

# SAN JOSE SCALE MODELERS



Date: May 16, 1986  
Time: 7:30 for Juniors & Talkers  
8:00 for Business  
9:00 Post-Business Hopefully  
Place: Ye Ole Mercury Savings  
19376 Stevens (Uppa) Creek Blvd.  
Bluepertino

## APRIL MEETING MINUTES

April's meeting was really a busy-ness meeting. Discussion and opinions were abundant, but I of liked it because it shows that a lot of people in this club care about what the club is doing and how it does it.

Barry brought the meeting to order, if you can call it that, and made a fast opening by requests for any old business. No replies so on he went to new business.

Rodney opened with the announcement of Norm Engle's 900-kit sale on 4/20 at his home.

Tom Harrison followed with the announcement (or was it pleading?) for models to be turned in for the Moffet field display. He had thirty signed up, but only 2 received! They do not need contest quality models, just neatly built out-of-box a/c. Contact Tom for the many aircraft still available.

Next Barry introduced the idea of using the Milpitas Community Center for our next contest site. He said it has many things going for it. It is new, easy to find and easily

accessible, has excellent lighting/windows, a stage, P.A. system, is clean and is noticeably larger than Castro Middle School. It is also close to many restaurants and shopping areas. (further investigation by Rodney establishes the price at about \$200-\$225) It has a fair number of rectangular & round tables although the possibility of more tables is being looked into.

Next Rodney said he had gotten the okay from Regional IPMS coordinator Ben Hughes for our next contest to be a regional contest, rather than merely a club contest, if the club so desired. A vote was taken and the idea of having the next SJ/IPMS annual contest be a regional contest was overwhelmingly approved.

Barry introduced the idea of raising the club dues. Among the reasons he gave were to better finance club events, contests, prizes and the newsletter. He asked for discussion and very suprisingly, there was NONE.

Next a discussion was started on the idea of improving the trophies, some feeling the previous trophies were taking on an appearance reflecting their cost savings to the club, or as a poll of a select number of local birds derived - cheap! Effort had been put into the previous trophies, but some members felt we should strike a better balance between cost shortcuts and visual shortcomings.

After this, Rod brought out ideas for themes for future contests. As if earlier subjects had not brought up enough discussion, this one really got far afield spinning off into discussions of contest categories. A motion was made to form a contest committee to handle the aforementioned regional contest. This idea past completely. Those signing up during the break were Burt McDowell, Matt Mattsushita, Carl Smoot, Brian Leong-Geyer, Mike Burton, Cliff Thompson, Richard Reid, and of course, the club directors.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE CONTEST COMMITTEE

The committee has already met on two occasions for a total of over six hours of discussion. The committee is very serious about doing a quality presentation for the next contest, the regional that the membership has already approved.

Rodney has been in contact with Bob Love, Korean War Jet Ace and Reno Air Race check pilot, and Bob is very agreeable to having the contest in his honor. Bob has spoke to the club on two occasions and proved to be very approachable, personable and knowledgable.

With this opportunity available to us and with the recent popularity of Korean era jet aircraft (and kit proliferation) it seems to the committee that having the Contest honor Bob Love and having the special theme be Korean War era, is by far the most desirable manner in which to display this contest. The committee does feel that a special theme and the addition of a key person associated with that theme gives the contest a unique quality that can lend variety from year to year, and keep future contests from seeming redundant in style.

The committee desires to put on a very nice contest, one that will bring publicity, praise and further recognition to the San Jose Scale Modelers. These things will allow us to attract more members, interest more juniors and further introduce the public to SCALE modeling, all things that will help to insure that the kits we want to see in the future have a market for them and that the manufacturer's are still in business to produce them, and the SJSM/IPMS will have a continuous membership base with which to support its activities.

However, the committee is very serious about making this contest a virtually self-supporting endeavor through publicity.

Barry next reminded us all that the Club Swap Meet & Auction is June 21.

A question was brought up as to whether models for the Moffett display will be accepted after the Aug. 15 donation date. Cliff Kranz said he did not know but would check into it.

Other motions of importance made during the evening were:

- To investigate a new site for future contests: accepted.
- To have a separate "workshop" about once every 3 months, after the regular Friday meetings or on Saturdays, or ?:accepted.
- To give all Juniors entering a contest an award, most likely to be in the form of a certificate, just for entering to further encourage them and give them more pride in their efforts to enter contests: accepted.

Rod caused even more discussion when he suggested we increase, dramatically, the number of junior categories at the next contest, and establish a beginner's/adult category and intermediate/adult categories. A non-binding motion was made and accepted to limit the number of categories if an intermediate-level is established. However the whole idea of contest categories was turned over for review to the committee.

#### Other Notes:

Rodney Williams commented that his phone number should be 251-3818.

Their will be NO Monterey/IPMS contest this year as Jim Sanders had quadruple by-pass surgery and is not up to it and no one else in the club seems willing to take up the cause.

Sacramento IPMS will also have a contest in June to give their computer program for the NATS a practice run, to get the bugs out.

The ideas for a quality showcase contest that the committee desires will require that money be put up before the income from entries for site deposit, trophies and other sundrie costs such as printing, advertsing, etc.

As several other clubs in both the bay area and Southern California have dues in the \$18-\$20 annual range, we don't feel that it would be unreasonable to raise our dues to the \$9-\$15 range. We feel our club provides a number of excellent activities & benefits and that the increase is overdue, fair and above all will allow the entire club to improve their activities for themselves, this year and in the future.

