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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.

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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