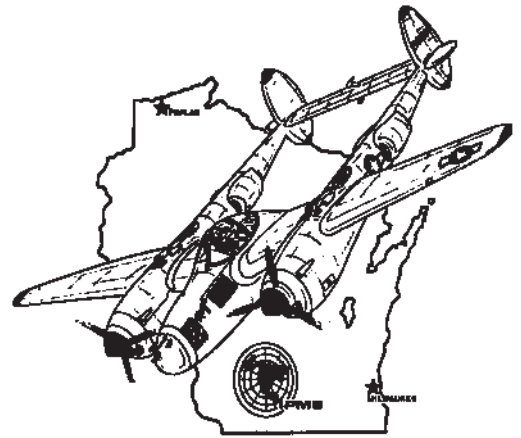


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February 13th Meeting!

- Larry Schramm
on painting invasion stripes



From President Andy Keyes

I hope that everyone who attended the banquet had as good a time as I did. There was great food and even better company, and it was all topped off with Jay Wichmann discussing his experiences on board the USS Kearsarge during the recovery of Sigma 7 and Faith 7. Congratulations to all of this year's contest winners, and John Werwie builder of the Model of the Year and Paul Boyer Member of the Year.

Now for some news, because of a lack of interest in the banquet over the past several years, there will not be one next year. This means that the date of the club contest will be changing again. It will be in November along with club elections. This will allow the awards to be given out at the December meeting/Christmas party.

Coming up at this month's meeting will be a seminar covering invasion stripes. March will feature the Nose-Art contest and May will be the "Hawk" contest. Anyone interested in club shirts, they are still \$35.00 and \$40.00 if you want one with your name on it, and we also have patches for sale.

I hope to see you all there.

Upcoming Meetings

General Meeting
Friday, February 13
Wauwatosa Savings Bank
6560 S. 27th Street
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Business Meeting
Wednesday, February 18
Greenfield News & Hobby
6815 West Layton Avenue
Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.
All members are welcome!

Wingman Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, March 3
Greenfield News & Hobby
6815 West Layton Avenue
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
All members are welcome!

Secretary's Notes

By John Plzak

If you haven't paid your *dues* yet, you better get on the ball. Dues are \$20.00 for a regular membership, \$12.00 for juniors, and \$25.00 for a family membership. I know we said last month that the December Wingman would be your last newsletter if your dues were not paid, but we lied. This issue will defiantly be your last if you don't renew. This time we really mean it, Really we do. Honest. We know you want to give us you money, really you do.

The February meeting will finally see Larry Schramm's seminar on doing *invasion stripes*. We will also have our usual raffle and announcements. We don't have a lot of planned entertainment for this meeting, so please bring a model for the display table, and plan on having a laid back, enjoyable meeting.

The *club banquet* was another big success. Although the turn out was light, The Palas Restaurant graciously allowed us to still have the buffet meal even though we did not meet their minimum. The even tossed in a cake for desert. *Jay Wichmann* filled in as a last minute guest speaker, and did a marvelous job. In honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Mercury Space Program, Jay talked about his experiences while a Lieutenant JG aboard the USS *Kearsarge*, which recovered that last two Mercury flights. Jay was witty as usual, and the slides were excellent. I think even the ladies stayed awake. Of course the Annual club contest awards were handed out. If you missed the banquet (shame on you) there should be a list of the winners elsewhere in this issue.

Paul Boyer was selected to receive the Ralph Winkel Member of the year award this year. It was very difficult keeping this a secret from Paul, especially since he is the one who prepares the award. Paul, I hope you enjoyed the Phantom print, how did you ever guess it was what you wanted.

I guess I was not the only one who was impressed with *John Werwie* Opel Maultier vignette. It was selected as Model of the Year by a group of select judges. I think John was really surprised when it was announced at the banquet. It was well deserved. Keep up the good work, John.

This year was the last year the club will have the awards banquet, at least for the near future. A motion

was made and passed at the business meeting that we *move the Annual Contest to the November meeting* (along with the elections) and hand out the awards at the December Christmas Party meeting. This will hopefully save the club some money. Even with raising the charge for the banquet, it still costs the club a substantial amount. Hopefully this money can used to do things that more of the membership will enjoy. Personally, I'll miss the banquet. I always thought it was one of the best club events we had every year, and I could never understand why more members did not participate.

