



SYRACUSE IPMS

January 2005

IPMS Syracuse Business meeting: 7 PM to 9 PM, 2nd Thursday of the month.

IPMS Syracuse Builders meeting: 7 PM to 9 PM 4th Thursday of the month.

All at:

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MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING

We had a great turnout for the Christmas Party meeting with sixteen members present.

- The main order of business was the election of club officers. Pierre nominated Kevin Thomas for President of the club and he accepted the position. All the other officers were asked if they wanted to continue in their present positions and all accepted. So the officers are as follows:

President: **Kevin Thomas**
Vice President: **Jim Marconi**
Secretary: **Joe Dillman**
Treasurer: **Gary Haven**
Chapter Contact: **John King**

We wish to give a special thanks to Pierre Salazar, our outgoing President for two years of wonderful service to the club. Please welcome Kevin Thomas as our new President and we look forward to working with Kevin and good things to come!

- A special club function for January was discussed. It will be a “fun day” to display models and have some pizza and just enjoy our hobby by seeing what everyone has built recently or in the past. It will be held the second weekend in January on Saturday or Sunday. The exact date and time will be announced soon.
- We had our annual gift exchange. Most members were well behaved...

Show and Tell

John Kesler brought in a nearly completed 1/72 scale MiG 23s Flogger by Hasegawa. It had a nice camouflage paint scheme, and was displayed on a nice base with a simulated concrete hard stand made by Verlinden. John also brought in a beautiful 1/24 scale Williams F1 BMW FW24 Formula 1 race car which was manufactured and assembled by Tamiya. It was shipped to him in a nice plastic display box. John also brought in a 1/48 scale Fokker D8 with a terrific lozenge paint pattern done with decals. It included photo etched twin machine guns mounted on top of the fuselage which were very realistic.

Chuck Wise brought in a 1/35 scale Russian T34/76 ChTZ by Tamiya which he has just started on. It has a distinctive cast turret that was produced by the tank factory in Chelyabinsk (hence the moniker ChTZ for Chelyabinsk Tank Zavod). Chuck says he plans to build this one pretty much out of the box... (I guess we'll see about that).

**Chuck's T-34/76 Model 1943 ChTZ
(1/35th Scale Kit by Tamiya)**



**John Kesler's Fokker D VIII
(1/48th Scale Kit by DML)**



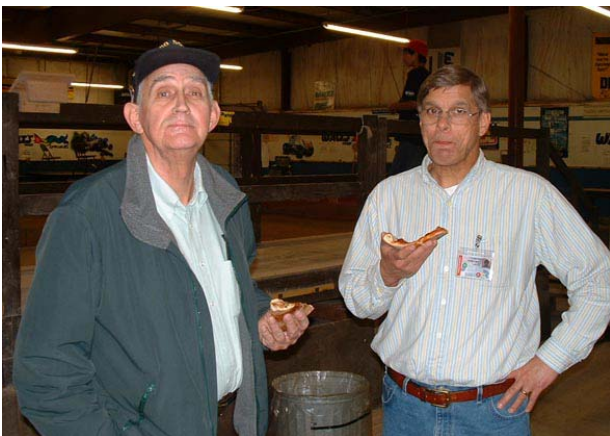
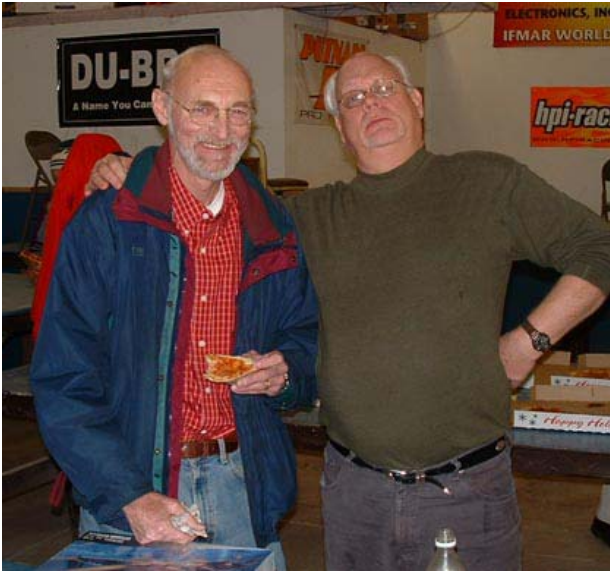
**MiG 23s Flogger by John Kesler
(1/72nd Scale Kit by Hasegawa)**



Formula 1 BMW (pre-built model by Tamiya brought in by John Kesler)

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICS

(My apologies for not getting everyone!)



What goes together better than pizza and models?

(Maybe pizza, beer, and models!)

