

Seattle Chapter News

PREZNOTES



When my grandfather retired from the US Border Patrol in 1952 after many years of service in Blaine and Seattle, one of the Seattle newspapers announced his retirement and his plans for the future which included becoming a "gentleman farmer". He was rather successful at that, with a small herd of milk cows, chickens, and an annual harvest of hay...

general consensus seemed to be that "you keep doing it...", so I just kept on with it. I have been contemplating this move for quite some time now, even before the election this month was planned, but this timing helped me solidify my decision that

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As some of you are aware, I have decided to step down as President of IPMS Seattle. I was officially elected to the post in 1991. Over the years our elections were such that it came to pass that I'd ask if anyone was interested in running for office and the

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This is the official publication of the Seattle Chapter, IPMS-USA. As such, it serves as the voice for our Chapter, and depends largely upon the generous contributions of our members for articles, comments, club news, and anything else involving plastic scale modeling and associated subjects. Our meetings are generally held on the second Saturday of each month, (see below for actual meeting dates), at the **North Bellevue Community/Senior Center, 4063-148th Ave NE**, in Bellevue. See the back page for a map. Our meetings begin at 10:00 AM, except as noted, and usually last for two to three hours. Our meetings are very informal, and are open to any interested modeler, regardless of interests. Modelers are encouraged to bring their models to the meetings. Subscriptions to the newsletter are included with the Chapter dues. Dues are \$25 a year for regular mail delivery of the newsletter, and \$15 for e-mail delivery, and may be paid to Spencer Tom, our Treasurer. (See address above). We also highly recommend our members join and support IPMS-USA, the national organization. See below for form. Any of the members listed above will gladly assist you with further information about the Chapter or Society.

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If you use or reprint the material contained in the newsletter, we would appreciate attribution both to the author and the source document. Our newsletter is prepared with one thing in mind; this is information for our members, and all fellow modelers, and is prepared and printed in the newsletter in order to expand the skills and knowledge of those fellow modelers.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

The IPMS Seattle 2011 meeting schedule is as follows. All meetings are from **10 AM to 1 PM**, except as indicated. To avoid conflicts with other groups using our meeting facility, we must **NOT** be in the building before our scheduled start times, and **MUST** be finished and have the room restored to its proper layout by our scheduled finish time. We suggest that you keep this information in a readily accessible place.

May 14
July 9

June 11
August 13

IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

IPMS No.: _____ Name: _____
(leave blank) FIRST M LAST
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Signature (required by PO): _____

Adult: \$25 Junior (17 years old or younger): \$12

Family (Adult dues + \$5, one set magazines, # of membership cards required: _____)

If recommended by an IPMS member, list his/her name and member number _____ (name) _____ (IPMS#)

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IPMS Seattle Election Process

by Spencer Tom

As you know, we have not had a formal election for many years – at least entire time I have been a somewhat active member in the club. Although we operate largely as an informal group of friends, IPMS-Seattle is now a formally incorporated entity, and is also a rather sizable organization as far as clubs go. Given this, we should go through a formal election process periodically although I would certainly not recommend doing this every year unless the membership would like to do so.

Given this, here are some guidelines I have asked Robert to follow for this year's formal election process.

- The candidates will be given opportunities in the May newsletter as well as the May club meeting to make a statement about why they are interested in the position and what they would like to accomplish as a club officer.
- After the candidates have had their chance to speak at the May club meeting, the membership present at the meeting should feel free to ask questions, as appropriate. Even though I don't expect this to be a problem, I should note that while at least a couple of us will stop any talk about political or other such topics, candidates will be allowed to talk about virtually anything that isn't libelous.
- I have asked that we do this via a private ballot.

Members will need to reveal their names when they submit their votes. However, the only recipient of this information will be Robert Allen (ballots will be submitted to him). Robert will use the names only to verify that the person submitting the vote is a formal member.

Although we are used to doing the usual hand raising, informal process, this is the first time in 20 years that Terry Moore is not a/the candidate for club President, and I very much believe we need to give members an opportunity to make their choices for President and Vice-President without having this information revealed to the membership in an open meeting format.