An alternate or additional possibility of fund raising is to ask the club to approve a voluntary assessment per member and/or donations.

The committee also desires to have a complete and attractive trophy/award package and comprehensive choice of categories, but only for classes that are expected to draw at least 5 entries and give a broad diversity of subjects.

The committee also feels that having sale tables for vendors is desirable both from a standpoint of being income-producing and producing a greater amount of interest to attract entrants and attendance. HOWEVER, the committee feels the only way to properly include vendors is that they are segregated from the display area and have dedicated tables so that these activities do not intrude upon the main focus, the contest and awards.

At this point the committee seems to be fairly agreed that a \$2.00 per entrant fee and \$1.00 per model fee would be both marketable and reasonable for the scope of the contest.

## REGIONAL MODEL CONTEST CATEGORIES

### SENIOR DIVISION

- 1: Biplanes - 1/48 & smaller
- 2: Biplanes - 1/47 & larger
- 3: Small Prop (60' wingspan or less) - 1/72 & smaller
- 4: Small Prop (60' wingspan or less) - 1/71 to 1/33
- 5: Large Prop (61' wingspan or more) - 1/72 & smaller
- 6: Large Prop (61' wingspan or more) - 1/71 to 1/33
- 7: Small Jet (60' wingspan or less) - 1/72 & smaller
- 8: Small Jet (60' wingspan or less) - 1/71 to 1/33
- 9: Large Jet (61' wingspan or more) - 1/72 & smaller
- 10: Large Jet (61' wingspan or more) - 1/71 to 1/33
- 11: Prop/Single & Multi - 1/32 & larger
- 12: Jet/Single & Multi - 1/32 & larger
- 13: Rotary Wing
- 14: Civilian/Airliner
- 15: Ships - Powered
- 16: Ships - Sail/Dar
- 17: Armor/Military - 1/76 & smaller
- 18: Armor/Military - 1/75 & larger
- 19: Civ. Vehicles - stock/production
- 20: Civ. Vehicles - competition
- 21: Civ. Vehicles - custom/show/rod
- 22: Civ. Vehicles - 1/43 (all materials)
- 23: Civ. Vehicles - Miscellaneous(truck, cycle, etc.)
- 24: Space & Fantasy
- 25: Figurines
- 26: Dioramas
- 27: Out-of-Box
- 28: Vac-U-Form
- 29: Scratchbuilt
- 30: Korean War Theme - Prop
- 31: Korean War Theme - Jet
- 32: Korean War Theme - Non-Aircraft
- 33: Miscellaneous

### JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1: Prop - Single
- 2: Prop - Multi
- 3: Jet - Single engine
- 4: Jet - Multi engine
- 5: Airliner/Civilian
- 6: Rotary Wing
- 7: Armor/Military
- 8: Civilian Vehicles - Auto
- 9: Civilian Vehicles - Miscellaneous
- 10: Space & Fantasy
- 11: Figurines
- 12: Ships
- 13: Dioramas
- 14: Korean War Theme - Aircraft
- 15: Korean War Theme - Non-Aircraft
- 16: Miscellaneous

REGIONAL CONTEST 'POLE' OF OPINION

The following items are areas the committee would like the opinion of the majority of the members as to which direction you would like them to follow in developing the regional contest.

YES NO

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Honoring Bob Love as the contest name
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Korean War as the theme
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Deluxe contest instead of usual style
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Use of dues increase to aid funding
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Use voluntary assessment/aid funding
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Having vendors at contests
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Approve of Contest Categories

CHOICE

Entrant Fee:	___ \$3	___ \$2	___ \$1	___ \$0
Model Fee:	___ \$3	___ \$2	___ \$1	___ \$0
Annual Dues:	___ \$15	___ \$12	___ \$9	___ \$7
Assessment:	___ \$10	___ \$6	___ \$5	___ \$3
Vendor Fees:	___ 10%	___ \$20	___ \$10	___ \$5

Trophy Packages:

- \_\_\_ #1 - 1st/2nd/3rd + Hon.Ment. (\$700)
- \_\_\_ #2 - 1st/2nd/3rd/4th + H.M. (\$875)
- \_\_\_ #3 - 1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th + H.M. (\$1050)

If Ribbons were awarded in place of trophies to save money for some positions (approx. \$100 savings per position), which positions do you feel SHOULD have trophies, NOT ribbons?:

\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_ 5th

A 1/144th scale F-14 contest using the LS kit was created to be judged at the Oct. meeting. Kits were supplied and must be bought from Barry Bauer. Cost is \$1.00. Dave Newman was drafted as contest chairman because of his expertise in F-14 models and to eliminate the obvious competition (no I won't tell you if Matt Matsushita bought one).

FOR SALE: Paasche H-1 Airbrush with new regular tip. \$15.00/obo. Eric McClure 246-0477 or at the meeting.

REMINDER: Kit donations for auction at June Swap & Sale should be made to Tom Harrison.

Enclosed are comments from the contest committee and a pole of opinion. PLEASE BRING THIS BALLOT TO THE NEXT MEETING AND TURN IT IN OR FILL OUT A COPY OF THE SAME BALLOT AT THE NEXT MEETING, so that the committee can make further decisions that reflect the opinion of the majority of the membership.

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