

Quad-Cities Scale Modeler Society

IPMS Chapter of the Year 2004
Region 5 Chapter of the year 2003

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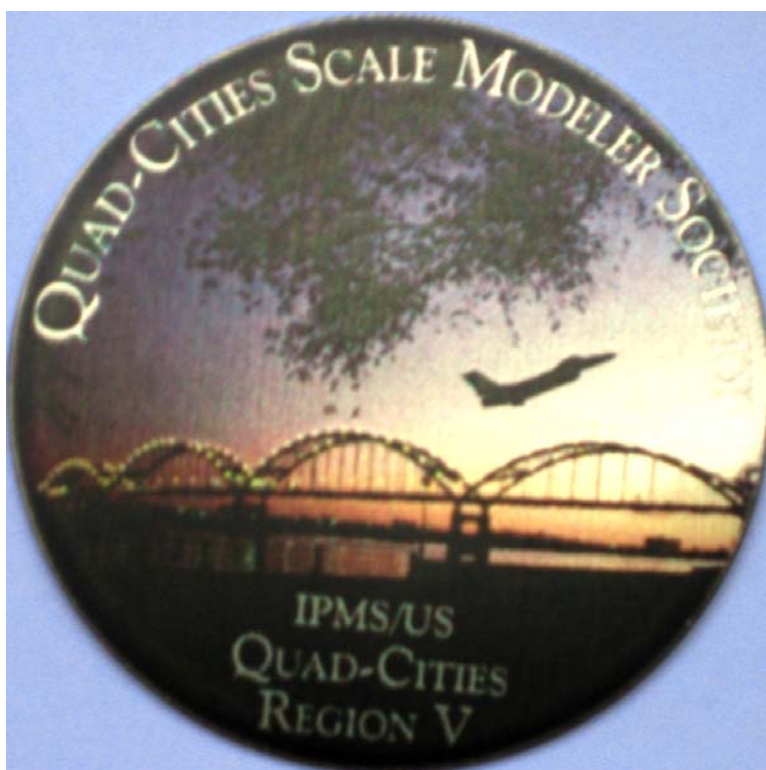
Next Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Deere-Wiman Carriage House

Corner of 10th Street and 11th Avenue, Moline, IL.



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Upcoming Events

February 13 th	MEETING - Bring Photo Albums
March 13 th	MEETING - Most Expensive Kit
March 20 th	SHOW - Roscoe Turner Contest, Indianapolis, IN
April 10 th	MEETING - Figure Painting by Shawn SHOW - Mad-City Show, Madison, WI SHOW - Plastic Surgeons, West Des Moines, IA
May 1 st	SHOW - Plastic Model Contest, Cedar Rapids, IA
May 8 th	MEETING – Modeling by Ronbo
June 12 th	MEETING - USA Manufactured Model
June 18 th & 19 th	REGION V CONVENTION Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN
July 10 th	MEETING – Picnic
July 17 th	SHOW – NIMCON Contest, Crystal Lake, IL
August 4-7 th	IPMS NATIONAL CONVENTION Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ
August 14 th	MEETING - Open Meeting
September 11 th	MEETING - Bring Oldest Kit on your Shelf
October 9 th	MEETING - Bring Kit to be Photographed for Website
October 16 th	SHOW – Glue Crew Contest, Wausau, WI
November 13 th	MEETING - Open Meeting SHOW – Butch O’Hare Contest (Date Tentative)
December 11 th	MEETING - Christmas Party
January 8, 2011	MEETING – Election of Officers

Last Meeting's Minutes

At January's meeting we had a good turnout with 10 members attending. Present were John S., Mike S., Ray, Randy, Shawn, Richard, Mike Vinson, Mike Valentine, Bob H., and Ronbo.

All officers that were nominated and elected were all at the meeting. Officers for 2010 are as follows:

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We decided to continue as an IPMS affiliated chapter. Annual IPMS club dues are \$20 a year. Discussion was held and it was decided that there will no longer be annual member dues collected. In the past the dues were primarily used to cover the expense of supplies and stamps for the newsletter. Now that all newsletters are sent thru e-mail we no longer have these expenses. However, donations will be taken at the meetings. This is a donation only, it is not a requirement to attend the meeting. Donations collected will go towards annual IPMS dues, club expenses and will be given to the Deere-Wiman center for allowing us to use their nice facilities. At this meeting \$23 was collected.

Mike Vinson gave the Treasurer's Report but I failed to write down the balance. It will be included in next month's minutes. Prior to the next meeting, Mike and Randy Kidd will meet at The National Bank, Rock Island, to update the checking account signature card with the new officers.

We discussed the future outlook of IPMS and modeling in general. In the last eight months prices of models have doubled, some tripled in price. With the new models being released on the shelves, even though they are outstanding in detail and accuracy, the prices have skyrocketed. In the U.S. with the advent of computer games, etc., kids that may be interested in model building are choosing other interests. Ronbo expressed that there is only about 20 years left for this hobby since it has become an old man's hobby. As for myself, I think with all the models in our basements and the swap meets that still occur, it may survive 30 more years. Either way it will become more of a collector's hobby than a builder's hobby. Other countries still have younger people interested in the hobby. But a lot will depend on how long manufacturers can continue to produce and sell models at these high prices.

It was noted that a new model club has formed. They meet at Major's in Davenport twice a month. The purpose of the club is to get together and build models rather than have formal meetings. We hope they have a good turnout.

Next Month's Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th. The theme will be to bring a photo album or pictures to share, anything that is related to modeling. This can be museums you have visited, air shows, car shows, contests, swap meets, or a picture of your model building room (war room or man cave). Again, any picture related to modeling that you would like to share with the group.

Also at the next meeting a decision needs to be finalized on if we will have a picnic/potluck and if so, where will it be held. This is a topic that was tabled from last meeting but a final decision needs to be made so that we can plan accordingly. Suggested locations are a local church, a park or a member's home in Dubuque. The preference from some members would be to stay in the Quad Cities' area and preferably at a member's home.

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