Please either e-mail your vote to Robert at: **baclightning@yahoo.com**, or mail your choice to him at: **12534 NE 128th Way #E3, Kirkland, WA, 98034**.

- Since this is a private ballot process, anyone who is out of town will still have an opportunity to vote.
- I will give Robert the active member list after the club's May meeting. This will give new members an opportunity to vote based on what they have heard the candidates present at the May club meeting.
- All votes need to be either e-mailed or postmarked by May 31, 2011. This will provide Robert with enough time to tally the votes.
- Write-in votes are allowable. However, if the vote is for anyone who has already taken himself/herself out of consideration for the candidate pool (I believe there at least two who have done this), Robert will inform the voter that the write-in candidate will not be accepted.
- If anyone is paranoid and wants to verify that his/her ballot has been received, this needs to be confirmed with Robert directly by June 4.
- If the tallies are within 10 votes of each other (i.e., about 10 percent of the paid membership), I will join the process and will do a recount together with Robert. If there is still a tie after the recount, the club will purchase two whiffle bats. The candidates in question at that point will be asked to run around the room and beat on

each other at the June 2011 club meeting until one loses by either relenting or making contact with a model on the display table.

- The winners of the election will be revealed in the club's June 2011 newsletter. The only two people who will see this information before the newsletter's formal release will be Norm Filer (who has to set up the online newsletter link), and me (since I print the hard copy of the newsletter.) Norm and I usually get this information about two days before I have been sending out the newsletter, and we will keep the election information private until the newsletter is out.

That should be it. Hopefully, this won't be too tough on anybody. Also, let's make sure that anything not related to our model building activities doesn't get into this. Remember, above all, IPMS-Seattle is a group of friends that got together because we build models.

Upcoming Shows

Here are the known shows and events for 2011:

6/11 Fort Worden NOPMS 6
 7/22-24 Puyallup Good Guys
 8/3-6 Omaha IPMS Nationals
 9/17 McMinnville OHMS
 9/24 Lynnwood Galaxy Sci-Fan
 ???????? Silvana 5th Annual
 10/1 Moscow ID Bring out Good Stuff
 10/8 Burnaby IPMS Vancouver

Thanks to Chellie Lynn.

IPMS Election Candidate Statements

We have asked the candidates for the upcoming IPMS Seattle election to submit a brief statement about themselves. We have two candidates for the position of President, **Andrew Birkbeck** and **Jon Fincher**, and one for the position of Vice-President, **Eric Christianson**. Here are the statements that they submitted:

Andrew Birkbeck - Candidate for President



My name is Andrew Birkbeck, and I am running for the position of President of IPMS Seattle. I have been a modeler since 1968, and a member of IPMS Seattle since 1985. I actively model on a regular basis, and my main interests are military vehicles of all kinds, military aviation of WW2, and WRC racing cars. I also have an interest in movie sci-fi themed models and the pilots of the "British Empire": RAF, RNZAF, RAAF, RCAF etc.

As a member of IPMS Seattle, I have held a number of organizational positions over

the years. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, I was part of the Executive "board" along with Terry Moore and Keith Laird, helping organize the chapter meetings, plan and execute the annual Spring Show and liaise with other Region 7 chapters. In 1990, I was part of the initial organizing committee, together with Terry Moore and Bob LaBouy, which launched a bid for the 1992 IPMS USA National Convention. Upon our Chapter being awarded the bid for the '92 Convention, I held the position of Convention Co-Vice Chairman together with Terry Moore. I have also held the posts of Newsletter editor, Spring Show Head Judge, and Spring Show Coordinator (now known as Chairman).

