idea. This vote reflects 56% of the chartered chapters and the fact that this many voted is encouraging considering how difficult it is to get a 15% vote on any proposal.

I am very pleased with the voting as this is a step in the right direction towards standardizing the contests at regionals. This will not take effect until 2005. I will be working on the wording for this over the next few months with the help of the National Contest Committee, of which I am a member.

Please feel free to let all of your chapters know the result of the voting and that this will not effect local shows. Also let them know that if a chapter plans of making a bid to host a regional, they must be willing to abide by the National contest rules."

Back to me.

Even though we as a region overwhelming rejected this proposal, it passed due to the support it had in other regions. The number of votes cast certainly shows a valid result, with over 50% of all chapters taking part. Now we'll have to wait to see how the National Contest Committee sorts it all out. I'm confident they will be thorough in their task. They know what they're doing, and I'm sure will make the right choices.

By now, everyone should have their re-chartering materials back to Jack, and have received your seal. Thanks to you all for working really hard in getting this stuff back on time. (There'll be a little something extra in your checks next week.) I think there are one or two that are still waiting for your seal, and if you've sent your stuff in, and don't hear back within a few weeks, let me know.

January of the new year could only mean that the spring show season is coming soon. I hope everyone has had a chance to build some cool stuff. And while we're talking about shows.... let me update y'all on Noreastcon version 2004. I spoke to Art Loder the other day, and he was telling me that the event website is up and will soon have the forms available to download. To get there, go to the IPMS NENY site, and follow the links.

<http://www.aloder.freeyellow.com/>

Art was also saying the plans are moving right along, and they're looking for trophy sponsors. Please consider sponsoring a package to support our region's event. There are a number still available, so if you act soon, you should be able to sponsor a category you like. The next update will contain the list of approved 2004 events. If your chapter is still planning something for this year, and you haven't had your date approved yet, get something to me soon. The dates are filling in fast.

And please, remember Chapter of the Year, and Person of the Year nominations should be sent in. The sooner the better. Nominations close March 1 for both, so times a-wastin'!! I received the Chapter of the Year plaque from the home office a few days ago. It looks really nice, and will be presented with the winners name on it. (everybody now, ooooooooooooo!!)

I was going to end this with some crude comments about Britney Spears recent wedding stunt, but I realize that this may fall into the hands of children, so I won't get into that here. (But I will send them to you if you ask!!) So I'll close this with a quick, see ya!!!!
And as always, please share this with the officers and members of your chapter. It belongs to them too!!!!

Semper Fi
Doug Hamilton
RC-1

Various Messages from our Region President, Doug Hamilton. (continued)

Hi and howdy Y'all!! (dated 2-7-04, Ed.)

It's time for another fabulous update of all things IPMS, and a few that aren't for your amusement and consideration.

Let's get this rolling by saying that it's time for your Chapter of the Year (CoY), and Person of the Year (PoY) nominations to start heading my way. I have one nomination for PoY so far, and am still taking both of them until 1 March. Remember, if you can't win it, if you're not in it!! I'll select the winner after 1 March for both awards, and present them at the banquet held at Noreastcon. Speaking of which, I happen to know Art Loder and his whole Northeast New York staff are busy as beavers getting ready to host another great event for us. Please help them out by sponsoring a trophy package for them. I know I sound like a broken record regarding helping them out, but we all know how much effort is put into a Regional. Art also tells me their website has all the information you need to get you registered and your models on the tables. I'm looking forward to attending this year. It's not too early to start thinking about what we want to cover at the Region 1 Business meeting. If you have a topic you'd like to cover, let me know, so I can add it to the agenda.

I'm also still on the look out for a chapter to step up and offer to host the 2005 Noreastcon. I've heard that there may be another chapter willing to step up, but don't have anything firm yet. I'm keeping the door open for any or all comers!! Until I get a firm deal in place, the field is wide open.

On a sad note, I heard from John Nickerson the other day. He said long time bay Colony member Robert "Bob" Casey passed away recently. Bob had been a member for quite a while. I'd like to pass along condolences from myself and the rest of the Region 1 family. I know he'll be missed.

On the IPMS front, a poll is now up on the web site regarding a CD based index or full publication series of all the IPMS Journals, Updates, and Quarterlies. I think this is a great idea, and support it fully. There's a link with a much better explanation of the project on the front page of the site. Check it out, and see if you're interested in getting in on this project. The cost, at this point, is based on a certain number of members being interested. To keep the costs down, we need a good number of members to commit. I hope a good number of you folks see the worth in this, and vote accordingly.

