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Craig Hewitt Chapter - IPMS/USA

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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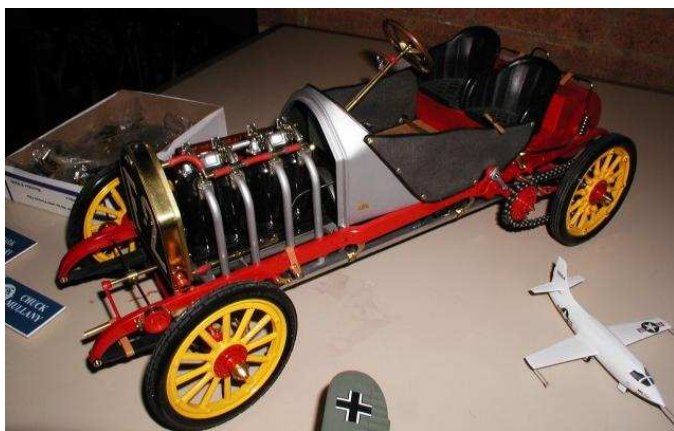
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WHAT YOU MISSED

There was the usual large crowd in attendance at the February meeting, and started with members of the 2005 contest organizing committee getting together to start work on the contest that will be held October 22, 2005. Rick Marshall is the Event Chairman, and he invites any club member who wants to help out to attend the meetings, which will be held each month an hour before the regular club meeting.

The February contest was a Valentine's day theme, "Any model with red". The winner was Chuck Krause's 1/8th scale Pocher 1908 Fiat Racer:



Here are some pictures of the other models brought to the club meeting:



Mike Mackowski's 1/72nd scale Revell-Monogram X-15.



1/72nd scale Revell Germany M4A1 Sherman by Mike Ronnau.



Chuck Ludwig's 1/72nd scale Airfix Sea King.



1/48th scale HobbyCraft Polikarpov I-16 by Keenan Chittester.



Kevin Patrick's Panda Models X-35 in 1/48th scale.



Ralph Herrington's 1/48th scale Amtech (Eschi) Henschel HS-123.



Charles Swanson's 1/35th scale Tamiya Stug IV.



Brian Baker's 1/48th scale A-Model Icamor - Shezinski Kaser-2.



Monogram "Orient Express" National Aerospace Plane by Phillip Park.



1/72nd scale Italeri Pe-2 by Gary Thomas.



Some of the club members.



Some more of the club members.

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.

I need a set of Leading Edge Models 1/72 decals, stock number 72-27, for the C-47 in Austin Airways markings. If anyone has a set they are willing to sell please contact me at airstamp@cox.net or 480 941-8845.

Also, I have a large collection of un-built kits, around 2000 right now. If anyone in the chapter is looking for a particular model I might be able to supply it. I need to thin down my inventory. I don't have a publishable list of kits so they'll have to e-mail or call me. I wanted to give chapter members first shot before going out on the net.

Thanks,

Jordan Ross - IPMS 2876

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

April

- Sat-2nd - Model Contest at the Gilbert HobbyTown. For info call (480) 892-0405. The Craig Hewitt Chapter will have a model building demonstration during the event. All club members are invited to show up and build!
- Mon-25th 7:00 PM – Monthly Club Meeting at Central United Methodist Church. CONTEST: April Fools! - any goofy looking vehicle or figure model

May

- Mon-23rd 7:00 PM – Monthly Club Meeting at Central United Methodist Church.

June

- Mon-27th 7:00 PM – Monthly Club Meeting at Central United Methodist Church.

MISCELLANEOUS

Club Members' Biography

This month's biography is from Mike Pabis.

I was born in Newport Beach, California in 1978 (that would make me 26) but lived in Laguna Hills for my entire life prior to moving to Arizona. My dad worked for Newport Beach Police Department and my mom worked for one of the local water companies. Having no brothers or sisters to play with meant I had a lot of time to fill growing up.

Living only 20 minutes from Disneyland may have been nice for some kids, but I had other interests. Only a few miles from my house were two marine bases, MCAS El Toro and MCAS Tustin (sadly, both were closed in the late 90s, thus depriving others of what I got to

experience). Nothing was better than growing up directly underneath the approach to the main runways of a marine base. Every day I was privileged enough to watch the F-4s, F-18s, KC-130s, CH-46s and CH-53s fly directly overhead. One of the best parts of living under a marine base flight path was the annual air show. Every plane came over my house and had to leave the same way. Whether it was seeing a B-1, B-52, F-117, C-5, C-141 or Air Force One soar right in front of me is something I never will forget. Needless to say, I have been hooked on all things military for as long as I can remember. It also didn't help that my neighbors were ex-military who were always willing to talk with me about their service and anything else related to the military.

The main thing that got into building models as a kid was my dad. He used to build ships and an occasional aircraft. I still remember him building the Tamiya 1/350 USS Enterprise. After displaying it for a while, he even let me play with it. He was the one who would take me to the toy store or the one hobby store in our area to get my models. Like every other kid, time spent building models was only limited by how fast I could cut the pieces from the sprue and glue them together. All of my early kits were built in a couple of hours and boy did that show. Sanding? Painting? Putty? What were those? My kit selection was limited to the old Testors, Revell and Monogram kits as they were the only kits available to me, but that was enough to make me happy.

As I grew older and began junior high and high school, I realized that model building could be a lot more fun. I started reading FSM and paying a lot more attention to how I was building my kits. My school vacations were spent building models from sun up until sun down. My skills improved and it showed in my finished kits. Since being a teenager meant tons of disposable income, I had a healthy kit collection going on. However, like most teens, my interest in building models began to wane and I wound up donating about 50 un-built kits to the local children's hospital. Boy, do I wish I still had those kits today.

I moved out to Arizona in 1997 to attend Arizona State University. It was a few years before that my dad and I came out to watch the Angels in their first season of spring training in Tempe. I found out there was a college nearby and knowing that I wanted to go to school away from southern California; it was a match made for me. After walking around, seeing Sun Devil Stadium and knowing I would be able to watch the Angels during spring training, I decided I would attend ASU. Yes, I actually wound up choosing where I went to college because of the Angels. While at ASU, I met my now wife, Michelle. We met the first week and have been together ever since. We were married in 2001.

After graduation in 2000, I was becoming incredibly bored just sitting around and watching TV all the time. I knew that I needed to find a hobby that wouldn't send me to the poorhouse (what was I thinking?). Since my parents still had my modeling tools stored away, I realized I would start building kits again to pass the time. So for the past 4 years, I have been building models. Wanting to share my hobby with others, I found the Craig Hewitt chapter on the Internet, attended a meeting and joined the club.

My areas of interest are primarily helicopters, figures and armor and dioramas. I will also delve into the occasional airplane and ship (however, since they take up so much room I have had to shy away from them). Nearly all of my kits are modern US items. Lately, I have been wanting to build kits and dioramas based on Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. One skill that I am really hoping to hone is figure conversion as it would open up a whole new world of modeling for me. My un-built kit stash is a paltry 15.

While model building is my primary hobby, I still try to have fun in other ways. Recently, I got back into my other hobby of collecting autographs. My collection is about 1,000 signatures of mostly athletes with several dozen celebrities mixed in. I also enjoy reading about military history.

My wife and I live in the Desert Ridge area of North Phoenix. We bought our first home there and will be welcoming our first child in August. I have worked for Chase (formerly Bank One) for about the last four years as an analyst in the Home Equity Loan Production area.

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