If elected as your President, my initial priority would be to acquaint myself with all the members of the Chapter. Many of you I know well, some not so well, and some of the new members not at all. I would encourage you to give me your opinions about the club, what you like, and anything that concerns you. Once I have heard from you all, I would set about meeting with the other Executive Board members, to report my findings, and see what, if any changes might best be implemented to meet the requests of the members. To my mind, the position of Chapter President exists to synthesize the wishes of the members in order to maximize everyone's enjoyment. Sometimes there are conflicting opinions as to what the best policy should be. The President should listen to those who have an opinion, and help lead the Executive Board in attempts to reconcile any differences. A second goal would be to reach out to other local IPMS chapters, and non-IPMS model clubs in order to promote our great hobby among fellow modelers and with the general public.

In conclusion: I would like to be President because I truly love the hobby, and enjoy sharing modeling experiences with fellow hobbyists. I believe I would make a good President due to my proven organizational skills and my love of the hobby would help me continue the success the club has experienced over the last many years.

Jon Fincher - Candidate for President

My name is Jon Fincher, and I would appreciate your support for President of IPMS Seattle.

I've been a member of IPMS Seattle for roughly ten years, and for the past eight years, I've been part of the Spring Show Committee, most recently as the Show Coordinator. In my day job at Microsoft, I bring together people from different groups and deliver results. At our monthly meetings, I'm usually the one making jokes and having fun – this is a social club, after all, and one dedicated to a hobby. This attitude, along with my skillset and experience in the Spring Show, are the qualifications I bring to the job.

A President, there are a few things I would like to accomplish:

- **Add a "seminar" to our monthly meeting.** Setting aside 10-15 minutes of our meeting for a how-to discussion from someone who knows how-to. There are a lot of techniques passed on informally at our meetings – I'd like to see that made more regular.
- **Increase our outreach to other regional clubs.** When I visited IPMS Vancouver in January to evangelize our Spring Show this year, I was greeted with warm welcomes and some surprise – this was the first time they remembered someone from IPMS Seattle visiting during a meeting. I want to expand that to include as many of the other regional clubs as possible.
- **Bring a Recon back to Seattle.** There are thirteen chapters in our region, and IPMS Seattle is the largest. It's been a number of years since we hosted a Regional Convention – I'd like to work with our Regional Coordinator and the clubs in the area to bring that back within the next two years.
- **Bring a National to Seattle.** I've spoken about this with a number of people in IPMS Seattle – we feel we have the core group necessary to bring a successful National back to Seattle. After solidifying

our relationship with the regional clubs, and hosting a Recon, bringing a National back will be well within our reach.

There are other things I'd like to do as well, but will leave them for future discussions.

I hope I can count on your support for me as President, and look forward to working with you on these and other projects in the years to come.

Eric Christianson - Candidate for Vice- President



Fellow Modelers –

My name is Eric Christianson and I am running for Vice President of our club. For those of you who know me I'll try to make this brief and fresh. I am 53 now, but I have been happily building models since I was seven. I am a UC Berkeley graduate, formerly schooled in business and engineering, although I've worked as a programmer for most of my adult life, including these last six years for my own company. I have two sons, 9 and 13, and a very supportive girlfriend (Jackie) – who also builds!

I joined IPMS Seattle in 2003 and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of meeting with my fellow modelers, and building all types of models. There is no doubt in my mind that we have the best club around, as well as one of the largest in the country. I attend the IPMS Nationals every year and I have tried to add the annual Armor-centric AMPS show in for good measure. For the last five years I have been on the Spring Show board and I run the raffle at that annual show.

What I hope to do for our club is to shake things up a little. I have heard a lot of great ideas circulating around for want of someone to facilitate them. I believe that we have a wealth of talent in our club just waiting to be tapped – I think that we can find a way to spread some of that knowledge around via demonstrations in that handy room in the back that is never used.

Working with our President, I want to find out what people want to do different at our meetings, and then make that happen. I want to extend the parts of our meetings that people enjoy the most and reduce the time spent on the other end. I want to increase our presence at the Nationals level by sponsoring several contest categories, which would be the first step we can take to (hopefully) putting on our own Nationals event in 2016, the 100th Anniversary of Boeing Aircraft Company.

These are just some of the things that I hope to get the opportunity to work on, but I need your support!

