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## ANNUAL CONTEST

Contest Director Bert McDowell was certain that his luck would bring rain to the San Jose area the weekend of our annual contest. Luckily

he was proved wrong.

This year Leininger Center did the table up (this is only fair, considering how much the price of the rooms has gone up over the last three years), and only minor adjustments were needed to assure that there would be cheek-to-cheek contact by people bending over to examine models on adjacent tables. With the tables already set, the early crew had little to do besides make "Do Not Touch" signs and worry about the turnout.

The turnout was 199 models, slightly less than last year's 214, but certainly not a significant difference. Unlike last year, Redding and Chico were not represented, but we did have one Reno chapter modeler carrying the banner of another Region. We had 23 Junior entries, exactly the same as last year, but only 176 Senior entries compared to 191 in 1982.

Once again the Special Drawing and Door Prize Raffle brought some extra bucks in for the club. With Tom Harrison organizing, and with Mike John Harrison, and Alicia Taylor hawking additional tickets, \$89 was realized. Since it is the policy of this club not to charge exorbitant entrance fees per model and modeler, this supplemental source of income has become crucial to breaking even at the annual contest. Thank you, Tom, and thanks to the shops and manufacturers who donated prizes.

While we are handing out "attaboy"s, shouldn't neglect Contest McDowell, or all the members who volunteered to judge, or MC Tim Curtis. And, of course, thank you to all the modelers who laid their egos on

the line.

#### WIN \$30.00 (and have fun doing it!)

Three of our members are sponsoring a special contest that should appeal to modelers with a sense of fun. Chuck Foster, Brian Leong-Geyer, and See C. Young have submitted the following information:

To encourage model building Objectives: 1.

To present new challenges to "accomplished modelers"

3. To have fun doing it

Prize: \$30.00 cash will Description: A11 contestants required to bring one unassembled kit to the DECEMBER meeting. The kit can be of any scale or type [or age, if you want to get nasty -- but that can backfire, as you will see -- ed.], but it must not have missing parts. All contestants and kits will be registered by our club secretary. At the end of the meeting a random drawing will assign each contestant a kit [this is where bringing a prehistoric kit can boomerang, you may get it assigned back to you! On the other hand, if you're the type to take a gamble ... ed.].

All models must be completed before the BRUARY '84 meeting. The judging will be FEBRUARY '84 meeting. performed by the three sponsors and all decisions are final and cannot be challenged. The models will be judged on the following:

Quality of construction
 Quality of finish (paint & decals)
 Overall appeal

There will be only one winner receiving the cash prize. Naturally, the three sponsors will not be eligible.

NEXT MEETING: Mercury Savings, 19376 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino. (Near corner of Stevens Creek and Wolfe Rd.)

> FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1983 CONVERSATION: 7:30PM; MEETING:

## ANNUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Affiliation code:

AMR = Amer. River chapter NAT = Nat'l member only SNJ = San Jose chapter

FRM = Fremont chapter RNO = Reno chapter STK = Stockton chapter FSN = Fresno chapter SAC = Sacramento chapter UNA = Unaffiliated

The parenthetical number indicates how many models were entered in that category.

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3rd.	Mussolini Larry Harbaugh (FSN)	Totals		67		199		78	

Here is a breakdown of entries by model type:

Aircraft 58%
Vehicles 11%
Armor 8.5%
Dioramas 5.5%
Ships 2%
General 15%

All of these are within 2% of the distribution from last year, so modeling tastes haven't changed much in the intervening 13 months.

#### The Money Picture

\$205.50
6.52
38.77
\$250.79
\$187.50
89.00
2.56
\$279.06

#### SAN JOSE WINNERS PLEASE NOTE

San Jose members who won, please bring your models and awards to the next meeting so that the Historian can photograph them for inclusion in the scrapbooks.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

MIKE BURTON DONALD LAYTON JIM MACKOWSKI JON SHUMAKER JOHN SZPARA

#### THANK YOU LETTER

The club received the following letter from Jean Rotschi, the father of club member Peter Rotschi, who died in the spring.

10-14-83

Dear Members of the IPMS:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your expressions of sympathy. Your support has been of great comfort to Mrs. Rotschi and me. Peter was truly a good son and a well-disciplined human being. As he was unable to perform in the business world, model building became a very important occupation. He spent countless hours on this craft, many of in reworking details that he decided needed improvement. He was dedicated!

His last days were spent on a planned 2 - 3 week vacation. While in Phoenix, Arizona, he became ill and attempted to drive through to Mountain View non-stop. He got as far as Gilroy, parked on the side of Highway 101, and died there on May 17th.

Again, to all the Society members, who I wish I knew personally, thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely, Jean Rotschi

The club secretary also received a phone call from Mr. Rotschi, who wanted to donate Peter's unbuilt kits to the club. Through Mr. Rotschi's generosity the club now has 49 kits, mostly airliners. In turn, the club is going to pass most of these kits on to the VA Hospital for Christmas gifts.

