



IPMS SEATTLE

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 9
10AM Business Meeting
10:30AM General Meeting

Meeting Location:
3612 201st Pl SW Lynnwood

INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS' SOCIETY

Harry Avis, President Jack Kline, Vice President Alex Tula, Sec/Treasurer

OCTOBER MEETING

The discussion at the business portion of the meeting was concerned with the meeting place for IPMS/Seattle. The 2 locations that were discussed were the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club and American Eagles. The decision on which location we will meet will be decided at the November meeting.

There was a good selection of models at the meeting. Steve Lewis brought his WSP vehicle and explained how he produced the door shield markings utilizing photos of the genuine item. He also brought his "Sea Hawk" Helicopter which does not need an explanation(!) Rocky Rockwell brought some very nice armor dioramas including a very nicely done ChiHa tank that he applied some very genuine looking rust upon. The editor will make an attempt to have him put his thoughts on scale rust down in writing for a future newsletter...

NOVEMBER MEETING

The main topic at the November meeting will be to decide on a meeting location. The 2 alternatives are: The Bellevue Boys & Girls Club, 209 100th NE, Bellevue; and American Eagles, Market St, Ballard. Both locations are offering the use of a meeting room for FREE. Most everyone is familiar with American Eagles, but if you have the opportunity in the next few days, try to check out the meeting room. The Bellevue Boys & Girls Club has a very nice meeting room and plenty of free parking. The requirement for our free use of one of the meeting rooms is to provide an hour a month modeling class for the kids after the end of our regular meeting. If you have the chance, check this place, too.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting!!!

ALSO: We will discuss the upcoming RECON 7 Regional.

BRING SOMETHING TO WORK ON OR AT LEAST SOME TOOLS SO YOU CAN HELP THE EDITOR FINISH SOME OF HIS MODELS!!!

Coffee will be provided, but you'll have to bring yer own donuts!
See map on back page for driver directions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 30: Seattle Model Miniature Society 6th Annual NW Figure Competition & Show, 10:30--6:00, 5500 35th SW, Seattle (Camp Long)
- May 86: RECON 7, Seattle
- July 12, 1986: Emerald City Buffcon 86, Model Muster/Contest - any fire fighting equipment such as trucks, cars, planes, boats, figures, military, all scales and materials

This Month, something for the armor buffs...kit review by Gordon Erickson. If you have any articles or kit reviews, or just want to get something off your chest, let me know...I will be more than happy to put something in the newsletter. Carry on, Gordon...

West German Leopard 2 from Italeri

The newest release from Italeri is also the newest tank in the West German Army inventory - the Leopard 2 Main Battle Tank.

One of the first things that strikes you about the kit is the size of the tank itself. It simply dwarfs the earlier Leopards.

The kit is molded in a medium green plastic and like the most recent releases from Italeri is much less complex than their earlier armor efforts with approximately 200 parts (in contrast their kit of the earlier Leopard 1 A4 contained over 300 parts). The kit is certainly not lacking in detail because of it, so the most significant thing about this "simplified" kit is the fact that with fewer parts some of us will stand a better chance of finishing the kit before we lose all of the tiny stuff.

The molding of the kit is excellent, with the patches of anti-skid tread on the surface of the tank being very well done. The suspension is well detailed and consists of almost 100 parts in itself. What faults there are in the kit are fairly minor - there seem to be a few more sink-marks than usual in the molding, there is a rectangular ammunition loading door on the left side of the turret that is not molded deeply enough and should be scribed deeper for a more realistic appearance, and I would be tempted to cut open the two large molded-in vent screens for the engine and replace them with real screen. The commander's and gunner's hatches may be assembled open or closed but the driver's hatch is molded shut.

The kit does not include a tank commander figure, but it does include the snorkel tube. The kit has fit together well (so far) with a minimum of filling.

The kit come with decals for three different countries: The Netherlands and Switzerland both in overall dark green and two West German schemes; the first, dark green overall and the second a temporary camouflage scheme consisting of dark green, brown, and black. The tank in the West German overall green scheme sports an attractive unit badge featuring a dragon in addition to the standard German tank markings. The tank in the temporary camo. scheme appears to carry no markings.

This is a very good kit and I think that most modern armor builders will be pleased with it, as will those of us who build the occasional tank for variety.

S.M.M.S. PRESENTS THE 6TH ANNUAL N.W. FIGURE COMPETITION & SHOW

Dear Friends

The Seattle Military Miniature Society, in conjunction with the Military Figure Collectors of Oregon, is proud to present the Sixth Annual Northwest Figure Competition and Show. The Competition Ad Hoc Committee has planned what will be an enjoyable day for all modelers, painters, and collectors of military figures and militaria. We would like to apologize for the tardiness of this information. Several matters beyond our control prevented any earlier distribution of this information.

The following information will assist you in making your plans:

Where: Camp William G. Long (Seattle Parks Dept.)
5500 35th S.W.
Seattle, Washington

When : Saturday, November 30, 1985

* Figure and Display Registration: 10:30am - 1:00pm
* Public Viewing : 11:00am - 6:00pm
* Awards Announcements : 5:00pm
* Claim Entries & Displays : 6:30pm

Costs: * Competition entries: \$6.00 (\$5.00 for SMMS or MFCO members), which covers admission to the show and up to three competition entries. Additional entries will cost \$1.50 (\$1.00 for SMMS or MFCO members).
* Walk-in public viewing: No charge. Please note that children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
* Flea Market Tables: Due to limited space, we do not know at this time if there will be room for any flea marketers. If you would like a table, please indicate so in the space provided on the pre-registration form and we will get back to you before the show date.

We highly recommend that you preregister your competition entries, a preregistration form is attached. If you require a space greater than 24 inches by 24 inches, you must preregister by November 15, 1985. You may mail your preregistration form and payment to:

SMMS
P.O. Box 2014
Redmond, WA 98052

By preregistering, you will reduce the time necessary to check-in on the 30th of November.

Winners from previous Northwest Figure Competitions are encouraged to bring their figures to display so that the Seattle-area public may have an opportunity to view those fine works. There is no charge for displaying previous years' winning entries.