SteelBeach 1/48th Scale S2F Resin Seats

by Tracy White

Kinetic's S2F release is a welcome addition to the pool for US Naval Aviation fans, but there are areas where the kit is somewhat of an underperformer. The cockpit is one such area, and SteelBeach is one of the first to address this with replacement seats in Resin.



Each set comes with two seats to replace those in the kit. The plastic packaging is a little large for the provided materials; while none of the three sets I ordered had any damage, the pieces were free to rattle around and the possibility of a broken detail exists, although I honestly consider it a low probability. Casting is well done and bubble/defect free. Mastering is decent; I have seen crisper details by other companies but considering that there will be no open canopy what you get is far more than adequate. Removal from the pour stub by a razor saw should be quick and painless.

With its large cockpit windows for effective patrol work, the seats in the S2F feature prominently as a cockpit detail. While I'm sure that a dedicated cockpit/interior set is in the works, these seats will be great for those who want a decent looking cockpit without a lot of added expense and effort.

IPMS Seattle Spring Show 2011 Summary

by Jon Fincher

Well, another Spring Show has come and gone, and I'm pleased to say it was another successful year for the show. Other parts of this newsletter will have details on winners – I want to talk about the show in general.

First, the numbers: We had a total of 585 models entered by 153 different modelers, which are up from last year (2010 had 513 models from 144 modelers, our worst year since 2006). We also had 460 spectators come in the door this year. We raised a little more US\$1,700 for the club this year, which is down almost \$700 from last year. We had some new expenses this year, such as a club projector and storage facilities, as well as some increases in costs which help explain the drop in income this year. The general state of the economy is having an impact as well, as we have seen a steady drop in all categories since 2009.

We put on six seminars with a total of 31 folks attending them. We also had folks videotaping the seminars, and we plan to make DVDs of those seminars available for folks later this summer. We gave six kids the chance to put a model on the table with the Spitfire build this year, and have high hopes for its continued popularity in future years.

We also added a survey to the show this year to identify our areas of improvement. We're still analyzing the data and processing verbatim comments, but I can share some preliminary numbers. We got back 131 surveys of the 300 we printed. Most of these came from modelers (108 of them), with the rest being spectators, friends, or vendors. The show draws folks from outside Washington, as 32 were from out of state residents. Most folks discovered our show from their club (59 of them), with the rest finding out from local hobby shops, websites, or other sources. Once

we have the data analyzed, we'll share it with the club.

After the show, I received some emails directly about the show – if you had any doubt of the impact we have on the hobby in the area, then you will be heartened by these comments:

I attended your club's spring show last week, and I have to say it gets better every year. Congratulations on a superb show.

I had a wonderful time, (and I always do), but yesterday was special. The auditorium seemed a little busier than 2010... The presence of National/International class vendors such as Jeff Garrity of Rareplane Detective is always a good sign... It is an honour and pleasure to attend and support your show and I hope to be there in 2012.

I think the survey was a great idea and I hope you come up with some useful suggestions.

This was my first time at the Seattle show. I enjoyed my visit and I see Seattle IPMS puts on a great show.

This impact doesn't happen without help from the club – the Show Committee recognizes and thanks all our volunteers. If I miss a name, please let me know:

Seminar – John Newcome would like to thank:

- Dave Piehl
- Chellie Lynn
- Scott Kruize
- Gary Webster
- Don Conrard
- Ron Lake
- Sabrina Fincher
- Seminar presenters
- o Tracy White
- o Eric Christianson
- o Terry Moore
- o Ken Murphy

Raffle – Eric Christianson would like to thank:

- Jim Schubert
- Dan Carey
- Ed Pinnell
- Corey Rosenberg
- Brian Hennessey
- Don Lake
- Paul Peterson
- Steve Gallacci
- Sam Lainoff
- Scott Kruize
- Bill Cianci

Hosts – Robert Allen would like to thank

- Charlie Sorensen
- John Cate
- Bill Cianci
- Paul

Judging – Mike Millette and John Chilenski would like to thank:

