

JUNE 1992  
IPMS SEATTLE NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS: \*\* Saturday, June 13th, 10:00 am - ?, Red Lion Hotel, SeaTac  
18740 Pacific Highway South, a couple of blocks south of the  
Airport, on the eastern side of the road. Can't miss their  
sign!! Call if you think you can't find it: 522-3539. Evenings

\*\* Thursday, July 9th thru Saturday, July 11th!!!  
A Non-Stop Load of Fun Type of Meeting!! Many guest visitors!!

Well folks, this is the newsletter before the BIG EVENT!! This  
month's rag is devoted almost exclusively to the National Convention,  
listing as it does all the Contest Categories, the Contest Rules, and the  
actual Contest entry form for those who missed out from the last meeting,  
and also for our other IPMS Region VII Chapter members. Feel free to  
photocopy the entry form, for it will make everyone's life easier to have  
it typed up prior to arriving at the Convention than doing it at the  
Registration desk on the day. Also included is a listing of the seminar  
topics and guest speakers to help you plan your time.

For those who generously filled in one of the Convention "Help  
Wanted" forms stating that they would be willing to donate time to help  
run the Convention's activities: PLEASE SHOW UP AT THE JUNE MEETING AT  
THE RED LION. The Organizing committee folk will be showing you all  
around the Hotel, and detailing what exactly it is you will have to do.  
Nothing too strenuous, and given enough volunteers, we hope to rotate  
everyone so that each and every one of us can enjoy the Convention.  
Don't want anyone not enjoying themselves!!

Regarding the Contest, and one word of advice: Don't take things too  
seriously. I personally would like to see each and every one of us enter  
a model, just to have fun, and to be able to say, "Yes, I participated in  
Seattle's 1992 National Convention Contest". If you start worrying about  
"will I win, and which categories should I enter to improve my chances of  
winning", then your chances are good that your ego will be bruised, for  
you are taking the hobby too seriously. There are some VERY talented  
modelers heading this way, and "competition" for the awards will be tough  
in most cases. Tying up your egos with your models could result in a  
nasty surprize and hurt feelings! So enter, have fun, and if you are  
skilled/lucky enough to win, GREAT! And if like me you take away nothing  
(I have seen the future!!), well, we all know the Judges have no  
taste.....!!!

WARNING, WARNING, WARNING: CONVENTION BANQUET TICKETS: as of June  
7th, there were only 30 Banquet tickets left for sale. To let you know  
how fast they are selling, between June 1 and June 7th, we sold an  
average of 8 per day!! YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS IS NOW!! Call me  
now if you are planning to go, because almost certainly by this Saturday  
at the meeting I will be announcing: SOLD OUT!!!

TOURS: NAS Whidbey and Ft. Lewis/McChord each have less than 5 seats  
left. Still seats left on the two Boeing Plant/MOF Restoration tours,  
and as mentioned last meeting, if you wish to go to Bangor Sub base,  
there are a few tickets left. The Bangor tour is the only one restricted  
to US Citizens, and proof of citizenship must be supplied on the day:  
Birth Certificate, Passport, Military ID. Word is now that almost  
certainly a trip aboard a "Boomer" is guaranteed. Not to be missed for  
anyone interested in the undersea part of our Armed Forces. See you  
Saturday!!!!

# Contest Categories

## 1992 IPMS-USA National Contest

### Seattle - July 9-12, 1992

#### CONTEST CATEGORIES

(NOTE: • 1/144 refers to scales 1/101 and smaller • 1/72 refers to scales 1/100 to 1/60 • 1/48 refers to scales 1/59 to 1/40 • 1/32 refers to scale 1/39 and larger • 1/32 and 1/35 figures will compete as 54mm • Categories marked with "\*" include an Out of the Box Award; see Contest Rules, Section IV Rule 1.)

#### I. AIRCRAFT

\*1. Biplanes (and others that are predominantly fabric, struts and rigging)

- a. 1/72 and smaller
- b. 1/48

\*2. Small Prop and Turbo-prop (single engine, not exceeding 50' wingspan or length)

- a. 1/72
  - 1.
  - 2.
- b. 1/48      Split categories
  - 1.
  - 2.

