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Meeting Notes

The purpose of this newsletter is to clarify some immediate plans and goals for the club. The size of our membership and their enthusiasm for building models has declined steadily since our publication period over 5 years ago. Fortunately, this trend seems to have been arrested, particularly in recent meetings, with respect to attendance. We attribute this, in part, to increased communication in the form of the meeting reminders. We hope that with a little more pushing, with this newsletter, the recovery will extend to model building. Where we go with the club (and this newsletter) is up to you and your response. Some of us would like to see the National Convention back in Seattle for '81, but we need the support of a vigorous Seattle Chapter. This support can take many forms but the most fundamental participation is model building.

In past years we have held monthly competitions culminating in the "Model of the Year" contest among monthly winners at year's end. However, due to decreased interest, judging has been held erratically. The contests will continue but, until participation warrants, judging will be held BImonthly. Recently all subjects have been unceremoniously lumped together. We will be delighted to create categories when the number of entries makes this possible. Anyone who has models that have not been judged in a monthly contest is urged to bring them in for the August meeting. Please remember that all models entered for judging (or just on display) should be accompanied by a card giving the pertinent information (kit manufacturer, scale, decals, modifications, etc) and the builder's name on the back side. Winners from the June contest were: 1st, Steve Lewis (Mack Truck); 2nd, Scott Taylor (Railroad Gun); 3rd, Don MacBean (S-3). Congratulations.

For the non-contest months we plan to schedule a series of modelling workshops, such as the vacu-form kit building discussion held last April. Possible topics may include figure painting, airbrushing, decal application, rigging, cockpit detailing, or any other problem area where we can all benefit from an open discussion of tips and pitfalls. For these meetings members are encouraged to bring models, success or failure, recently built or dust-encrusted, that relate to the topic at hand.

Furthermore, we encourage members to bring models to build at meetings. Any meeting! We can't think of a better way to prompt the exchange of information than by example. After the business meeting plan on spending a relaxing hour or two building a model. Remember how much fun it was? Throw a few tools in a box, bring your sandpaper and spit and let's go!

COMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

(All: 12:00 noon, Burbank Park, Mercer Is.)

July	14
August	18
September	22
October	20

Chapter Library

As those of you who have attended the last few meets know, the chapter has had donated to it a fine modelling library of some 300 volumes from the estate of Doug Thompson. We now have compiled the list of titles for distribution to the membership. Until we find a permanent location, the books are stored at the home of our president. Any title requested by a member will be brought to the upcoming meeting and is expected to be returned the next. As the club library becomes more firmly established, we hope to find the support and interest from the membership to make the library grow through various donations and club-funded acquisitions. Several members have donated material already. If you have any duplicate books or have lost interest in a particular area, please consider making this material available to the membership at large (and getting some shelf space back).

Model Display

We have arranged to have an IPMS display in the Renton Library during the month of August. They've offered us a locked glass case, and we need models to fill it. This is a good opportunity to reach people outside the model shops. Please contact Wes Moore (329 4101) and let him know what you can offer, or bring your models to the July meeting.

aug 1st evening

JULY 14th MEETING

The topic for this month's meeting will be silver finishes. Natural metal color schemes are certainly among the most difficult, and the most common. There are dozens of products on the market; paints, powders, foils. Together we have probably used them all, but still it seems that only other people get satisfactory results. How do they do it? How do we? Bring your models, successes, failures and experiments alike, and be prepared for a round-robin discussion. (Please be sure your model's card mentions the type of finish.)

Also, Terry Elmore will continue his presentation of all the world's modelling magazines with the IPMS chapter publications. We will have a report on the Oregon Regional Convention, and begin planning our own Can-Am. There will be a discussion of airshow photography and car pools to Abbotsford and Paine Field to arrange. If you have any new kits, products or publications, bring them along to share. Bring a model to show and one to work on. See you there.

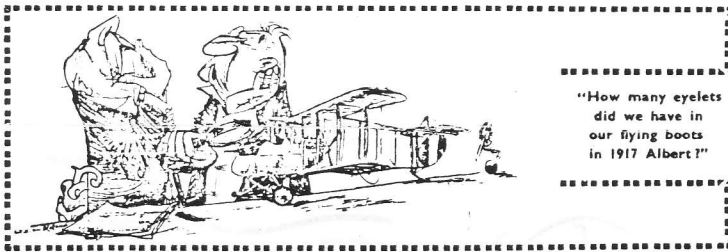
COMING AIRSHOW DATES

Paine Field	21-22 July
Kitsap Airport	4 August
Lake Washington	5 August
Abbotsford, B.C.	10-12 August
Arlington Fly-In	11-12 August
Whidbey Island NAS	25 August

August 18 Meeting

(Luther Burbank Park, Mercer Is. 12:00)

This month is a contest month. Members are urged to bring any model that has not been judged in a monthly contest. There will be only two more contest months before the model of the Year contest. Please remember to prepare a display card for your models which gives (at least) the subject's title, kit manufacturer, decals used, special features, modifications and has your name on the back. If there's no card we won't know the model is an entry for judging.