## KIT DONATION

The November meeting will be the last chance to donate kits to the VA hospital. Check around to see if you have anything that would brighten some patient's day come Christmas. Non-military kits are preferred, but anything will be accepted with gratitude.



## COMMUNICATION ...

#### ...FROM THE REGION IX COORDINATOR

Dear members of Region IX:

The Fresno members did a very good job hosting the regional contest and show. However, a lot of members expressed their feelings about the judging, and I must admit most of it was negative. This was not Fresno's fault, though. The Fresno contest chairman asked for judges from the crowd, with the stipulation that the two-man teams would not be from the same chapter, nor would they confer with each other. Well, regardless of these guidelines, some judges looked at each other's score sheets and conferred over certain models. In one case, the people who won in one category were close friends with and came from the same chapter as the judging team. HOW ODDI

I suggest that any chapter that plans to host a contest in the future do its own judging without outside help. A personal aside: I don't care for a point system. I feel it takes too long to judge. Still, I commend Fresno for trying to come up with a just and fair system.

One thing that really burned my butt was that an unwritten law of the region was flagrantly violated by some members at the Fresno contest. I believe that most members of the region will agree with me that it has been understood that if a model wins at the National convention, then that model is ineligible to be entered at a regional or local contest. This seems fair to me! I did not know of the violations until after the contest, when I did some research on the winners at the Nationals. I feel it was a hollow victory for the these people to accept the Fresno awards after winning at the National convention in Phoenix with the same model. Honor, self-esteem, competitive spirit these were violated. If I see National winning models entered in a contest from now on, I will make a point to inform the contest chairman of their presence so that he can appropriate action.

I can see why so many members in the region are unhappy with the outcome of contests and have stated that they won't return. There is so much unneeded policking by a few people who make it bad for everyone else.

[The regional coordinator submitted two proposals for a vote. Please see the following article for the text of the proposals and the vote thereon.]

NEW CHAPTER IN THE REGION

IPMS/American River
Chapter contact: Joe Damato, 3818 Arden Way,
Sacramento, CA 95819. (916) 483-6307 eves.
Meetings held every other Thursday at the
Rancho Cordova Public Library on Folsom Blvd. at
7:30pm.

Don't sit there on your duff and think about this letter, give me some feedback!

All the best,

Richard Carlson 2079 Martian Way Redding, CA 96002

#### (How the vote went:

The first of the two proposals submitted to us by the regional coordinator was: "Any IPMS member who wins lst, 2nd, or 3rd at the National Convention is not eligible to enter that winning model at the local or regional level again."

The proposal was amended to allow for abstentions, and the vote was as follows:

YES 14 NO 9 ABSTAIN 13

The second proposal read as follows: "IPMS/Hawáii should be made a separate region in the Society. It's not fair to the Hawaii members and the Northern California members to belong to the same region because of the distances involved. They can't come to our functions, we can't go to theirs." Once again, the proposal was amended for a third choice:

YES Ø
NO Ø
NONE OF
OUR BUSINESS 40

The majority of our members felt that if the request didn't originate with the Hawaii chapter in the first place, then any effort to shunt them off in a corner would be insulting to them.)



# ... FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL CHAPTERS

Dear Chapter Members:

The following is a brief explanation of the Chapter Renewal Fee. IPMS/USA has two separate fund accounts. One is the operations fund (membership dues) which covers administrative and publication costs. The other is the convention fund which is obtained from the chapter renewal fees as well as the profits from the national conventions. Bert Kinzey's Detail and Scale royalties (\$1 per book sold through UPDATE) go here also. The chapter renewal fee of \$10 was a Constitutional amendment that was passed in 1981 by the entire membership. The purpose of the fee is to help the financial stability of our organization by establishing a convention fund. The purpose this fund is to help any national convention host chapter that may have incurred severe financial indebtedness through no fault of its own. We are hopeful that the convention will never have to be used as a "bail out," we want to plan ahead. The Executive Board must approve any and all expenditures of the convention fund, and will not automatically bail out any host chapter which goes into debt. We are trying to keep down the increase in dues to the membership by creating financial stability, which has eluded the Society in past years.

The chapter renewal fee is due the first of each calendar year and is payable to IPMDS/USA Convention Fund. You will receive a chapter renewal certificate which establishes your group as an official chapter of IPMS/USA, and gives you access to the Society's activities, such as the use of the audio-visual programs for your chapter's meetings, IPMS publicity posters, and other items planned for the future as our financial picture gets stronger.

We hope this explanation will help answer some of the questions which have been raised about the chapter renewal fee, as we are glad to have your chapter as a part of the International Plastic Modelers Society.