\*3. Medium Prop and Turbo-prop (twin engine, or 50' to 70' in wingspan or length)

- 1/72

\*4 Medium and Large Prop and Turbo-prop (multi-engine, or exceeding 50' in wingspan or length)

- 1/50 and larger

\*5. Large Prop and Turbo-prop (multi-engine, or exceeding 70' in wingspan or length)

- 1/51 to 1/143

\*6. Small Jet (not exceeding 55' in wingspan or length)

- a. 1/72
- b. 1/48

\*7. Medium Jet (larger than 55' in wingspan or length)

- a. 1/72

b. 1/48

- 1.
- 2.      Split category

\*8. Aircraft 1/32 and larger

- a. Propeller driven
- b. Jet

\*9. Military Aircraft 1/144 and smaller

- a. Small (not exceeding 55' in

wingspan or length)

- b. Large (larger than 55' in wingspan or length)

\*10. Rotary Wing (all types and eras)

- a. 1/72 and smaller
- b. 1/71 and larger

\*11. Civil, Sport, Racing and Airships (all types and eras)

- a. 1/72 and smaller
- b. 1/71 and larger

\*12. Airliners

- a. 1/101 and smaller
- b. 1/100 and larger

13. Vacuum Formed (civil or military all eras)

- a. 1/60 and smaller
- b. 1/59 and larger

14. Conversions (civil or military all eras)

- a. 1/72 and smaller
- b. 1/48
- c. 1/32

15. Scratch-Built (civil or military all eras)

- a. 1/72 and smaller
- b. 1/48
- c. 1/32

#### II. MILITARY VEHICLES

\*1. Closed top AFV's (through 1945, including tanks, assault guns and

self-propelled guns) 1/48 and larger

- a.
- b.      Split category

\*2. Closed top AFV's (post 1945, including tanks, assault guns and self-propelled guns) 1/48 and larger

- a.
- b.      Split category

\*3. Open top AFV's and AFV's with interiors (kit provided or scratch-built, all eras, including assault guns and self-propelled guns) 1/48 and larger

\*4. Armored half-tracks and armored cars (all eras) 1/48 and larger

\*5. Soft skinned military vehicles (all eras, including trucks, jeeps, unarmored half-tracks and motorcycles) 1/48 and larger

\*6. Artillery, all eras, towed (includes missiles 1/48 and larger and all scales of railroad guns)

7. Conversions (all eras and types)

- a. 1/48 and larger
- 1.
- 2.      Split category

8. Scratch-Built (all eras and types)

- a. 1/49 and smaller
- b. 1/48 and larger

\*9. Military Vehicles (all eras) 1/49 and smaller

- a. Fully tracked
  - 1.
  - 2.      Split category
- b. All other types
  - 1. Armored cars and half tracks

2. Soft skins and artillery (except railroad guns; see II.6)

c. Conversions (No OOTB Award)

### III. FIGURES

1. Dismounted and mounted (all eras)  
53mm and smaller
2. Dismounted (all eras)
  - a. 54mm to 70mm
    - 1.
    2. Split category
  - b. 71mm and larger
    - 1.
    2. Split category
3. Mounted (all eras)
  - a. 54mm to 70mm
  - b. 71mm and larger
4. Conversions and Scratch-Built (all scales all eras)
5. Fantasy and Science Fiction

### IV. SHIPS

- \*1. Powered (surface)
  - a. 1/401 and smaller
    1. Carriers and Battleships
    2. All others
  - b. 1/400 and larger
- \*2. Sailing (all scales)
- \*3. Submarines
  - a. 1/401 and smaller
  - b. 1/400 and larger
4. Conversions and Scratch-Built (all scales, types and eras)

### V. CIVILIAN VEHICLES

- \*1. Replica Stock (unmodified body, chassis and drive-train except for tires and wheels, includes conversions)
  - a. 1/31 to 1/20
  - b. 1/32 and smaller
- \*2. Customs, all scales
- \*3. Competition, open wheel

- a. 1/31 to 1/20
- b. 1/32 and smaller

- \*4. Competition, closed wheel
  - a. 1/31 to 1/20
  - b. 1/32 and smaller

- \*5. Large Scale, 1/19 and larger

6. Scratch-Built, all scales and types

- \*7. Trucks, all scales

- \*8. Motorcycles, all scales

- \*9. Metal Kits 1/32 and smaller
  - a. Open wheel
  - b. Closed wheel

### VI. SPACE and SCIENCE-FICTION VEHICLES.

- \*1. Real Spacecraft and Vehicles (kits and scratch-built)
- \*2. Science-Fiction and Fantasy vehicles from kits

3. Science-Fiction and Fantasy Vehicles, conversions and scratch-built

### VII. COLLECTIONS

Five or more closely related items built by one person; all scales, types and eras (see Contest Rules, II.6)

### VIII. JUNIOR

(members 17 years old and under)

