

IPMS SEATTLE NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1992

MEETING TIMES: Sat. October 10th

Sat. November 21st

Please note that the November meeting is scheduled for the third Saturday in the month, due to someone having sneaked in ahead of us. Such is life.

Those of you lucky enough to have attended the IPMS Vancouver Show this past weekend, I hope you took lots of slides for those of us who didn't make it!! For the first time in six years, yours truly had something else to do on this particular weekend. I also have something else to do the weekend of the October AND November meeting weekends, so won't see any of you until December. So much the better, shouts someone in the back.....

The October meeting is set for a slide presentation by Jim Pernikoff of entries at the July National Convention, or at least this is what he promised two months ago. Having been unable to contact Jim on the telephone, don't hold me to this. It is a great pity that I will miss this show should it transpire, as I missed out seeing most of these entries in person, due to a hectic time at the Nats.

RECON '93

For those of you who missed the last meeting, it was announced that IPMS Seattle will host the 1993 IPMS/USA Region VII contest. The event will be one day, starting at approx 9:30 am, with judging beginning at 8:00 pm. Hopefully the Show will be wrapped up by 6:00 pm. The final date has yet to be nailed down, being either Saturday, April 10th or Saturday, April 24th. Venue will be the Red Lion SeaTac Hotel, sight of the 1992 National Convention. We will use two of the same three rooms used at the Nats for the Contest room. Lighting was considered good by most.

A very limited number of Vendor tables will be available for this event. Tables are \$25.00, on a first come first served basis. By limited, I do mean so, with at this stage room for less than 10 tables.

Regarding Special Categories for the above event, so far the following have been chosen: 1/ A special category for all you Phantom Phreaks. It has been mentioned many times in the past that it is very difficult to judge one model against another when they are not of the same subject. Despite being in the same class, you have F-15's Vs Mig 29's, Shermans Vs Panthers, and so on. The Special Phantom Class will involve you taking ANY 1/72nd scale Phantom kit, and building it straight from the box, with the exception of decals, which can be supplied from the after market people if you wish. Obviously most of you interested in this Class will build Hasegawa, Fujimi or Monogram kits, but feel free to try it with an Airfix or Matchbox example. Whatever you chose, the whole project is to let your basic talents shine, all contestants using the same basic shape for their model. Since all the models will basically be the same, the judges can better concentrate on examining your construction, painting and weathering techniques. This is a new idea, and we are trying it out this year in the most popular modeling scale and class, Aircraft, 1/72nd, and with a very popular subject: F-4 Phantoms. Should this Class prove popular with both the builders and general

attendees of the Show, it will be expanded in 1994 to include a 1/48th aircraft category, and probably an armor subject. Automobiles will also be considered for 1994, depending on feedback. So start planning your Phantom models.

Also in the Aircraft Classes, we will have a "Flights of Fancy" category, inspired by something seen at the 1992 Nationals. This will consist of any aircraft built in a scheme that is historically incorrect. Examples coming to mind would be a B-58 in Vietnam camouflage, a B-2 in an RAF scheme, or an experimental aircraft such as the X-15 in full Oregon Air National Guard markings. You will be judged on your construction, painting and weathering techniques, the category being set up to eliminate the need to chuck everything into "Miscellaneous". Many of us have built aircraft that fit into this category, and now we have an opportunity to enter them in their own class.

1993 will be the 50th Anniversary of 1943 so expect a couple of "Best" Special Categories focusing on this date. Also a "Best" Formula One category for all you car modelers. Since an upcoming Club project is set to cover this area, our members should have a number of suitable models for entry. More later, so stay tuned to this channel, and for goodness' sake, get building, for we want a ton of models to fill the tables.

Also, for those of you who don't like the idea of putting your models into competition, there will be a large area set aside for "Display Only" models. This area will house models which have won at previous Contests, and therefore not eligible for the Recon judging. Also it will house models made of metal, wood etc that people wish to bring, plus models you don't want to enter in the competition classes. This idea has proven popular with many people, so it will be emphasized at the 1993 Recon.