- Robert Allen
- Wayne Holmes
- Tony Roberts
- Brian Cahill
- Scott Taylor
- Bill Osborn
- Carl Broberg
- John Cate
- Dave Piehl
- Ken Murphy
- Chellie Lynn
- Morgan Girling
- Mike Medrano
- Ed Pinnell
- Brian Birk
- Tim Nelson
- Andrew Bertschi
- John Miller
- Warwick Wright
- Russ Field
- Gary Jackson
- Jack Mathews
- John Alcorn
- Doug Koch
- Djordje Nicolice
- Paul Ludwig
- Chris Cowx
- George Stray
- Adam Cox
- Scott Kruize
- Chris Banyai-Riepl
- Bill Johnson

- Dan Carey
- Carl Broberg
- Robert Peterson
- Steve Hilby
- Patti Walden
- Brody Coumont
- Will Perry
- Bill Glinski
- Don McBean
- Sam Lainoff
- John Amendola
- James McCowen
- Jacob Russell
- Jon Farrelly

With special thanks to Warwick Wright, Russ Field, and Gary Jackson for going above and beyond in their judging efforts.

Registration – Jill Moore would like to thank:

- Sherry Filer
 - Bill Johnson
 - Morgan Girling
 - Elsie Johnson
 - Craig Meador
 - Sam Lainoff
 - Sabrina Fincher
 - Jerry Fairfull
 - Tim Sands
 - Patty Holmes
 - Pat, the wife of new member Bill,
- whose last name we did not record

Overall – I'd like to thank my other area leads:

- Charlie Sorensen for Awards
- Andrew Birkbeck for Advertising
- Terry Moore for general oversight
- Spencer Tom for handling the money and video
- Norm Filer for remembering everything I forgot, and video
- Sherry Filer for tabulating our survey results

I'd like to thank Jon Farrelly for making the category placards.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who came out Friday afternoon to help setup (and to apologize for my gruff manner), everyone who helped clean up Saturday afternoon, and everyone who came to the

show as well. I've said it before, and know this to be true – the success of this show is directly influenced by the effort shown by the members of IPMS Seattle. Thank you everyone for everything you do – it is my honor to be a part of this club and the Spring Show effort.

IPMS 2011 Spring show – Seminar Report

by John Newcome

At the December, 2010 meeting, Terry Moore, Jon Fincher, and Ken Murphy asked me if I would be willing to be the new "Seminar Czar". Since I didn't know what I was getting into, and they weren't telling, I said "yes".

If I knew then, what I know now...I probably still would have done it.

One of my objectives, other than to survive the process, was to do something a little different that what had been done in the past. This year, for the first time since IPMS-Seattle began offering seminars, we offered a model building seminar for kids and a short movie during the lunch hour.

Seminar Presentations

This year's seminars were presented by Terry Moore, Eric Christianson, Ken Murphy, and Tracy White. All seminars were well attended. Terry's seminar was on building a vacuform kit and included demonstrations on cutting out parts, fitting parts as well as gluing techniques. I would have liked to attend this seminar because I have a Khee Kha Bellanca CH-300 kit in progress on my bench that would have benefited from this seminar.

Eric Christianson presented a seminar on weathering techniques, which included detailed demonstrations on: Filters, Washes, Pigments, Streaking, and Dry

Brushing. When Eric showed up on seminar day, he brought a literal tool box of paints, brushes, pigments and other supplies. In addition, he brought in no less than six armor kits in various stages of weathering. The techniques that Eric demonstrated apply equally to other genres of models in addition to armor.

Ken Murphy conducted a PowerPoint presentation on how to make your own decals. His presentation was based on his *Internet Modeler* article on decal making. Ken included demonstrations on making simple decals as well as making a decal from an image from an old photograph. I was particularly impressed with how Ken was able to make a convincing Turkish marking for an Albatross D.III from a blurry photograph. This really opened up the possibilities for me in modeling subjects not offered by manufactures or aftermarket decals. The only glitch in Ken's seminar was that the computer/projector operator (aka Seminar Czar) didn't get the system working properly until Ken was about one-fourth of the way into his presentation). Oops!