Don't forget that *Larry Schramm* is still taking orders for club shirts. Now that *Tom Hacker* is felling better, shirts can be made to order. They run \$35.00 for the shirt with the club logo on the back. If you want a name embroidered on the front, it will cost you an extra \$5.00. See Larry at the meeting or give him a call (his number is in the membership roster. You do have a membership roster, right?). We also have some club patches available in two sizes. \$1.00 for the small patch, and \$2.00 for the large patches. See *Ralph Waszak* (He the big guy protecting the money up front) if your interested.

The next private club contest will be The *Female Nose Art Contest* (no Janet Jackson quips please) at the March meeting. Originally sponsored by David Anderson and Jon Hergenrother, Paul Boyer has stepped in to help out since David has been transferred to Washington DC (we miss you all ready David). David will be stationed at the Pentagon (I feel safer all ready) were he will attempt to teach others what he does (what do you do?) namely write unit histories. In May we will have Andy Keyes' much-delayed Hawk contest. Any US aircraft with hawk in the name is eligible. Andy had a list in the Wingman a while back of all of the aircraft that were eligible, and I expect that he will reprint the list some time in the future (hint, hint).

Not everyone may be aware of this but one of our former members, *Brian Kawczynski* is stationed in Iraq. Brian was an active member in the club until he relocated to the Fox Valley several years ago. Brain produced our club awards for many years. I'm sure he would like to hear from any members wanting to write. You can contact Brian at, Kawczynski, 432D Civil Affairs BN, Unit 91503, APO AE 09320-1503.

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Chapter Contact News

By Al Jones

Tom Foti, family, and I visited the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory Domes, 2004 Campaign Train Whistlestop Garden Scale RR Display/Show this morning. The adult entrance fee is \$4.50. There is no more pleasant and spirit-lifting way to spend a spare hour or two in the dead of winter than in the Domes. Once again the train show is all new including a futuristic high speed train commemorating our fallen astronauts. The new Southern Pacific Daylight streamliner with 6 power units and sound is spectacular. Take the kids. You'll all enjoy the show. The Chapter Annual Banquet held last Saturday at the Pallas Restaurant was a most pleasant affair. Once again, the buffet food was super and plenty of it. Pallas graciously provided us all with chocolate cake for dessert at no charge. Jay Wichmann, our guest speaker, was in top form with slides and commentary on his experiences as a young Navy Lieutenant JG participating the Mercury Spacecraft Recovery Program some 40 years ago. Well done, Jay! The Model of the Year is John Werwie's Opal Truck. Paul Boyer's continuing contribution to the success of our Chapter brought him another Ralph Winkel Memorial Award as Member of the Year. Many thanks to Tom Foti for his cell phone call to Danny Clemens who had a ticket to the banquet, but was discovered sitting on his couch in his underwear waiting for a TV dinner to heat up some 15 minutes after the banquet began. Danny, I just had to tell.

Moved forward from the February Meeting to the March Meeting, the "Female Nose Art" Contest sponsored by Paul Boyer via David Anderson and John Hergenrother will be held. Then, in April, Doc Funcke's "Hawk" Contest will be held. Do you ever feel like these events are coming too fast? I hope everyone is building during this nasty weather.

By the way, all members are invited to bring a model to the meeting. The adulation you get from your fellow members makes you feel great.

January newsletters received include that from IPMS/Capt. James J. McKinstry Memorial Chapter Online, The Parts Tree of IPMS/ C.A.R.S. in Miniature, the IPMS/Grand Touring & Racing Auto Modelers Club, The

Arch Scaler News from IPMS/Gateway Chapter, The Milwaukee Military Miniature Modelers, the Lakes Region Report from IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, and, finally, the January newsletter of the Manatee Scale Modelers in Florida.

Bob Hester, IPMS/USA Internet Coordinator, writes to announce that a new, secure (SSL) system has been implemented for National Membership Renewals (and new National Membership Applications). Using the new secure server, you can renew your national membership subscription online with a credit card payment . . . without the necessity of having to use a third-party agency such as PayPal. For those who prefer payment via check or money order, the old "snail mail" system will still be accepted.

Jack Bruno, IPMS/Region 5 Coordinator, sent 5 email newsletters during January. These newsletters will be available for perusal at the February General Meeting.

Nat Richards, IPMS #13182, has offered an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of IPMS/USA. He is looking for signature support. You can view and sign this amendment on my table at the February General Meeting.

