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Meeting Times:

The club meets at 7:00pm on the last Monday of each month at the Central United Methodist Church in Phoenix. Check the club calendar on the website for any changes. (<http://www.ipms-phx.org>)

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WHAT YOU MISSED

There were about 50 people in attendance at the August meeting. It appears that we are already in danger of running out of space at the new location. The contest was "Any model that was entered in the 2004 Nationals". Wendell Rogers was awarded first place for his Mercury-Redstone rocket. That should come as no surprise; he took 2nd place with this entry at the Nationals.

The club collected a bunch of kits and money for supplies for the troops overseas, and Mike Pabis is getting ready to ship the goodies to Iraq and Bosnia. We found out from Sgt. Dean Flyte of the Baghdad Hobby Club that they are out of glue, so Mike picked up a supply for them. The club voted to pay for the shipping to get the stuff overseas. There is more about this later in the issue.

The Raffle table was loaded with books, kits, and other modeling accessories. Jim Pearsall is running low on raffle prizes, and any donations would be appreciated.

Keenan Chittester won the special P-38 raffle. His strategy was to purchase almost half of all the tickets sold. It worked! This was a kit donated "at cost" by Keith Pieper of Avalon Books and Hobbies.

Here are some pictures of the club meeting.....



1/18th scale scratch-built Yoda's S-Wing by Tom Kowaliski.



Dynavector deHavilland Hornet in 1/48th scale by Keenan Chittester.



The Raffle Prizes (and Ed)



1/35th scale Dragon "Mourning" diorama by Mike Pabis.



1/48th scale Czechmaster FJ-1 Fury by Jordan Ross.



1/72nd scale Hasegawa A6M-5 Zero by Sydney Pierce.



Mike Ronnau's 1/48th scale Hasegawa P-47D Razorback "Miss Mary Lou".



1/700 scale Skywave USS California CG-36 by Kevin Wenker.



1/35th scale Italeri M109A6 Paladin by Ethan Dunsford.

WANTED

Hawk Mister Mulligan 1/48 scale kit. Will pay up to \$20.00 for a complete, un-built kit. Contact Erik Lind at 480-615-2188 or email at erik@erik-lind.com if you have one you are willing to part with.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

October

- Mon-25th Monthly Club Meeting: 7:00 PM at Central United Methodist Church.

November

- Mon-29th Monthly Club Meeting: 7:00 PM at Central United Methodist Church.

MISCELLANEOUS

Donations for the Baghdad Hobby Club and Models for Bosnia Club

At the recent IPMS/USA 2004 Nationals Convention, the host chapter IPMS Craig Hewitt chapter in Phoenix and convention committee thought it would be a great place to gather donations for the Baghdad Hobby Club. Over the past few months, the modeling community became aware of a club that was formed by soldier, for soldiers. The Baghdad Hobby Club was formed for soldiers in Iraq to continue enjoying their hobby while they are deployed.

The committee decided to put a large donation bin near the front entrance where convention participants could bring their items for distribution overseas. For those who wanted to make cash contributions, a collection jar was made available. Over the four days of the convention, nearly 100 models were collected from convention participants and by Academy/Minicraft. In addition to the kits, over \$150 was collected to purchase kits, paints, tools, glue and other supplies for the clubs. The donated money was ultimately used to purchase a wide variety of items that were requested by the Baghdad Hobby club, including much needed glue. A large batch of the new washable, breathable latex type gloves was also donated.

After the conclusion of the 2004 Nationals, a local Phoenix Hobbytown USA owner, Linda McFarland, contacted the club about donating some items from her store to the Baghdad Hobby Club. Linda kindly donated many kits, bottles of paint and other supplies to the soldiers. She was very excited to do her part in helping out the soldiers stationed in Iraq.

Due to the overwhelming response from convention participants, vendors and manufacturers, the decision was made to include the Models for Bosnia Club in the donation effort. After dividing up all of the donations and supplies, six large boxes were put together and sent out in early September. Included in the packages were some really great items. Plenty of the latest Tamiya, Monogram, Academy/Minicraft and Dragon kits were kindly donated. The type of kits ranged from aircraft to cars to armor and ships including a huge 1:350 Titanic donated by Academy/Minicraft. Resin and photo-etch accessories were also donated by some of the vendors at the 2004 Nationals. CD copies of the 2004 Nationals awards presentation were included along with a copy of the video shown at the banquet in order for the soldiers to feel more connected to the 2004 Nationals.