- \*1. Aircraft (all eras)
  - a. 1/72 and smaller
  - b. 1/71 and larger

- \*2. Vehicles (all scales all eras)
  - a. Military
  - b. Non-military

3. Ships (all scales, types and eras)

4. Dioramas (all types all eras)

5. Figures (all scales all eras)

- \*6. Miscellaneous

### IX. DIORAMAS

1. Aircraft
  - a. Small Composition (single aircraft, no more than 5 figures)  
1/51 and smaller
  - b. Small Composition (single aircraft, no more than 5 figures)  
1/50 and larger
  - c. Large Composition (2 or more aircraft and/or more than 5 figures)
2. Armor
  - a. Small Composition (single vehicle, no more than 5 figures)  
1/48 and larger
  - b. Large Composition (2 or more vehicles and/or more than 5 figures)  
1/48 and larger
  - c. Dioramas and vignettes (all types and eras)  
1/49 and smaller

3. Figures
  - a. Vignettes (5 or fewer figures)
  - b. Dioramas (more than 5 figures)

4. Ships (all scales, types and eras)

5. Civilian Vehicles

6. Miscellaneous Dioramas

### X. HUMOR IN MODELING

The most humorous entry. May be any subject matter, but theme and ingenuity are important. (all scales and eras)

### XI. MISCELLANEOUS

Any subject, except dioramas, of any interest not provided for in any of the above categories, without restriction to scale or era.

### XII. CHAPTER / GROUP ENTRY

# Contest Rules

## 1992 IPMS-USA National Contest

### Seattle - July 9-12, 1992

#### I. ELIGIBILITY

1. Any current member of IPMS/USA or any other national branch of IPMS is eligible to enter any number of models in the National Contest. A member may also serve as a "proxy" to enter models for a fellow member who is not attending the convention. Entry fees for proxy models may be set at the discretion of the Host Chapter. All entries must be the sole work of the individual whose name is on the entry blank.

2. Exhibitors are encouraged to leave their models in the display room until the awards banquet is over and the attendees have had the maximum opportunity to view them.

3. Models that have won First, Second, or Third place awards in any category of any previous IPMS/USA National Model Contest may not be entered in any subsequent IPMS/USA National Model Contest for awards except as provided in Section II, Rule 6. Models presented Out-of-the Box awards at the National Contest are also ineligible for awards at future National Model Contests.

4. "Test Shot" or pre-production examples of kits not yet commercially available may not be entered in any national competition for awards.

5. The Contest Chairman or Head Judge may exclude from public display an entries which he considers offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability.

6. JUNIORS. Junior division categories are limited to members 17 years and younger. Junior members may, at their own discretion, enter their models in senior divisions; however models entered in senior divisions will not be eligible for special junior awards.

#### II. Contest

1. Plastic Definition. For the National Contest "Plastic" is "any

thermoplastic or thermosetting polymer, resin, or other materials which can be formed by heat, pressure, or vacuum-forming". This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, polystyrene, ABS plastic, celluloids, polyethylene, vinyls, epoxy and polyester resins, fiberglass, acetates, acrylics, nylon, other synthetic fibers and monofilaments, and other plastic modeling compounds. Neoprene rubber is also defined as a plastic for this contest. Glazes and body putties (e.g., "Green Stuff") are not plastics; however, when used for filling seams, improving contours, creating unusual surfaces (e.g. "zimmerit" on armor), etc., they will be considered plastic.

2. COMPOSITION. All models entered must be at least 75 percent plastic by volume, except those covered in Section II, Rule 5. The use of other non-plastic materials is both permitted and encouraged, if the complete model conforms to the above percentage-of-plastic restriction. Scratchbuilt and conversion category entrants must be prepared to furnish the judges a list of parts and materials used to verify compliance with this rule. Unwillingness or inability to do so may result in disqualification of the entry.

3. SCRATCHBUILT models may incorporate parts from other kits, but these should be generally unrelated to their original identity, except for minor parts such as wheels, guns, etc. Models determined to be scratchbuilt must be entered in the proper scratchbuilt category.

4. CONVERSION category entries must contain significant structural changes to the basic kit involving extensive changes in contour or configuration. Models determined to be conversions must be entered in the proper conversion category.

5. FIGURES division entries may be made of metal or plastic. Metal miniatures may also be in used in Dioramas where the figures do not comprise the primary model. The inclusion of accessories supplied in the

figure kit will not cause the figure to be classed as a Diorama.

6. COLLECTIONS. A collection is any group of five or more closely related items. For example, five WWII fighters would not be a collection, but five WWII Messerschmitt fighters would. Similarly, five WWII German tanks would not form a collection, but five WWII Panzer IV's would. Past National Contest winning models may be included as part of a collection, if they comprise no more than 40 percent of the collection. The entire collection must be the work of one person. The closeness of the relationship within the collection is a significant factor in judging. For example, a collection based on variants of a single airframe is a tighter relationship than one of different aircraft operated by a unit.