This website might be worth a few minutes: <http://www.americanairpowermuseum.com>

Revell-Monogram re-released its B-29 Superfortress in January. Scheduled for February release are the A-10 Warthog and the AV-8B with Iraqi Freedom Historical Book. Check out their website at www.revell-monogram.com

Accurate Miniatures has an ad in the March issue of FSM announcing the First Issue of their New Battle of Midway Series, the SBD-2 to include markings for all VMSB-241 SBD-2 Dauntlesses flown from Midway on 4 June 1942. Their website is at www.accurate-miniatures.com

An Early Winter catalog from Micro-Mark announces a new Dremel Lithium-Ion Cordless rotary tool priced at \$79.95 marked down from the MSRP of \$129.95. Their website is at www.micromark.com

The WINGMAN is always looking for new product, and preview and build-up kit reviews. Any member can send their hand written material to me or Paul Boyer for computer keying. If you have drawings or photos, definitely send that material to Paul.

Upcoming Events

February 14-15, Madison

37th Annual Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Alliant Energy Center, Exposition Hall, Madison, WI. Adults-\$7 (age 12 & above), Seniors-\$6 (age 65 & above), Children-\$1 (age 5-11), Kids under 5-Free. For recorded general info: 608-835-3148 or see website at www.scwd-nmra.org

February 21-29, Milwaukee WI

Greater Milwaukee Auto Show, Midwest Airlines Center

March 5-6, Indianapolis IN

IPMS/Roscoe-Turner, Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 7701 E 42nd Street (I-465 & S. R. 67--Exit 42 on the East Side), Indianapolis IN. Hotel info: 317-897-4000 or 888-625-5144 (mention the event for room rate \$72/night). Contact: Rick Wilkes at rwilkes698@aol.com See website at <http://www.rtipms.org/> for flyer, rules, map, and forms.

March 6-7, Milwaukee WI

TrainTime '04 sponsored by MSOE's Society of Model Engineers, CC-Building 3rd Floor, 1025 North Broadway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, call 414-277-7254 or e-mail some@msoe.edu or see website at www.msoe.edu/st_orgs/some/

March 21, Milwaukee

Scale auto hobby swap meet, Serb Hall, 5101 W Oklahoma Ave. For more info, contact Jim Welytok, Unique Events, W241 N8938 Penn Lane, Sussex, WI 53089, 262-246-7171.

March 27, Appleton

HobbyTown USA Model Contest, hosted by the Winnebago Area Modelers. For more info, contact Don Molitor, 920-745-2185, or send SSAE to Winnebago Area Modelers, 216 Hall Street, Ripon, WI 54971

March 27, Marquette MI

2004 Upper Peninsula Scale Model Contest sponsored by the U. P. Scale Modelers & Hobby World to be held at the Peter White Library, Lower Floor Meeting Room, Front Street, Marquette MI. Registration begins at 10 a.m., Judging at 1 p.m., and Awards at 3:30 p.m. \$.50 model registration fee. For more info, contact Mark Dryer at 906-486-6490 or Jeff Selesky at 906-226-8103

March 28, Davenport IA

Model Contest sponsored by IPMS/Quad Cities at Davenport Holiday Inn, 5202 Brady Street. Best '50s, Best French, "King of Battle", Best 72nd. Contact: Glen Broman at GRBROMAN@aol.com for more info.

April 3, location tba

IPMS/Plastic Surgeons (more info pending).

April 17, Oregon WI

The 9th Annual Model Show & Contest sponsored by IPMS/Mad City Modelers to be held at Netherwood Knoll Elementary School, 200 N Main Street, Oregon, WI. 25 Categories, IPMS Judging, Vendors (\$30 per table in

advance--contact Kerry Fiske at 608-635-8709). Entry Fees: \$7 for first 2 models; \$1 each additional model; Spectators \$1; under 12 free. Registration 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Judging 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Awards 4 p.m. For more info, contact Jim Turek, 2639 Country View Court, Monroe, WI 53566 Ph: 608-329-7222 or e-mail jjtmodel@yahoo.com

April 17, Waukesha

NNL 12 Milwaukee - Animal Kingdom & 40 Years of Mustangs, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m., Quality Inn & Suites, 2417 Bluemound Road, Waukesha, WI 53186, 262-786-0460. Hosted by The Auto Modelers Group of Wisconsin. For more info, contact Scott Koch, 1400 Poplar Street, West Bend WI 53095. Contact the Hotel directly for room reservations.