"How many eyelets did we have in our flying boots in 1917 Albert?"

Terry Elmore will bring us up to date on IPMS Chapter publications and will talk about library indexing systems. If you are one of the few farsighted individuals that catalogs your reference library, please come prepared to share your wisdom.

We will also have a slide show of the models at this year's IPMS National Convention in Milwaukee.

We wish to give special thanks to Jim Schubert for presenting last month's workshop on silver painting.

New Roster

Remember when the roster listed the member's interests? This fine lost tradition is due for a comeback. A new updated roster is planned to contain this information and we will begin collecting it (and double checking your address) at the August meeting. Those of you who do not attend can expect a phone call. The new roster will be distributed in September.

Renton Display

An IPMS model display was placed in the Renton library August 1. We filled two table-top glass cases with some very fine models. We wish to thank everyone who showed up or lent models for their support: John Duffy, Norm Piler, John Frazier, Matt Hargreaves, Carl Kietzke, Terry Moore and Bob Woodling. We expect to see several new faces at the next meeting as a result of this display.

Plea

These first two issues of the newsletter have been "feelers". We know how we feel about them and now we'd like to know how you feel about them. A little positive feedback is required for the newsletter to continue. (Very little.) We'd like to stick with the single page format (it's cheap and simple) but would like to print short modeling items in the future. We wish to solicit material from the membership in the form of brief reviews of new kit and decals, hints and tips, and Wants and Disposals. We don't have any delusions of reviving the quarterly at this point, but we do feel that the channel of communication closed by its demise is sorely needed. Call, or talk to your secretary at the next meeting if you wish to encourage or help.

Milwaukee

Those of you who did not attend the IPMS National Convention, (and a surprising number of our chapter did) missed another good one. There were some 500 in attendance and over 800 models. (No, we won't show slides of all of them.) Best in Show was won by a super-detailed 1/72 Hawsegawa F-15. Every panel that could be opened was opened, including the whole engine bay.

The banquet speaker was Mr. John Dunn of Rockwell International who gave an interesting talk and slide presentation about Space Shuttle and its mission. Tours were given to 84th Division Army Reserve, Brook Steven's Automobile Museum and the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum. The EAA museum, along with a wealth of home-builts, contains many restored military aircraft like: Pfalz D-II, Fokker Dr-I, P-39, Ju-87, Ki-84, F-80 and F-8C.

No national convention is complete without the Royal Canadian Beer Blast, which was a lot of fun and very well lubricated (Milwaukee, remember?). It lasted longer than any of the Seattle contingent, including our latest and furthest-out member (in any sense of the word), Ross Sharp, of Derby England. (It takes some explaining.)

Several interesting items came up at the business meeting. Combat Publishing will soon print a book of modeling hints and tips compiled from IPMS national and chapter publications. Royalties will go into the IPMS treasury. It is expected to be out this fall. The survey run in Update a few months ago revealed that the average national member is 35, spends about \$150 per year on references, kits and supplies (in that order), prefers WWII, post WWII and between the wars subjects (in that order) and has about 300 unbuilts kits. (The extreme reported was 3000.) One surprise was that the most popular areas are (in order) 1/48 aircraft, 1/72 aircraft, and 1/35 armor.

Next year's convention will be in Salt Lake City, July 24 - 27 with tours to Hill AFB and guest speaker Robin Olds. Plan on it!

NEWS FLASH: John (1/48) Greer switches to 1/72.

New Kits

HELLER

Jan - DC-9 (KLM) 1/125
Vampire 1/72
Cessna 1/50

Feb - Jet Ranger 1/50

Mar - Helldiver 1/72

Apr - Canadair 1/72
J.21 1/72

Jun - Fouga Magister 1/72

MINICRAFT-HASEGAWA

IAI Kfir 1/72

F-105B Thunderchief 1/72
F-5E Tiger II 1/32

F-11F Tiger 1/72
F-8E Crusader 1/72
EA-6B Prowler 1/72
P3-C Orion 1/72
F-18 Hornet 1/32

CAN-AM 12

We host the annual Can-Am this year. Presently, it appears that it will be held at the PNAHF Museum of Flight (Seattle Center), that it will be on 6 October, that we will have a guest speaker and some films, and that we can expect some guests from the Portland group (hosts of the NW Regional last June) in addition to all our friends from B.C. It's shaping up for a good show so get something ready to enter.