Sincerely,

Steve Kumamoto Director of Local Chapters

#### DUES

The following people's memberships have either expired or are due for renewal in the stated months. Dues are \$5.00/yr for 16 and older, \$3.00 for 15 and younger.

NOV Scott Barrus Gary Hethcoat

C.E. Carlton Carl Smoot

DEC Bill Cauchon

Kenneth Chan

JAN
George Clare
Braulio Escoto
Chuck Foster
Tom Harrison
Mike Jones
Brian Leong-Geyer
Kent McClure
Stuart Shepherd
Bob Skvor
Doug Stuart
Tim White

Jamey Dilbeck
Don Felton
Bob Hall
Jennie Jones
Cliff Kranz
Bill Magnie
Bert McDowell
Jay Sherlock
Bruce Snyder
Doug Summers

## APOLOGY & CORRECTION

This newsletter editor owes an apology to the Fresno chapter. In the dissertation against pointcount judging in the September newsletter, I stated that the awards ceremony didn't start until a quarter hour after the time the hall was to have been cleaned and vacated. That statement was wrong. For the first time in years, I was not able to attend the Fresno contest, so I relied on the reports of others for my information. The information they gave me was accurate; however, I apparently misheard and wrote down something different from what they said. The correct information was that the awards ceremony ran overtime by fifteen minutes—and I transformed this ending time to the ceremony starting time. To my friends and fellow modelers in Fresno, I am truly sorry for the error.

- Doug Steent

#### WANTED

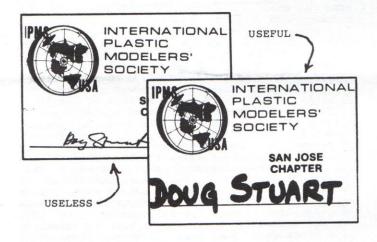
WANTED: Lindberg or Pyro "Monitor" and "Merrimac" kits. Also Revell Fw200 Condors. Please see Cliff Kranz.

WANTED: News and Views from members. Please write Doug Stuart, club secretary.

#### **NAMETAGS**

MEMBERS, REMEMBER: NO NAMETAG, YOU PUT A QUARTER IN THE KITTY. IDENTIFY YOURSELF. See Doug before the meeting if you need a replacement badge.

We've run this notice for quite a few months now, and our coffers have grown from the quarters donated by absentminded members. Most of you wear nametags, however, but many of you JUST DON'T GET THE POINT! The reason for wearing name tags is not to avoid fines, but to aid fellow members in recognition, right? So why do some of you write your name like the sample on the left? Be bold. Print your name in a manner similar to the sample on the right. The secretary will be happy to provide you with a new tag and a felt pen to effect this.



Another thing: While you might be wearing a name tag, it sure doesn't do the rest of us any good if you have pinned it to a belt loop where your sweater covers most of it. Put it at a reasonable eye level.

# 3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

As of September 30, 1983:
Bank balance \$152.88
Petty cash 59.42
Donation & IØ3.17
Total, \$315.47

Debits, 3rd quarter	Year to date
Printing \$38.34	97.93
Postage 31.17	111.17
Supplies Ø	59.15
Display	
cases Ø	150.00
Contest 124.75	230.25
Misc. Ø	53.86
Bank chg. 9.51	14.11
\$ 203.77	716.47
Credits, 3rd quarter	Year to date
Dues \$ 48.00	233.00
Raffles 1.25	8.60
Kitty 15.14	44.29
Swapmeet 244.25	244.25
Misc. 8.00	15.05
\$316.64	545.19

## WRITE

I would like this publication to be a VIEWSletter and much as it is a NEWSletter. If you've got something to say, send it in to me (my address is on the last page.) As long as it doesn't violate the laws in terms of slander, libel, or pornography, I'll print it, subject to editing for length and grammar.

Now, it doesn't have to be controversy to set you off. There are three areas where I'd like to see more membership input:

1) Comments on subjects generally related to the hobby.

2) Hints and tips articles. These should of general interest, about techniques and tools, not how to convert a no-longer released kit into an oddball one-shot Sri Lankan derivation.

3) Want lists. Not everyone immediately jots down a request for information or a kit when a member announces his or her needs at the meeting. If you want something, let me know and I'll put it in black and white where the whole sixty-plus membership can see it.

#### SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Mercury Savings, Cupertino. 16 September 1983.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 (Paul Ward started the Junior Workshop at 7:50). There were 35 members and guests present. Two guests were Peter Brown, who is interested in ships, and James Frasier, who does airplanes.

Bert McDowell passed around a sign-up sheet for annual contest judges.

#### OLD BUSINESS

President Larry Taylor read a letter from LCDR Mundt thanking us for our participation at the Moffett Field show.