7. MARKINGS. In aircraft and vehicle divisions, markings will determine the category in which a model is entered. For example a C-47 in military markings would normally be placed in the Large Prop category, but if in airliner markings it would be placed in an Airliner category. All racing aircraft (other than conversions and scratchbuilds) will be placed in the Civil category.

8. MISSILES. All vehicle-carried missiles will be placed in the Armor division. All missiles in flight attitude or on landing gear will be entered in the proper aircraft category. Missiles used in space research which originated as military vehicles (e.g. Atlas/Centaur or Mercury/Redstone) will be placed in the Spacecraft category.

9. BASES/DIORAMAS. Bases will be allowed in all categories and will not be considered in the judging except in the Diorama classes. A base may simulate the natural surface on which the prototype would be found; however, nothing other than that surface may be used. Aircraft and vehicles may rest on simulated ground or paving, and aircraft which need beaching gear or dollies may be so equipped. Ships may be displayed in water (no drydocks). The

base must not be the predominant feature of the entry and must be of a size proportionate to the model. The Contest Chairman and Judges reserve the right to exclude oversize bases. The model may include primary crew figures. The addition of any other figures or equipment outside, or not attached to, the model (e.g., support equipment, foliage, shell splashes, or buildings) will make the model a Diorama, which must then be entered in the proper Diorama category.

Dioramas are judged not only on the technical merit of their construction but also on the strength of the theme or story they present, so that if two dioramas were technically equal the one having the stronger theme or story would win.

**10 JUDGES.** A Head Judge must be chosen and he must brief all judges before the contest judging. Judges will be chosen from the list of Qualified National Judges by the Convention Contest Committee chairman. Judges may not judge a category in which they are entered. Where possible, judging teams will be comprised of an odd number of judges, preferably representing different regions. Strict impartiality will be observed, and violators will be removed from judges' lists for future National Conventions.

**11.** Contest registrars will help determine proper entry categories for models during registration, but final category placement is at the discretion of contest judges. Judges may also combine or split categories during final judging. **ALL JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

**12.** The Host Chapter of an IPMS/USA National Contest may not add or delete contest rules or categories without the consent of the Executive Board and the National Contest Rules Committee.

**13.** No liability for loss or damage to contest entries is assumed by IPMS, the Host Chapter, the convention hotel, or the contest judges.

### III. SPECIAL CATEGORIES

**1. HUMOR.** Models entered in the Humor category will be judged on both their humor content and the degree of modeling skill which they represent.

Entries must be not only funny, but also well done.

**2. OUT-OF-THE-BOX** entries will be governed by the following rules:

**A. Kits.** Any commercially available kit may be used. The number of categories incorporating Out-Of-The-Box awards will be determined by the host chapter and the National Contest Committee.

**B. FINISH.** The natural plastic finish may be retained, or it may be foil-covered or painted with brush, spray can, or airbrush. Decals other than those included with the kit may be used. Insignia, markings, and instrument panels may be hand-painted instead of decaled. Weathering is permitted.

**C. CONSTRUCTION.** The modeler may fill seams and gaps; sand off rivets; drill out gun ports, exhaust pipes, or their appropriate openings; thin to scale such parts as trailing edges, flaps, and doors; add rigging and antennas; and add simple tape or decal seat belts in the cockpit of an aircraft or the interior of a vehicle (NO manufactured hardware - e.g., buckles, etc.)

**D. IT IS NOT PERMITTED** TO: vacuform, manufacture, or replace any part, or substitute parts from another kit; cut or separate canopies, surfaces, hatches, doors, etc. (no major surgery); combine a standard kit with a conversion kit; add anything other than specified on the instruction sheet except as shown in Section C above.

**3. RARE KIT ENTRIES.** The kit manufacturer must have been out of business for at least three years, or the kit must have been out of production for at least seven years. Any reissue of the kit by any company in the past seven years disqualifies the kit from inclusion. This is not an Out-of-the-Box competition. The award will be presented to the best model built from a rare kit, regardless of embellishments.

**4. CHAPTER/GROUP ENTRY.** The Chapter/Group entry shall be the only exception to the rule calling for the work to be done by a single individual. The intent is to provide a forum for displaying a project that is too extensive or complex for a single individual to

complete in a reasonable time. It is also intended to provide a vehicle for a chapter or group to exhibit a project that may have been prepared for an event or display other than the IPMS/USA National Contest. Subject matter, time frame, scale, location, etc are open.