One other thing I'd like to make you aware of. That's the Baghdad Hobby Shop. What's that you say? That's right, the Baghdad Hobby Shop. Many of our brave soldiers stationed in Iraq are not only battling the insurgent Iraqi's but also the boredom of being a long way from home and loved ones. Recently, a group of them have started a small hobby group in a former Presidential Palace in the middle of Baghdad. (And you think your club as a cool place to meet!!!) Anyway, to help get them the kits and supplies they need and crave, an effort has been started to provide them with just such items. There's a great story about this effort, and ways that your chapter can help right on the web site. Please go and check it out, then see if your chapter would like to get involved. We all know active duty and reserve personnel that are currently in harms way. This is wonderful way to show our support, and put into their hands kits and other supplies to make their tours a little easier to take. I'd also like to mention the support of one Colpar Hobbies, located in that faraway area of Denver, CO. These guys have not only supplied a very large goody box, but have also taken the extra step of offering an additional 15% off anything ordered by our troops serving in Iraq. Please, check out the information on the site, and get involved.

The most amusing story of this past week is that of those wacky Cubans that outfitted a 58 Buick to drive (?) to Florida from Cuba. The funny part is that when they were approached by the Coast Guard, they rolled up the windows, and locked the doors. This shows just how far some of these people will go to escape that island's regime. Now I'm waiting to see which enterprising modeler will build their craft.

Every chapter should be receiving a package from the folks in Phoenix who are hosting this years National Convention. I believe the packages are going out this week some time.

And, I'm very happy to report that all Region 1 Chapters have renewed, and are on board for another fun filled year. Thanks to all of you!!! Please update me with your chapters officer corps for the new year, and please provide e mail addresses for them. I like to know who's who, and what's what!!!

Attached, you'll find the upcoming event schedule for the year here in Region 1. If your event isn't listed, and it's been approved, let me know. I think I added everything, but sometimes something slips through the cracks. We have a good number of events again this year, all of which are worthy of your participation. And speaking of participation, please support your brother chapters by sponsoring a trophy package for them, and attending. Help make their event a success.

One final thought. We've all experienced a hard winter, and I hope everyone has had a chance to build some great models. The racing season is upon us, and the Daytona 500 runs next week!! Cars on the track again, yee ha!! The Rolex 24 was last weekend, which saw a great drive by a couple of NASCAR guys doing that sports car thing. Oh Boy!!! Which brings us to the checked flag once again. As always, please share this with the members of your chapter.

Semper Fi
Doug Hamilton
RC-1

Various Messages from our Region President, Doug Hamilton. (continued)

Hi Folks, *(dated 2-10-04, Ed.)*

Here are some new items for your consideration that have been recently received. I've pasted them all together for your viewing pleasure.

From President Dave:

Couple things from our E-board meeting tonight for general publication if you desire.

1. Web site is now taking IPMS memberships via MC/Visa over a secure server. You can go and join/rejoin right from the web site. Easier than ever.
2. Shortly, IPMS merchandise will be available the same way via MC/Visa and secure of course. Should be completed soon
3. You have probably seen the info on the web site but it needs to be passed around again (it's also in the Journal). IPMS has looked into the feasibility of putting the entire 40 years of IPMS on a CD-ROM and making it available to the membership basically at cost. A survey is going on the web site asking for opinions. This is not without some cost so we really need answers. See the web site for further details.
4. Please thank all the chapters and many of the members. Our Make and Take fund is very good at the moment (\$3911) and that is due to a lot of people but I would like to thank IPMS Niagara Frontier who issued a challenge to the chapters to reach a goal and then added more of their own funds! Also, please use the money. We are getting better and better support from all manufacturers so please spend the money. Also, do an adult Make and Take if the feeling moves you. One last MT thing. Our MT Coordinator, Steve Dottavio lost his computer yesterday and ALL the last months e-mails etc. Please let chapters know this. He has sent the hard drive out and is trying to recover the old info but we don't want to miss anyone. Have them contact me directly until Steve is back on-line.
5. IPMS is in the process of making the "Baghdad Hobby Club" which has been mentioned on the web site an honorary IPMS USA Chapter and is getting some stuff together for them. This is part of the Hobbytown USA "Hobbies for Heroes". There will be a posting soon with the APO address etc. Each RC should receive it from Jack and John shortly and it needs passed on to the clubs to try and respond.
6. Monthly e-mail updates. During this month, I will try and get a quick update from each officer and compile and e-mail/note. We are thinking of sending the e-mail to the RC's for distribution to the clubs and any other interested parties. Another thought was to put it on the web site for downloading as a PDF or Word doc. Thoughts?
7. We'll get the e-board meeting minutes up soon. Unfortunately, our membership is down to between 4400-4500 and costs, even with some controls we are doing, are still staying the same. Bottom line is we are looking at a dues increase. We will have full info and the reasons soon.
8. We have been having a lot of issues with contests not making the Journals (3 this time alone) Bob Hester has been looking at modifying the web site further to install a database on it to make it even further fool proof. More soon.

And from Web Master Bob:

All,

Our esteemed Director of Local Chapters, Jack Kennedy, has suffered a computer malfunction, and will be off-line for approx. 1 week. Any urgent inquiries should be directed to me at webmaster@ipmsusa.org. Please let the routine stuff wait until Jack recovers his PC.