Rounding out the seminar presenters was Tracy White. Tracy made a presentation on Naval Camouflage. Up until I attended Tracy's naval camouflage seminar, my experience with naval camouflage consisted primarily of Gray, Gray, and Gray. Tracy's seminar was very enlightening to the variations on "Dazzle" camo as well as some of the less successful experiments with naval camo. It was fascinating how naval camouflage could not only change the perception of the size of a ship but the direction it was moving as well. I was particularly intrigued by Tracy's presentation of the camouflage used on the *Titanic* sister ship *Olympic*.

Spitfire Build for Kids

The attendance at the Spitfire Building Seminar was somewhat disappointing. Out of 25 kits prepared, only 10 of them were built during the seminar. My 11-year old son, Jonathan, also got into the act by helping the builders with their models.



Those who actually built a model seemed to have a good time. Many appreciated that the kits were pre-finished. What made this building seminar different, was that the kits were not the usual snap together kit but one that required some modeling skill and glue. My goal for this seminar was to distinguish ours from the usual "Make-n-Take". Some of the completed kits actually made it to the show table. Every person who made a model got a name tag and a participation ribbon. On the downside, the glue that I selected to use was totally unsatisfactory. I was concerned about kids using regular styrene glue during the seminar. I elected to use non-toxic glue instead. My concerns proved to be unfounded. I will use regular tube glue in the future if we choose to continue with this event.



Movies and Models

William Wyler's WW2 documentary *Memphis Belle* was shown during the lunch hour. Tables were provided for those who wished to eat their lunch while watching the film. In addition, Terry Moore provided several of his B-17 models which

were displayed with the movie. Thank you Terry, for providing the models.



Volunteers and Assistants

My sincere thanks to Girl Scout Troop #41581. The Spitfire Build Seminar required painting and decaling 25 kits on the sprue as well as repackaging the kits. This was a daunting task. Since no member signed up to help in the preparation of the kits, I solicited the help of my daughter's Girl Scout troop. They eagerly agreed to help paint the kits even though none of them had ever built a model let alone spray painted one on the sprue. Unfortunately, only 13 of the 25 kits that I ordered had arrived in time for the Girl Scout painting session. After some initial instruction and practice, the girls unpackaged the kits and organized the sprues for painting.



Their assignment was to paint the upper surfaces of the kits and set them aside to dry. We ended up with seven kits in RAF green and six kits in RAF grey. When the paint was dry, the girls repackaged the kits to keep the parts organized. I must say, the painting that they did was excellent with

no missed area and minimal drips and drops. (Unlike some of the other kits that I painted later). The only disaster, if you could call it that, was that one of the girls went home with an RAF green thumb.

A big thank you goes out to Terry Moore for printing the large poster for the seminar schedule as well as smaller seminar posters that were located throughout the show. John Carr Farrelly printed the seminar room signs. Thanks to both of you for your participation.

Finally, thank you to those who offered to help the kids build models on the show day. Our modeling assistants were: Dave Piehl, Gary Webster, Chellie Lynn, and Scott Kruize.



Planning for Next Year

Planning for next year has already begun. I'd like continue with the format of hands-on demonstrations and PowerPoint presentations. At this point, Scott Kruize has expressed interest in doing a seminar on modeling tools and techniques. Other topics under discussion are using found-household materials for modeling and resin casting. A seminar on airbrushing techniques would also be welcome. Please contact me at nieuport28@yahoo.com if you are interested in presenting a seminar or PowerPoint presentation on these or any other modeling-related topic.