A Side Trip *by Joe Dillman*

I was traveling near Hammondspport NY this summer and saw this Stuart Tank (*it looks like a late production M3A1...CW*) parked at a VFW. It's in

great condition and I have lots of detail shots if any one needs some photos. It's located just outside of Bath NY on Rt. 54, maybe 5 miles south of Hammondspport.



Special Event News

As mentioned in the Minutes previously, we will be having a special club get together the second weekend of January. This will be a time to have some fun, show some of our models and have some pizza! The idea is to have everyone bring 5 or more models to Walt's on a weekend and just have a big show and tell. Bring as many models as you like- the more the merrier! There are no limits on what to bring. Some ideas:

1. The worst kit you ever built and/or the best kit you ever built.

2. Your first model build or oldest one. (We don't care if it has Testors tube glue smeared all over it!) It's just for fun!
3. Bring 5 different categories.
4. The ugliest model you've ever built
5. If you absolutely can't bring finished models, bring 5 of your favorite unfinished ones, or books or anything model related.
6. The sky is the limit-use your imagination!

We will get an exact time and day very shortly and everyone will be notified.

A Message from Doug Hamilton, Region I Coordinator

Region 1 Update
December 2004

Greetings and salutations!!

Here we are, at the close of another fine year of modeling. I hope everyone is building great things now that the colder weather is upon us. I have a few things happening on the bench, and with some luck, and a little patience, I may finish something soon.

Now on to the news, and is there ever quite a bit to share with everyone. First up is the MAP program. A while ago I sent out the master document for the program, and asked for comments. The chapters here in Region 1 either didn't like it, or thought so little of it they chose not to respond. It was about the same in the other ten regions, with little support. Most felt it was cumbersome, top heavy, and overly complicated are among some of the comments generated. Well the powers that be heard your comments, gripes, and other assorted foul words regarding this program, and have taken action. At this time, MAP has been withdrawn for a much needed streamlining, and simplification. Our very own Nick Phillipone of NENY fame has offered a clear and concise alternative that is being considered by a reworked MAP committee. (Good job Nick!!!) Stand by for further information regarding this program. My feelings on it are very much the same as what I heard from y'all. It was in need of a rework, and I believe it could serve the membership of IPMS a great deal better when the revised format is released. I would hope everyone will keep an open mind in waiting for the new, improved edition to come our way.

One other thing that is currently being examined is a standardization of the Regional event concept, what we know as Noreastcon. This was another idea that I polled our chapters on, and we wound up being the only region to vote against it, as presented. I understand the trepidation everyone felt over this and have been working with the other RC's and DCL Jack Kennedy to formulate a set of guidelines that everyone can live with, and find helpful in planning a future Regional event, such as our Noreastcon. One of the major reasons we voted against it was a fear that the host chapter would be hamstrung in making the event their own, and being a cookie cutter type event. Many of the other RC's also feel that their event should reflect local custom and flavor, while offering certain things that make a quality event. I am taking an active roll in formulating the guidelines so as to protect our regions interests, and to offer insights gained though our Noreastcon. I feel Noreastcon, as we've come to know it, is one of the premier Regionals in the nation. The new guidelines that are being formulated will allow the local customs and flavor of these events to remain, while ensuring that if someone attends a regional somewhere else they will know what to expect as far a judging standards are concerned, categories offered, and so on, in addition to allowing the RC some latitude in the approval process. Much of this was missing from the original proposal, and I feel is important to maintain. The date of implementation has been pushed back to allow thoughtful discussion and action on this. I'll pass along more info on it as it becomes available.

With the close of the current year upon us, it isn't too early to start thinking about next year. With that in mind, I renew my call for nominations for Region 1 Chapter of the Year, and Region 1 Person of the Year. I will start accepting nominations for both awards on 1 January 2005, and will place a deadline for submissions at 15 March. If anyone needs information on what constitutes a valid nomination, please contact me, and I'll be happy to share those guidelines. And as a quick reminder, all nominations should be e mailed to be in Word format. I know we have a number of qualified chapters and individuals here in our region, and are looking forward to seeing your nominations soon. And remember, these two awards are presented at the awards banquet at Noreastcon.

And speaking of Noreastcon: that is also approaching rapidly. This year, we find some good news/bad news associated with it. The bad news is that Noreastcon is scheduled for Mothers Day weekend. While this may not allow some to attend, the good news is that the US Air Force Thunderbirds will be performing in Rochester that weekend, and I've been told we can expect to be able

to see some of their performance by just standing in front of the hotel. Armand Miale, and the rest of the Rochester gang is hard at work preparing another fine event for us, and are in need of our support. Please have your chapter consider sponsoring a trophy package for them this year. I know I always ask this, but it is important that all Region 1 chapters participate in our grand event, if only by sponsoring a trophy package. The cost is reasonable, and it's stays in our region, so please help this effort again this year. The mailings will be going out shortly after the first of the year for registration, and hotel, so make your plans early to attend!!!!