### IV. AWARDS

**1.** Models will be judged for accuracy, realism, skill in construction, and finish. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each category. Those categories especially noted in the category listings will also include a Best Out-Of-The-Box Award. This award will be in addition to the standard First, Second, and Third place awards. It will be presented to the model the judges choose as the best model in the category which conforms to Out-Of-The-Box criteria listed in Section III, Rule 3. The Best Out-Of-The-Box model may simultaneously be first, second, or third in the category.

More awards may be presented at the discretion of the host chapter. The host chapter is encouraged to make use of incentive awards or other non-trophy items as it sees fit, to develop and encourage participation in the junior categories.

**2.** Besides the Judges Grand Award and Popular Best of Show, "Best" awards will also be presented for each major division in the contest; for example, Best Aircraft, Best Ship, etc. Models entered in senior categories by junior members are not eligible for special junior awards. The host chapter may add two special awards for its convention only. Any additions to this list must be approved by the Executive Board.

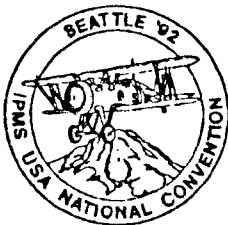
## Operating Hours Schedule

Day:	Convention Registration:	Model Registration:	Model Exhibit Hall:	Vendor's Hall:	Model Photography
Wednesday (7-8)	1600-2000 Hrs			1600-2100 Hrs (Set-up only)	
Thursday (7-9)	0800-2000 Hrs	0900-2000 Hrs	0900-2200 Hrs	0830-1700 Hrs	2200-2400 Hrs
				1830-2200 Hrs	
Friday (7-10)	0900-2400 Hrs	0900-2400 Hrs	0900-2400 Hrs.	0830-1700 Hrs	
				1830-2200 Hrs	
Saturday (7-11)	0500-1700 Hrs	0500-0700 Hrs	0500-0700 Hrs (closed 0700-1200)	0900-1700 Hrs	0000-0200 Hrs (Saturday AM)
			1200-1700 Hrs 2100-2400 Hrs		

## Seminar Schedules

Times:	Evergreen 3 & 4:		Cascade 12 & 13:			
	Thursday	Friday	Cascade # 12		Cascade # 13	
			Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday
0830-0930		318th FTG		How models are judged	Museum quality models	
0945-1045	Special Interest Group Meetings	Manufacturers	Painting models	Contest Rules Committee	Photographing Models	
1100-1200	Special Interest Group Meetings	Manufacturers (Con't.)	Vacuform models	Cottage industries	Aviation artistry	Ground Works
1200-1300	Lunch break					
1300-1400	Special Interest Group Meetings	Meet your IPMS-USA Officers	Superdetailing models	Judges Meeting (Category teams)	Writing for publication	Painting figures
1415-1515	Zero Ace	Judges Meetings	Scratch building models		Convention '94 bids	
1530-1630	Zero Ace (Con't)	Judges Meetings (Con't.)	Decals			WW II Destroyer operations
1630-1830	Dinner break					
1830-1930	Photographing A/C	Desert Storm Reception			3-D Movie Fest	
1945-2045		Reception (Con't.)				

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# Model Contest Entry Form

1992 IPMS-USA Convention  
Seattle, Washington


Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Kit used: \_\_\_\_\_ "Out of the box" entry? ☐

Special Award Category? \_\_\_\_\_ (please designate category)

Builders remarks: (Builder is encouraged to outline any modifications, techniques or other special information you wish to bring to the attention of either the judges or other modelers. Documentation required for "out of the box" must be demonstrated at registration and placed under the model itself.)

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Builder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Kit used: \_\_\_\_\_

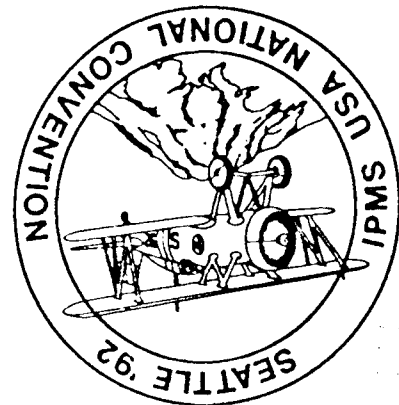
Model Builder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IPMS-USA No: \_\_\_\_\_

(modeler must be a current, registered IPMS national member)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_


# IPMS Seattle

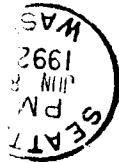


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# EXTRA!