#### Lynnwood Hobbyland USA

Rick from Hobbyland informs me that there will be an in-house model contest at his store on Saturday, October 24th. The address of the store is 18500 33rd Ave. W, Lynnwood, which is at the Alderwood Plaza, on the west side of the Mall, behind the Red Robin. Use your nose to find it...

There will be a full array of Trophies and Ribbons (read LOOT) available, and the entry fee for the first model is \$3.00 for Adults, \$1.50 for Juniors (17 and under). Each additional model is \$1.50 for Adults, \$0.75 for Juniors.

Your entry will be categorized at the door, however all major categories will be covered, including dioramas. Registration is 10 am until Noon, with Judging from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Awards will be presented between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm, with model pickup taking place at 4:30 pm. If you have further inquiries, please call Rick at Hobbyland, 774-0819.

#### WANTED

To buy , or borrow, a copy of IPMS-Seattle Quarterly, Vol. 1 No. 4. Contact Jim Schubert, 747-9517 or see him at the October meeting. For those of you wondering, small adverts like the above are free to any paid up member of IPMS Seattle.

### FOCKE WULF 190 PROJECT

It had been hoped to hand out the models for this project at the October meeting. This will no longer be possible, as some of the necessary kits have not yet arrived. Instead, turn up at the November meeting if you are interested. Kits will be the DML 1/48th examples, Fw 190D, Ta 152, Fw 190A and Fw 190F. Nice kits, and your results will be part of a display for the Recon next April, as will the B-17 Project. The third Club Project will be Formula One racing cars, to be given out at the January meeting, for completion in time to enter at the Recon.

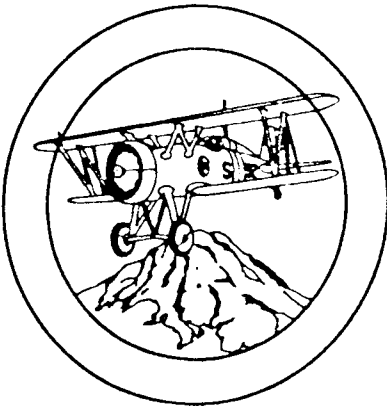
### OAK HARBOR MODEL CONTEST

I was lucky enough to make this Show. The weather was grand, and the company there and back enjoyable, so the relatively long drive zipped by. The Show itself was small, around 80 models, and besides myself and Keith Laird, a couple of other IPMS Seattle modelers turned up, including Doug Packard and his lawnmower-engined F-4 Phantom. The IPMS Oak Harbor bunch are a friendly enough crowd, and the event while small, was well organized.

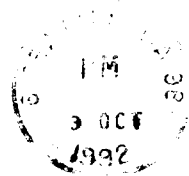
It is a pity that more of us didn't show, for it becomes a little tiresome when the same names are read out time after time when the winners are announced. To show you how bad things were numbers wise, yours truly ended up placing First and Third in his category. Some categories the same person won all the awards, simply for turning up at the door with enough models. This is no fault of the organizers, but just proves that some Shows are too small to allow for coverage of all the categories. Placing with no competition really defeats the purpose of awards. Hopefully next year we can have tons of advance notice, and we can get a larger contingent of modelers up to Oak Harbor.

One thing I saw up at Oak Harbor was some incredibly nice vacuform kits of Soviet aircraft in 1/48th scale. These originated in Poland, and covered the Su 22 and the Su 15. Both kits had engraved panel lines, the Su 15 coming with metal parts. The kits were crisply molded, by a firm called Highkit. Cost was \$20-\$25. The only thing that stopped me purchasing the Su 22 kit was a rumor that OEZ is due with one, and I couldn't build it before 2010 anyway, so might as well wait for the injection kit!!!

I will be going to the 1992 IPMS/UK Nationals this November. Also, Bovington Tank Museum, and RAF Hendon or IWM Duxford. Anyone with any particular needs that I could help with, please contact me before November 1st, and we can discuss. I am travelling light, and intend returning just a little heavier, so keep any requests reasonable. Also, am under extreme time pressure, so no "I'd like you to photograph all the British aircraft at Duxford in detail" types of requests!!!



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