On the subject of judging, Larry said he basically liked the idea of isolating judges from influence by dominant personalities. There will only be three places per category this year, except for Junior, where there'll still be five places. Brian Leong-Geyer spoke in favor of the current judging sheet, saying that it provided a standard, a checklist. His position was that "if you don't have a starting point, you don't have anywhere to go." Stuart Shepherd opined that the format of an individual's judging shouldn't matter to anyone else as long as the bottom of the judging sheet had a lst-2nd-3rd result. Bert McDowell said that what he was interested in was the ranking, how a particular judge reached a particular ranking was not of interest to him.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Diehl announced that Colonel Locks, the well-received speaker of the April meeting, will return at the November meeting.

Tom Harrison said that there would be a special trophy for the best Grumman aircraft at the annual contest, the trophy to be made out of a promotion F-14 model provided to us by Grumman.

Break called at 8:40. Called back to order at 8:53.

The results of the Special Civil Vehicle Contest were announced. See page  $\,\cdot\,$ 

Prez Larry Taylor announced a surprise contest among the models that had been brought in for display only. See page for the results.

display only. See page for the results.
John Borchelt, Jr. won the first doorprize,
and Andy Ostachuk won three sets of Airfix
Magazines.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20, after which Cliff Kranz showed slides of the Reno Air Race preliminaries.

## OCTOBER MINUTES

Mercury Savings, Cupertino. October 21, 1983.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00. There were 43 members and guests present. Five new members signed up: Mike Burton, Donald Layton, Jim Mackowski, Jon Shumaker, and John Szpara.

#### OLD BUSINESS

November Contest: VP Bert McDowell showed the plaques made by Barry Bauer, and the Junior Best of Show trophy made by Bob Hall, who will also make another for Senior Best of Show.

The remainder of last year's newsprint roll end had not been found, so Chuck Foster volunteered again to get one for us this year to cover the table tops.

Bert said that the judging teams were to be no more or fewer than three people. He also reminded folks that there would be refrigeration available for those who want to bring food and beverage (what with the coffee machine and coke machines removed from the center). President Larry Taylor chimed in that this year "Gilda's Big Apple" would make it to cater hotdogs and suchlike.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A letter from Regional Coordinator Richard Carlson was read, and his proposals voted on. See page for the letter and the result of the vote.

Preliminary discussion was had about getting Stanford-Tuck, Galland, or maybe Doolittle in to speak to a crowd of about 200.

Break called at 8:43. Called back to order at 8:55.

Five partially completed or incomplete kits were auctioned off. Randy Vandraiss picked up a Revell 1982 Datsun 4X4 and an MPC 1982 Ford EXP. See Young was high bidder on a Monogram 40' Fruehauf reefer van trailer. Bob Hall got a Revell "Mr. Sandman" pickup, and Brian Leong-Geyer walked away with a Monogram Chevy LUV. The club realized \$5.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17.

#### SEPT. CIVIL VEHICLE CONTEST

5th. Alan Wolcott 1/25 '69 Chevelle (AMT) 4th. Jennie Jones 1/25 "General Lee" (MPC) 3rd. Bruce Snyder 1/25 Pete Logger (AMT) 2nd. Alan Wolcott 1/25 Celica racer (Fujima)
1st. Alan Wolcott 1/12 Hondo turbo MC (Tamiya)

#### CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

18 Meeting. VA donations accepted. Bob Locks featured speaker.

DECEMBER

4 Sacto Contest (?)

16 Meeting. Quarterly Contest. Election of 1984 officers. Bring your unbuilt for the special potluck contest.

JANUARY

20 Meeting.

FEBRUARY

17 Meeting. Potluck contest judging.

Doug Stuart 624 S. 13th St San Jose, CA 95112

# FIRST CLASS MAIL 1983





DAN BUNTON 910 NIDO DRIVE CAMPBELL CA 12345

#### SEPT. SURPRISE CONTEST

5th. Andy Ostachuk "Mr. Feelgood"
4th. Kent McClure P-38
3rd. John Borchelt, Jr. F-100
2nd. Jeff Gordon USS North Carolina
1st. Bill Magnie "Winnie Mae"

Bill won a \$5 gift certificate to D&J Hobby.

## CLUB ROSTER

Inserted in this newsletter is the most current edition of the club roster. Here is the breakdown by residence: San Jose 27; Santa Clara 7; Mountain View 6; Cupertino 5; Fremont 5; Sunnyvale 5; Redwood City 3; Santa Cruz 3; Milpitas 2; Morgan Hill 2; Saratoga 2; Hayward 1; Los Gatos 1; Newark 1; San Ramon 1.

And here is the breakdown by year first joined the club: 1983 - 26; 1982 - 19; 1981 - 6; 1980 - 5; 1979 - 3; 1978 - 1; 1977 - 4; 1976 - 4; and one apiece for 1975, '73, '72, '69, '65, '64, and '63.