PrezNotes

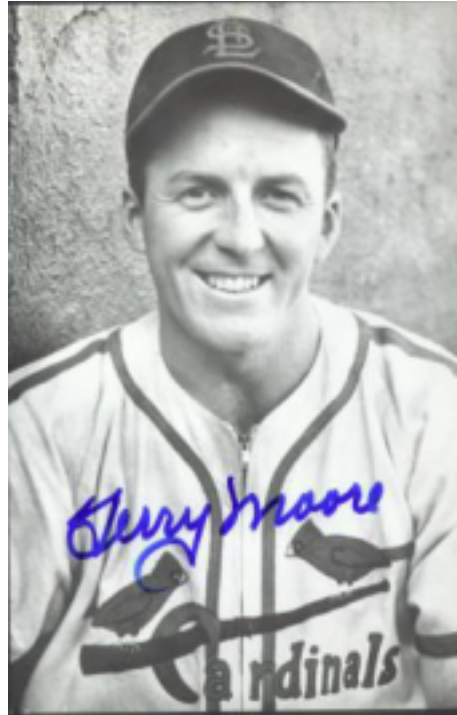
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it was time for someone else to lead. I have immensely enjoyed my time at the front of the room as being the rather shy person I was when I took the position originally, allowed me to face a room full of people staring at me. It actually helped me deal with speaking in front of large crowds on a professional level as I used my experience in front of you as a guideline when I once had to stand in front of a large group of attorneys (a very frightening thought) some years ago to give a presentation on our company. That was an unforgettable adventure. I seem to recall that I put imaginary Optivisors on all those in the audience. Also, I've used the experience dealing with people face to face at the variety of trade shows my company attends every year.



I've been taking cursory looks at some of my past PrezNotes columns and find that some models I talked about ten or more years ago still aren't finished. Fortunately, more of them are finished than not, but that still bothers me a bit. I've also had the opportunity to take you on some of my many travels, as writing my "Airline PrezNotes" was a great distraction whilst shoehorned into a seat designed for

someone two feet shorter than I. I'm going to be somewhat at a loss as to what to do about that on my next trip which is only a few weeks away.



One thing I can be thankful for is that you didn't come storming to the presidential palace armed with sticks, stones, and AK-47s to demand my ouster, like what has happened recently in a number of African and middle eastern countries. Unfortunately, I don't have a villa on the ocean that I can retreat to like one of the recently deposed leaders is doing. I don't even have a villa in Tukwila (not that I'd ever want to move there anyway).

This doesn't mean that I'm going to become a "gentleman farmer" like my grandfather, although I wish I had his hay rake about now as the grass in my back yard is getting to be just a bit overwhelming. Maybe it'll stop raining long enough for me to do something with it. Or not. Besides, I need to work on the Wingnut Gotha...

We have a terrific chapter in IPMS Seattle, with 100 members strong. Our Spring Show is one of the best in the west and it's been a real pleasure to have been a part of it in

my own small way. Thanks for the ride. As the late, great Ted Holowchuk used to say: "It's been a slice..."

We'll see you at the meeting,

Terry

(soon to be ex-President for Life)



