

IPMS SEATTLE



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AUGUST MEETING - Saturday the 21st!!!

Just a few notes from our July meeting:

Bob LaBouy, Greg Reynolds took some beautiful slides at the IPMS Nationals, most of which they presented to us, with music. The amount of detail in those winning models was staggering, especially in 1/72nd scale --- not taking away from the 1/48th or 1/32nd, either! I believe the total entries was somewhere between 1,150 and 1,200, quite a batch. Thanks to Bob and Greg!

Our "little" contest ended up like this:

PLANES -- First - Wayne Snowdon's "Shinden"
Second - Charles Sherman's "Huey Copter"
Third - Alex Long's "SR-71"

ARMOUR -- First - Wayne Snowdon's "Little Critter"
(Sorry Wayne, I wrote this down and now can't read it.)

CARS -- First - Scott Ridley's "Vette"
Second - Chris Rohde's "Chevette"
Third - Steve Lewis' "Jaguar"

TRUCKS -- First - Carl Kietzke "Fire Engine"

Thanks to all the people who entered!

The Recreation Center had to cancel our "paint party" on Saturday, August 7. During the evening, Friday, August 6, our Board Meeting was held at the Rec Center to start the painting, so we got some done, anyway. There is an alternative to painting and we will discuss this at our next meeting. Thanks to all the people who were there Friday night helping out: Bob Doran, Marc Hansen, Matt Hargreaves, Bill Hawkins, Bob LaBouy, Bill Osborn, Earl Otto, Greg Reynolds, Carl Rohde, Roger Sawyer and Bob Woodling.

Just in case you have not heard, the first batch of Revell History Makers are on the shelves. There seems to be plenty of Gemini Space Capsules, Tranquility Bases and U.S.S. Nautilus to go around, but the X-15 seems to be a little slower to show up at most shops. I've only seen a few shops presently carrying it. Anyone wanting these kits shouldn't have a hard time finding them. By the way, rumor from a reputable source says that this year's History Makers have been so successful, that as of now, Revell is planning another group for the future. I was told that there is a card in each History Maker kit to be filled out and sent to Revell with your ideas for future releases. They seem to want us to participate in their decisions, which is nice!

We would like to remind you of two upcoming events

September 11, The Oregon Historical Modelers Society "Mini-Con", Portland
Lloyd Center Shopping Center, Manning's Restaurant
Registration 9:30 - 12:30, \$5 (day of show) + .50/model
Contact Larry Weinstock, 503-775-6291

September 18, IPMS Vancouver "Van Con '82", Vancouver BC
Mt Pleasant Community Centre, 16th & Ontario, Vancouver
Registration til 2:00, \$3 entry, any number of models
Contact Barry Shanko, 39-W-21st, Vancouver, BC, V5Y 2E1

There are a couple of contests going on or ready to start. American Eagles has one going on presently, open to all factions of modeling. I believe the last day for enteries is the 16th of August. The other contest is at West Seattle Speedway & Hobby. The first half of this contest is for cars, trucks, bikes, etc. and goes from September 1 - October 31. The second half runs February 1 - March 31 for planes, ships, armour, etc. The last couple of years they have had a pretty good turnout. If there are any more contests that you have heard about, let me know and we will print it right here!

STEVE LEWIS

KIT REVIEW --- MERCEDES 1628s Truck-Tractor
Revell Kit #7409 1/25th Scale \$16.00

Revell's first shot at the 1/25th scale truck market joins several other foreign prototypes on the U.S. market. The diework was done by one of Revell's European divisions, and the kit has been available there for a year or so.

The kit, as a whole, is very nicely done. The cab, wheels, engine and some accessories are molded in orange, while chassis pieces are black. Windows are tinted gray, as unfortunately, are the lights. There is little chrome on the real 1628s, so Revell economized by providing no chrome parts.

Assembly is straight forward and simple, with virtually all parts fitting together well. Windshield fit is a little off, but nothing serious.

Hopefully, this kit is indicative of a new direction for Revell, as their vehicle kits of the past few years have generally been mediocre in quality.

by Bill Hatterlsey