It would seem that computers all over IPMS land are getting the spring itch.

Please share this with the members of your chapter.

Semper Fi

Doug

Hobbies for Heroes

IPMS/USA is pleased to announce our formal participation in the HobbyTown USA "**Hobbies for Heroes**" program. This program was set up to provide our armed services personnel stationed in Iraq with modeling kits, equipment, and supplies. Elsewhere in the website, you'll see where members and chapters have already participated on a discrete basis; we now have the shipping information that can be shared with the entire membership. Here's the scoop, direct from Karey Koehn at Hobby Outlook magazine, who is the USA co-founder of the initiative:

U.S. soldiers stationed in a former presidential palace in Baghdad have made the best of their surroundings by beginning the Baghdad Hobby Club. The club, supported by HobbyTown USA stores and many hobby manufacturers, has become a popular stop for soldiers in the unit and soldiers passing through the area. With the many new troops being sent over, and the strong interest in hobbies - there isn't enough hobby fun to go around.

IPMS Chapters everywhere are encouraged to send a care package to the Baghdad Hobby Club. This little piece of home goes a long way towards offering soldiers a break from the danger and boredom of serving in Iraq.

Donations can be sent US Mail to an APO address stateside. Then the military will take care of transporting them to the troops. If donations are packed in boxes around 40 lbs., the postage is manageable. You will need to complete a customs form for each box, available at your local post office.

Some of the restricted items include all paints that are not water based, highly flammable glues (super glue types are recommended), and any nitro fuels or nitro items (if you're considering a radio control donation).

Be sure to include a note with your donation, describing how your hobby club supports the Baghdad Hobby Club, these words of encouragement can almost mean as much as the great hobby products themselves.

You can also e-mail the club coordinator, **Charles Kalina** to let him know your package is coming at ckalina@capaccess.org.

Here is the address to send donations:

**Baghdad Hobby Club
C/O Charles Kalina
ISG-JIDC
BIAP
APO AE 09335**

If you have questions about Hobbies for Heroes, you can contact the HobbyTown USA co-founder of the program - **Karey Koehn**, Hobby Outlook Magazine editor, at karey@hobbytown.com

Thanks!

John Noack
First Vice President
IPMS/USA

Model of the Month

This month we have the "P-40 Thing" by Gary Haven. Gary, not an aircraft builder, decided he'd combine the fuselage of the P-40 along with a Gundam-Wing robot! The result was "P-40 Thing", which won the contest hands down. All of us were blown away by the creativity of the piece.



Approved Region 1 Events as of 7 February 2004

13 March
Mosquitocon (It still isn't in Region 1!!)
NJIPMS
Wayne New Jersey
Bill Connolly 609-737-8596

20 March
Downeastcon
IPMS Maine
Biddeford Maine
Ron Garland
high52@metrocast.net

28 March
2nd Annual National Museum of Military
Miniatures (Non IPMS Event)
Wareham Mass.
Bill Grigg
BJGUSCG@aol.com

3 April
ReLIcon
IPMS Long Island
Freeport New York
Eric Goldschrafe
Tigerlager@aol.com

4 April
Valleycon
IPMS Wings and Wheels
Chicopee Mass.
Al LaFleche
AJLaFleche@aol.com

4 April
Buffcon
IPMS Niagara Frontier
Buffalo New York
Tony G.
gbandit12@aol.com

17/18 April
MASSCAR Model Car Exhibition
IPMS MASSCAR
Tauton Mass.
Paul Kaszanek 508 384 3855

17 April
Can-Am Con
IPMS Champlain Valley
Frank Baehre
frankandsandyb@westelcom.com

April 30-May 1
Noreastcon
IPMS Northeast New York
Schoharie New York
Art Loder
aloder1@nycap.rr.com

19 September
Patcon
IPMS Patriot
Lowell Mass.
Pip Moss
pnmoss@aol.com

26 September
16th Annual Cape Cod Model Contest
IPMS Cape Cod
West Barnstable Mass.
Rich Reingold
rreingold@attbi.com

10 October
Modelfest
IPMS Stratford
Milford CT
Doug Hamilton
Modelfest2004@aol.com

17 October
Granitecon XII
IPMS Granite State
Nashua New Hampshire
Rod Currier
ipmsgsmc@Hotmail.com

30 October
IPMS Hid Hudson
Poughkeepsie New York
Doc Wiseman
docsmodels@juno.com

7 November
Baycon
IPMS Bay Colony
South Attleboro Mass
John Nickerson
jjnick@lycos.com

15 November
LIARS
Long Island NY
George Vita
Gliars@aol.com

Future Business Meeting Dates

February 12th
March 11th
April 8th
May 13th
June 10th
July 8th
August 12th
September 9th
October 14th
November 11th
December 9th

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