

Quad-Cities Scale Modeler Society

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

February 20, 2010

Next Meeting

Saturday, March 13, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Deere-Wiman Carriage House

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



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Mike Vinson
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Upcoming Events

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	Picnic at Bob Fender's House.
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
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Last Meeting's Minutes

At February's meeting we had a good turnout with 9 members attending. Present were John S., Mike S., Randy, Richard, Mike Vinson, Bob H., Bob F., Keith, and Larry Wright who we haven't seen in a while. Door collection this meeting was \$18.

Mike and Randy Kidd did meet at the bank on Saturday and up dated the account so the bank has at least two up to date officers on our account with The National Bank, Rock Island.

We had some pretty good subjects show up for show and tell. A German stick grenade, a rusted out 56 chevy, 34 Ford, 66 chevy Nova made into a convertible, and a Hot Rod . Sorry I don't have more detail on these models maybe I'll get better at this when I grow up. I do believe Keith said he bought the 56 and the 34 from a guy named Don Glab who did a outstanding job of rusting up of these models. It was also bring in your photos day and we had a couple guys bring in the old format and a couple of us that brought in their lap tops with their photos on hard drive.

From the Prez.

For those who didn't make the meeting today, we're still tossing around the idea of a show, although it has been modified to be a swap meet/show without the burden of official judging (People's Choice for all categories) and awards would be something a bit more realistic (gift certificates essentially, or maybe some actual prizes). Our normal spring date is realistically out of the question, summer is generally accepted as a no-go, so last decent choice is early fall. September and October in Region 5 looks pretty good, particularly September, unless someone knows of an issue there. The only thing I see for October is the Glue Crew in Wausau WI on the 16th. Wausau is far enough north that even people from Madison might show up here, and Chicago is closer as well, although there could be previous commitments to Butch O'Hare that would preclude them. People in central IA might be in the mood for another one, particularly if vendors didn't do well at the Plastic Surgeons or Lippisch shows. Even if they did they might be looking to generate some more Xmas fundage. Thanks to some good discussions today there are a few more ideas for locations and we figured out we need about 5K sq. ft. so if anyone has any ideas.... I've been busier than a blind lesbian in a fish market lately, and I have let things slip, badly. Sorry. There's nothing engraved in granite that says we have to have a show at all, ever; there are plenty of clubs who never have shows and are living happily ever after. We can entertain thoughts on that as well. Just as a FWIW-- some people are apparently going to Major's for the other club's meetings. Ok, fine; if you prefer the other club so be it, just say so. Better yet, make constructive suggestions to better this club. That said, I've talked to Glen Trute, and we are on good terms. We both agree that we can all benefit if we all learn to play together. There doesn't have to be any 'jumping ship', because there's no competition between the clubs. That can only lead to unnecessary animosity. We're not here to thump our chests with a "my club's better" attitude. All we're supposed to be doing is promoting the hobby, which is supposed to be fun, remember?

We also discussed club t-shirts and this was sort of tabled. The good news we are tentively set to have the club picnic at Bob Fender house in July more later.

Next meeting is the most expensive kit you ever built, bought or just brought home. I prefer to see one that is built but who knows what could show up, it could be interesting. This also could mean all the add on parts you bought for a kit and that overall price could be scary.

Kit review AFV Club Sd.Kfz.251/1 Ausf.C German HalfTrack 1/48th scale

This is the only 1/48 scale 251C on the market so I thought I would build one for my collection. Packaging is fantastic, detail of the parts is pretty good with full interior with extra guns and about the only drawback being rubber tacks and some of the parts being a little to heavy.

I started the kit on the drive train and the first part I tried to cut away broke right in half. So on the next small part I tried to saw it off and it also broke right in half. So I moved on to the road wheels and I glued the wrong set onto the kit's axels. When I tried to remove them they broke the axels off.

So as I look at this \$22 kit sitting in the top of the trash can I'm still wondering what this kit could have look like sitting on my shelf finished.

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