## AMERICAN EAGLES MODEL CLUB TO DISBAND!

SEATTLE, JUNE 4, 1992. Reliable sources in this West Coast city of excess and perversion tell us that the historic American Eagles Model Club which met in Ballard on the first Thursday of each month at 6 PM and on the third Saturday of each month at 10 AM is about to become a thing of the past. Rumors have been circulating for months about the fate of the club which has been known for the unfortunate 'Kick-ass' attitude of the members regarding model contests. Because of the far reaching effects the break-up of this organization could have to the Puget Sound Region if not the whole Pacific Rim, this reporter decided to travel to Ballard and get some first hand information.

Arriving at the store on a recent evening I was struck by the quiet calm that pervaded the place. A red-faced customer was just leaving as I arrived in time to hear the woman behind the counter say to a young man who I took to be her son, "Another asshole like that and I'll load the pistol we keep under the register and set up those claymores your father got for home."

When I asked if the club was meeting that night I was told that "Somebody was back there." I took this warm welcome as a good sign and walked in the direction indicated.

On the way I took the opportunity to ask a heavy-set fellow called Whitman or Whitney about one of the models displayed. He cheerfully explained that it was a German armored vehicle from the Second World War that would have allowed the Nazis to beat those whining Allies if only those ungrateful slave laborers had turned them out in decent numbers. He had a faraway, sort of wistful look in his eye as he stood there with his hand in the pocket of his brown shirt. I left him quietly in order to not interfere with his dream of a truly united Europe.

Nearing the back of the store I came upon a twosome by the name of Tod (or Ted) and Byron (or Bryan). They were discussing the merits of panel lines an aircraft models. Tod seemed to favor a sizeable indication of the panel surfaces, while Byron told Tod to "Stick his scribe where the moon don't shine and go back under whatever fucking rock he crawled out from under." I took this to be an indication of the club's lively spirit of debate and, dodging swinging fists, I continued on.

Just then I was nearly knocked down by a fellow who said he had just come in to ask about how to apply decals and was now fleeing with terror in his eyes from the owner of the store Mick (or Mike) who was chasing him out of the store shouting in a vaguely foreign accent, something about moving a model kit from it's correct place on the shelf. Following Mick was a troll-like creature with a shopping cart who seemed to be talking to an imaginary companion. I never did catch this fellows name, but his shopping cart did actually roll over my foot, delighting the creature and setting off more animated conversation with the imaginary companion.

I was aided by fellow with an Abe Lincoln beard who I believe was named Tom, who, despite the extreme heat insisted on wearing his leather jacket. Tom had several radios and a satellite dish hanging from his belt and seemed capable of instantaneous contact with the entire world. Tom also had a button on his jacket that said "Better a Sister in a Whorehouse than a Brother in IPMS." When I asked Tom about the club breaking up he would only say that he had no comment, but he whispered that he might be willing to say something if I agreed to meet him later at the local Wendy's Restaurant.

Feeling I wasn't getting any where fast I turned to a fellow who I'll call Scott (not his real name). Scott said he built tank models mostly, and that he wished more of the club members could tell an idler wheel from a glacia plate. Scott was unwilling to comment on the rumors of the disintegration of the club and wandered off to see if the DML PanzerPartFlugSchnauzerhimerpfIII was out yet. It was the long awaited version with the Daimler-Benz 7500cc ubertorqued powerplantpf and the 'Eva Braun for Chancellor' decal set that Whitman had just converted from the Heller 1/1200th scale Jeanne D'Arc. This was the model that brought tears to the eyes of the judges at the 1990 Hayden Lake Model Contest and Crew-Cut Fest.

Just then the membership was called to order and the business part of the meeting started. Mick, the owner of the shop addressed the club and reminded them once again how disappointed he was in their conduct, behavior, lack of support, political opinions, reliability, ability to pull young pigeons customers hobbyists into the store, the way they arrange furniture the way they dress and how come they don't like asbestos. He also took the opportunity to complain about everything else they had ever done wrong. At this point Byron stuck his fingers down his child's throat and after the hydraulics left for the evening. Tom pointed out that Mick was a no good so and so and a fellow who I hadn't noticed before who was selling aircraft model bases made from recycled Dukakis for president signs stood up and asked if anyone wanted to meet at the Museum of Flight.

To make a long story short, Mick left, thanking the club for allowing him to ream them out again and saying the club had to shape up. The remaining members voted to have hurt feelings, to have short fuses and to agree to do something in the near future. Inside sources said this was pretty much the way all of their meetings ended.

This reporter can draw no conclusion regarding the future of this club, it just is not clear what will happen. Predictions range from business as usual to meetings to be held in park & ride in Yelm. Only time will tell.

# EXTRA!

## THE SEAMY TRUTH BEHIND NORTHWEST SCALE MODELERS

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, as a result of this reporter's undercover work a terrible hoax is revealed. Some time ago I reported the disbanding of the American Eagles Model Club, an event greeted with a sigh of relief by other model clubs and unaffiliated modelers in the Seattle area.