April 18, Waukesha

Milwaukee Miniature Motors Model Car Swap Meet at Waukesha County Exposition Center, N1 W24848 Northview Road. Exit I-94 at Waukesha County "J" Exit #294, 1 mile South to Northview and West 1 block on Northview to Expo on the North side of the road. Contact Joan Dunn, N3 W31535 Twin Oaks Drive, Delafield WI 53018 or call 262-646-4114 for more info.

April 25, McHenry IL

Northern Illinois Modelers Open (NIMO X) sponsored by IPMS/Lakes Region & IPMS/C.A.R.S. McHenry Community College. For more info, contact Steve Jahnke at 847-516-8515 or see website at <http://www.geocities.com/nimoshow>

May 7-8, Kansas City MO

Region 5 Convention sponsored by IPMS/Great Plains. KCI Expo Center, Intersection of Interstate 29 & Interstate 435. Contact: Darren Roberts at darren.roberts@ipms-greatplains.com or call 913-782-1159

May 22, Perrysburg OH

REGION 4 CONVENTION sponsored by IPMS/ Fremont Kitbashers and IPMS/Toledo Plastic Modelers. Owens Community College, 30335 Oregon Road, Perrysburg OH. Contact: Mark McGovern at markathy@toast.net

August 4-7, Phoenix AZ

IPMS National Convention, See IPMS National website.

September 11

IPMS/Will-Cook The Show X More info pending

September 25

IPMS/Ft. Crook. More info pending.

October 9, Des Moines IA

Hawkeye I CON 04 sponsored by IPMS/Des Moines at Northwest Community Center, Des Moines IA. Contact: K. Long at klong41@aol.com

October 23, Wausau WI

IPMS/Glue Crew, Park Inn & Conference Center, Wausau.

Flyers w/maps for these events are sometimes available at the general meetings or by calling me. Please take copies only if you plan to attend.

Annual Contest Results

By John Plzak

Here are the results of our annual contest held at the January meeting. Award certificates were handed out at the banquet. If winners weren't in attendance, they will receive their awards at the February meeting. Congratulations to all!

Aircraft Small

Gold Paul Boyer B-25J

Silver Tom Foti Me 109-E3

Bronze Paul Boyer F/A-18 F Super Hornet

Aircraft Large

Gold Randy Dieck B-25J

Silver Dale Strong P-400 Airacobra

Bronze Larry Schramm Curtis P-40B

Armor

Gold Tom Foti M2A2 Bradley

Silver Don Carl Cosentine M925 5 Ω Ton Truck

Bronze Jason Rotunda Sturmtiger

Cars & Trucks

Gold Matt Usher Jaguar Mk II

Silver Bill Cook Model T Bucket

Bronze Matt Usher Subaru 360

Ships

Gold Pat O'Connor U-99 Submarine

Silver Michael Scharf Rag Boat

Bronze Joe Frischmann USS Hornet

Diorama

Gold Dave Schemel AU-1 Corsair

Silver Tom Foti F-16 NATO

Silver Jay Wichmann The Atlanta

Figures

Gold Tom Foti Ax Girl

Open

Gold Michael Scharf Bromry A.R.M.C.

Silver Matt Usher Star Trek Enterprise

Model of the Year: John Werwie's Opel Maultier *photo by Don Cosentine*



GN+H and Us

by Dave Schemel

Hey there, Hi there, Ho there, boys and girls. On January 10th we had a Make and Take at Greenfield 18 kids were introduced to modeling thanks to Al Jones, Larry Schramm, Joe Freishmann and Dave Raatz for coming and helping out. This marks the 1st Make and Take that Tom Foti had to miss. Al Jones has perfect attendance which, of course, is better than mine. Thanks guys with out you it ain't happening.

On February 21st we will be building our own models at Greenfield. We will have the large classroom from noonish till closing. Bring your own models and

work on them at the store.

On a related note the cockroaches are breeding. "What do cockroaches have to do with model building sessions?" you may ask. When you make cockroach killer and other insecticides this is the busy time of the year and overtime abounds. I may have to work and therefore I may not be able to attend this building session.

On another related note I spoke with Jay and if we would like we could have the large classroom as a routine 3rd Saturday reservation. We can have the room to either build our own models or do a Make and Take. How do you guys feel about it? If you are up for it I will reserve the room for the rest of the year provided there isn't a conflict. Let me know at the meeting and I will arrange it.

Finally we will be having a M+T at Greenfield on March 20th. More later on this.