This is the third donation program conducted by the IPMS Craig Hewitt chapter. Our club has done two other model donation programs over the past year, to the 82nd Airborne in Iraq in early 2004 and to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in the spring of 2004. Like many other clubs across the country, our club members wanted to do their part in helping out our soldiers overseas.

I would really like to thank everyone who contributed their monetary or kit donations to helping out the Baghdad Hobby Club and the Models for Bosnia Club. Without everyone's participation, none of this would have been possible.



Mike Pabis
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Club Members' Biography

This month's biography is by Jim Pearsall:

I have been building models for nearly 50 years now. The first kit I ever built was the Aurora XF-90.

I continued to build occasionally through grade school, just gluing the parts together and putting on decals. Later on, in high school, I began brush painting the models. I still have a Revell 1/72 P-40 which I did at this time. The assembly is crude, the painting the same, and the decals are really crappy. Obviously I've improved on this. How much is still open to question.

When I was a sophomore in college, the Vietnam War was beginning to heat up. I joined the Air Guard at Peoria, IL. I was an airborne radio repairman on F-84Fs. While I was gone to tech school, I discovered Airfix kits. All the airplanes to a single scale? Too cool! AF rules allowed one built model per occupant of dorm rooms. I built models for everyone in the barracks, except one guy who wanted his own 1/48 FW-190. I still don't do "quarter inch"

When I got back to Peoria, I got a job with IBM. The IBM office was just 2 blocks from a hobby shop, so I started going there at lunch time. That's where I met George. George introduced me to real modeling. He got me my airbrush compressor (which I still use!), taught me how to fill seams, where to find research material, and got me started with IPMS. Then he did something terrible. He GAVE me a Revell 1/32 Bf-109F. (Go ahead kid, the first one's free.) So then I was buying at least one of every 1/72 aircraft available in the late 60s, also eagerly awaiting the release of 1/32 aircraft. It was in this period I bought an Airfix Sunderland. I decided I didn't want to build it right away, so I stuck it in a drawer. Then Revell 1/72 Bf-109Es, Frog Bf-109Fs, Hasegawa F-4s. Although I finished about 2 kits per month for 30 years, I never got around to building that Sunderland. It was still in the collection when I sold them to move to Arizona.

At that same hobby shop I met Jack, the Left handed Polish Carpenter. He was excited about IPMS, and thought we should form a chapter. We did, and I am a founding member of IPMS Polish Coast Watchers.

I had two careers, one in the civilian life, and one in the ANG. I left IBM to start a typewriter service/sales business. We were bought out, and I went to work full time for the ANG. When I was 50, they forced me to retire. Still not bad. E-1 to O-4. Lots of travel, and I got to see a lot of airplanes I'd have never seen anywhere else. I can start collecting pension and benefits when I'm 60. So I've had a few other jobs. My favorite was team lead for converting Air Force publications for the web. We lost the contract to a lower bidder. I now work as Graphics Coordinator for Theater Works in Sun City. I'm also the IT department, the telephone guy, and I fix the copier, plus any other jobs no one else can handle.

Because my hobby area is also the laundry room, I'm limited to small 1/72 and larger 1/144 aircraft. I've kicked the 1/32 habit. I also build small scale armor (1/72). I have a pretty good collection of Airfix 1/600 ships, but haven't gotten around to them yet. I do reviews for IPMS. I've done 1/72 aircraft kits and armor, kits, decals and books. I'm currently working on a resin F-84F for a review. I'll be finishing it in Peoria ANG markings. One I worked on.

So why do I build models? Because airplanes are NEAT!. I sometimes try to add humor to my modeling. Ask me about KG-26 in 1940. And I guess I build the model as a framework for an interesting paint job.

Contests? Entered a bunch. Never won a single trophy. Closest I came was 2nd in Oklahoma City in 1982 in an aircraft identification contest.

Biggest Model: Monogram's B-36

Smallest Model: Skywave 1/1200 Phantom

Favorite Models: Italeri 1/72 F-104S, Monogram 1/72 F-4D.

Project: All the types of the F-4 (1/72 A thru S plus RFs) in markings of all the users (Australia thru West Germany in 1/72), in all scales (1/32 to 1/1200). OK, I DID build a 1/48 Monogram F-4D.

Current Project" All the USAF bombers, WW2 to the present in 1/144. Working on the B-50J.

Other hobbies: Amateur Radio, technical theater

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