This club had gained a reputation for an unfortunate 'kick-ass' attitude toward model contests and an unwillingness to cooperate with the long-suffering, humble, generous, kind and patient owner of the American Eagles Military Hobby Shop in downtown Ballard.

The awful truth is that the bad boys and girls of model kit building are back and they have persuaded the beloved Museum of Flight to play host to the uncontrolled madness and absurd events they call club meetings.

This reporter has secretly penetrated the group and has managed to attend their regular meetings, a contest and the secret initiation rights they perform out of public view.

Despite great risk and the potential damage to my psyche I have done this in order to bring to light the atrocities this group is responsible for.

I have learned that the group known as the Northwest Scale Modelers is merely a front for the same sleazy bunch who made life so difficult for Saint Mike of Ballard.

I started by attending a monthly meeting. The group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Red Barn at the Museum of Flight. I arrived early and witnessed the arrival of the members. They arrived in a variety of automobiles and to the casual observer they appeared normal. How often does a normal museum visitor unknowingly park his or her car next to one of these fiends! The very thought causes a chill to run down my spine. One way to identify these characters is to take note of the models carried from the automobile to the museum. Some carry their handiwork in a casual fashion, others exhibit a fastidiousness that borders on the absurd.

The main topic of the meeting seemed to be whether or not contest judges should be allowed to enter models in the contests the model club runs at the Museum every year.

A whining gray-haired fellow (named Byron I believe) pleaded with the rest to not bring this subject up again. He said that this topic had been discussed

A member who was identified as Todd then stood up and announced that a secret subgroup of members who refused to be identified had met at his place and decided what next year's model contest categories would be. A list was posted and the group was invited to examine the list and write any comments they might have on the back of a used Big Mac wrapper.

Todd gave a quick review of the subgroup's meeting and the subsequent coroners report. Apparently agreement had not come easily.

A quick review of the list left me confused, the document was torn and stained with what appeared to be blood. Several topics were listed, along with many line entries that consisted of the words 'to be announced when we \*%!#ing agree.'

Dive then took center stage to announce that his cousin Algernon had recently gone into the shirt decorating business and it was time to order club shirts so that Algernon could afford to pay his wife's bail money.

After a long drawn out process the members agreed on a light (or dark) blue (or green) polo (or Tee) shirt (or bomber jacket or loincloth) with (or without) a pocket and featuring the club log (or not) on the pocket (or where the pocket would be if there was one but there isn't, or is there?). Dive said the jacket or shirt or truss would cost \$10 or \$30 or perhaps \$200, and that he would order them for the club if they paid in advance and not to get nervous if he did not answer the phone at his house for a while because he had to go to South America for a short business trip.

During the meeting a fellow with a Abraham Lincoln-like beard could occasionally be heard blurting out obscenities and what seemed to be comments regarding the fact that real aircraft are kept as clean as possible. He also said something about Todd having intimate physical relationship with panel lines of some kind.

At this point the meeting adjourned and I accompanied the most frightening looking of the members to Candy's House of Cholesterol, a nearby dive to witness the secret Ordeal by Chili Dog.

A high priestess or scribe of some sort recorded the incantations of the members and retired to arrange some burnt offerings.

Arguments ensued, Noel (I think that is his name)said 'A mad maxcarisacar' and Byron, who had

at the last 42 meetings and that only one person in the club was interested, the others all had agreed to not allow judges to enter the contest with the exception of the model-fying category.

In response, a tall bearded man (called Steef) asked Byron if he thought he might enjoy a long horizontal vacation in a local hospital facility. Byron immediately remembered that his religion required him to 'ring some bells or light some candles' and he hurried out into the night.

Next on the agenda seemed to be a favorite of the members. A very personable fellow we will call Dive stood up and said that once again he would do all the work but that he refused to it all without help. Everyone in the group who was awake nodded and agreed that whatever he meant, he **really** was correct.

escaped injury at Steef's hand said 'A madmaxcarisascifi.' Nothing said made any sense to this reporter, I can only assume they were 'speaking in tongues'!

Platters of the most obnoxious foods were delivered to the table and consumed by the members who exhibited the manners of wild beasts.

A mature and reasonable-appearing man named Bill (not his real name of course) slipped into a trance and described a trip to a far off convention while repeatedly shaking a mustard container in a threatening manner.

The meeting broke up and the group disbursed to await the next unholy gathering.

**NEXT TIME: THE CONTEST!**

Inside:  
Dave Holmes and Tarva Harding, are the rumors true?