I know of one group that is working on a bid for the 06 edition. After that, it's wide open. Please consider hosting a future event. It's a lot of work, but it's also satisfying. And, if your chapter doesn't want to host on their own, let me know, and I may be able to hook you up with another chapter to partner with. You know the old saying, many hands make light work!! Consider it, please!!

On the National front, the deadline for submissions for Constitutional Amendments is 15 January 2005, and the deadline for election nominations is 1 May 2005. The minutes for the most recent E Board meeting are also there. More detailed information on these, or any other IPMS/USA topic is available for your instant viewing at the web site. www.ipmsusa.org Check it out, if you haven't already. It's a cool site!!

The rechartering period is almost over. Every chapter in the region should have had their renewals mailed back to Jack by now. Let me know if you're having any problems with it. Maybe I can help you get it done.

Below is a listing for the approved 2005 event dates. If your chapters' event isn't listed, it may be that I haven't approved it yet. You'll see that the dates are filling in quickly, so get your dates in soon for inclusion on the listing. If I have approved it, and you don't see it, let me know. As always, please check with the host chapter for further details.

With that, I'll close this update. I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. And please, don't drink and drive. Drink and stay put. Make them fix you breakfast!! Please share this with the officers and members of your chapter. Until next time boys and girls.....

**Semper Fi
Doug Hamilton
Region 1 Coordinator**

IPMS/USA, Region 1
2005 Approved Event Dates

12 March
IPMS Southern Maine

2 April
IPMS Long Island – RepLICon

3 April
IPMS Niagara Frontier – BuffCon

3 April
IPMS Wings and Wheels – ValleyCon

9 April
IPMS Champlain Valley – Can-AmCon

23/24 April
IPMS MASSCAR

18 September
IPMS Patriot – PatCon

22 October
IPMS Mid Hudson

12 November
IPMS LIARS



Agenda for the January 13 Meeting

- Discuss “Just for fun” event
- Syrcon Updates
- A Demo by Chuck Wise (Building the Tamiya P-51B Mustang in 1/48th scale, continued... This installment includes cockpit and wheel wells)

Upcoming Regional Events

4/3/2005

New York
Cheektowaga, NY
Region 1

BuffCon 22
Knights of Columbus
2735 Union Rd.
IPMS Niagara Frontier
[Bob Collignon](#) 716-875-0234

5/6/2005
To
5/8/2005

New York
Rochester
Region 1

NOREASTCON 2005
The Park Plaza Hotel
175 Jefferson Road
IPMS Rochester, NY
[Armand S. Miale](#) 585/223-1128

A Message from Kevin Thomas

Dear Fellow IPMS Syracuse members,

As most of you know, you railroaded me into being your next club president. I am happy to serve again.

Two items I want to address at this time and some minor suggestions.

1) Applause to Pierre and the fine job he has done for us. He stepped into a leadership role having been a club I for a short time and has many accomplishments to look back on. A new venue was found for SYRCON and each was more successful than the last. We had a high percentage of club members judging which means we had to rely less on our guests allowing them more free time. Membership has grown and diversified. We have more ship and car modelers than before. The SYRCON committee was formed to allow the regular club meetings run smoother and be of more interest to the general membership. Our relationship with Walt and his store has been most congenial. Joe has done a great job with the newsletter, contest photography and the train show. Gary has done an excellent job with the finances, Kenneth Lay would be proud. Our chapter contacts have kept us up to date with the other clubs and region. Chuck has given some fine demonstrations, been head judge for SYRCON and editor of the newsletter. Jim has filled in seamlessly when Pierre has not been available.

2) I have been president and it was not the happiest time. The club almost disintegrated. Some of the blame was not mine but a significant proportion was. Some of the characteristics that caused problems are still here but watching Pierre has been instructive. You can help me by keeping me as informed as soon as possible when problems arise. I will behave myself better at meetings.

Things I would like to see improved during my tenure:

1. More beef in the newsletter: try to get something to the editor each month; a tip, kit review, (built or unbuilt), decal review, interesting trip to an airshow, museum or contest, websites you have liked or did not like or put a virus on your computer, picture of a model or your building area.
2. Bring more stuff to the meetings: anything relating to model building. If someone brings something, look at it and make a positive comment. There is nothing more frustrating than packing up a model and taking it to a meeting only to have it ignored.

How about club tables at SYRCON with award(s) for best club display?

Happy modeling!

Kevin Thomas, president-elect IPMS Syracuse

Charlie Walker's Latest: The Northrop F-89 Scorpion