Sports:  
Broadjumping Ted's Panel Lines 'Just Figure' says Tim Lawson

Today:  
Why don't the whining bastards come to our contests?

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# EXTRA!

## MODELERS GET- TOGETHER TURNS LYNNWOOD ON IT'S REAR!

Lynnwood, Washington. The sleepy Edmonds Community college neighborhood was the scene of a tragic event last night. Bill 'Boom Boom' Johnson decided to throw a get-together for several friends who share his interest in aviation technology, history and models. What Bill had in mind was a quiet evening of camaraderie and conversation. What Bill got was something completely different. Neighbors first started to realize something was amiss when strange odors started emerging from the Johnson household. "Seemed like a combination pizza and toluene sorta smell," said Leo Flemster, a neighbor and sometime endocrinologist. Another local resident, who refused to give his name described it as "salmon dip and paint thinner."

The truth, as survivors later stated was that an accidental combination of mozzarella cheese and Testors liquid cement took place. This resulted in the what authorities are now saying was the first proven example that cold fusion is possible. Unfortunately for Bill and his guests, what is cold for fusion is still a bit warm for human life.

One of the party go-ers apparently dropped Bill's recently completed 1/72nd scale Mustang into an extra cheese pizza from Pizza Hut. Scientists say it took only nanoseconds for the still-evaporating glue to react with the cheese substitute used by Pizza Hut.

The explosion/implosion was heard as far away as Highway 99, the Johnson apartment was destroyed, tires on cars for miles around melted and Edmonds Community

College is now known as Edmonds Community Used Construction Materials Lot.

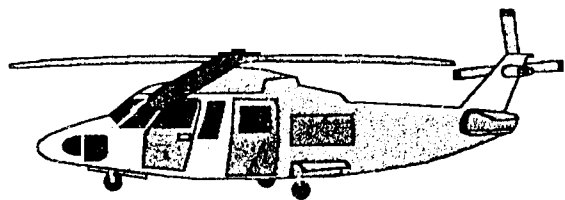
Ironically, one late arriving guest, Tim Lawson also of Lynnwood, narrowly escaped injury or worse because he was driving around looking for a place to park when the trouble started. Parking was bad that night and Tim had just found the closest spot, in Everett, just outside the blast zone.

Looking at the bright side, Dr. Philamina Techwonger of the Holochuk Institute for Advanced Physics and Holistic Research On Stuff You See in the National Enquirer, was quoted as saying the tragic event produced enough energy to allow each person on earth to run three really big hairdryers and an Nintendo Machine. "The possibilities are endless" said Dr. Techwonger, "I just hope we can make a few bucks of it before the oil companies lock it up with the pill to run your car on water and the Sasquatch who did all of Fred Astair's stunts in those old movies."

Johnson and his guests, now microscopic in size - but weighing as much as they did when full size - a result of the force of the fusion, are being kept at the Moore & Birkbeck Clinic for the Tragically Misshapen. They wait in isolation in a rinsed-out Pactra Enamel Bottle, waiting for scientist here and abroad to figure out how to communicate with them. This reporter wonders, what could they be talking about....

*Bill found this at the  
newsstand - thanks for a great  
get-together  
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# Join A Model Club Today!



Enjoy the companionship of fellow hobbyists!

Listen as grown men argue over shades of olive drab! Experience folks with no lives of their own explain how access to a scanning electron microscope would make all the difference in cockpit detail!

Be Amazed by how easily you can bring on homicidal rage by referring to an armor modeller's work as a 'target'.

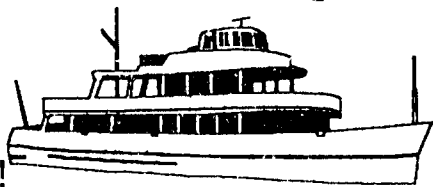
Ask Yourself isn't there something important I should be doing instead of attending this badly run meeting? Wonder if the model you and your fellow judges decided not to give a ribbon to was submitted by a sociopath with an automatic



weapon who hates to lose!

what

fun this hobby was before you met all these opinionated turkeys who tell you the colors you chose for your Camaro belong on a W.W.I aircraft! Share your experiences with wacky hobby shop owners and employees! Everybody has had these close encounters of the retail kind. Try to determine which of your fellow members has a record, which has devoted so much time to his hobby that he has forgotten what personal hygiene is all about! Argue for hours over contest rules and categories with folks who have forgotten how much fun modeling can



be!

Explore the difference between a diorama and a model on a base! - For hours at a time! Relax with car modelers who think the

only good airplane is one that has been recycled into beer cans!

Astound your family with stories of fellow modelers who have even more unbuilt kits than you do! - They won't believe you but they'll love you even more for trying.