2011 Spring Show Winners

<u>Place</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Modeler</u>	<u>103B</u>	<u>Aircraft-1/48th Single Prop-Allied</u>	
001	Junior-Aircraft				
1st	Boeing 777	Matthew Goss	1st	Spitfire Mk 1	Gary Jackson
2nd	P-51B	Andrew Howard	2nd	F4U Soccer War	Dennis Wilson
3rd	F-20 Tigershark	Nolan Gaffney	3rd	TBF Avenger	Mike Mikolasek
HM	Spitfire	Trevor Gaffney	HM	Spitfire Mk XII	Chris Cowx
			OoB	Bf 109G-14	Terry Moore
002	Junior-Armor		104	Aircraft-1/72nd Multi Prop	
1st	SS-12 Scale Board	Alexander Schlicht	1st	B-2J	Terry Schuler
2nd	Bradley	Thomas Wadsworth	2nd	He 177A-6	Joshua van Dyke
			3rd	Piaggio P.108b	Charles Bunch
			HM	Me 110	Dan Smith
003	Junior-Auto		105	Aircraft-1/48th Multi Prop	
1st	Ford Expedition	Heather Wright	1st	Junkers Ju 88G-6	Rich Hoard
004	Junior-Space Fact/ Future Tech.		2nd	Junkers Ju 52	David Sherrill
1st	Space Shuttle Atlantis	Andrei Seward	3rd	Do 335	Gary Jackson
005	Junior-Prefinished		HM	Boeing B-29	Bill Glinski
No entries			HM	Vickers Wellington Mk Ic	Charles Bunch
			HM	Me 110	Gary Jackson
			HM	DH Mosquito	Gary Jackson
006	Junior-Miscellaneous		OoB	Ki-45 Kai Hei Torya	Ralph Braun
1st	Velociraptor	Eric Jones	106	Aircraft-1/32nd & Larger-Prop	
2nd	Guardians of Ga'Hoole	Kyla Pritzl	1st	P-47D-11 Thunderbolt	John Miller
3rd	Triceratops Diorama	Alexander Schlicht	2nd	Bf 109G-10	John Frazier
HM	<i>Titanic</i>	Joshua Stuchi	3rd	Me 109E-1	Bob Windus
HM	T-Rex/Triceratops battle	Alexander Schlicht	HM	Ta 152H	Brian Willette
			HM	Junkers Ju 88	Doug. Kraegenbrink
101	Aircraft-1/73rd & Smaller		OoB	P-39F	Brian Birk
1st	C-47 IDF	John Lee	107	Aircraft-1/72nd Single Jet	
2nd	Su-25K	John King	1st	A-4C Skyhawk	Daniel Carey
3rd	Eurofighter	John King	2nd	BAC Lightning F6	Brian Birk
102	Aircraft-1/72nd Single Prop		3rd	Heinkel He 178	John Miller
1st	P-47D Razorback	Terry Schuler	HM	F-84G	Djordje Nikolic
2nd	P-47D Bubbletop	Jacob Russell	OoB	BAC Lightning F6	Brian Birk
3rd	He 100 V8	Jim Schubert	108	Aircraft-1/48th Single Jet	
HM	Bucher Bu 133	Djordje Nikolic	1st	Heinkel He 162	Djordje Nikolic
HM	Fairey Firefly	Herb Arnold	2nd	F-104 Starfighter	Mike Mikolasek
OoB	T-6 Gabon	Ken Murphy	3rd	Fiesler Fi 103 "V1"	Joseph Brown
103A	Aircraft-1/48th Single Prop-Axis		HM	A-4E Skyhawk <i>USS Hancock</i>	Daniel Carey
1st	Ki-43 Oscar	Bob Windus	HM	Su-7	Ken Killmer
2nd	Bf 109G-10	David Sherrill	OoB	A-4M	Brian Birk
3rd	B7A2 Grace	Joseph Brown	109	Aircraft-1/72nd Multi Jet	
HM	Seiran	Bob Windus	1st	F-5E NAS Miramar	Joshua van Dyke
HM	Pete	Gary Jackson	2nd	F-4 Phantom	Daniel Carey
OoB	Me 109E-3	Ed Pinnell	3rd	Su-25	Brian Yee
			HM	F-4B Phantom	Daniel Carey
			OoB	YB-49	Brian Birk

110	Aircraft-1/48th Multi Jet		201B	Armor-1/35th<Closed Top to '45-Allied	
1st	USAF C-21	Terry Davis	1st	Renault TSF	David Hanson
2nd	Meteor NF.13	Brian Birk	2nd	M4 Sherman (105)	Andrew Birkbeck
3rd	F-5E	Brian Birk	3rd	Sherman Firefly	Greg Buechler
HM	F-15C Mtn Home Gunslingers	Jeff D'Andrea	HM	T34/76	Anthony Froh
OoB	Meteor NF.13	Brian Birk	HM	M4 Sherman Composite Hull	Andrew Birkbeck
			OoB	British Sherman	Andrew Birkbeck
111	Aircraft-1/32nd & Larger- Jet		202	Armor-1/35th<Closed Top after '45	
1st	TA-4J Skyhawk	Chris Morris	1st	ZTZ-99A MBT/Chinese	Anthony Froh
2nd	F-8C Crusader	Rory Pennington	2nd	T-62A	Roy Schlicht
3rd	F-8C Crusader	Brody Coumont	3rd	British Challenger 2	Anthony Froh
HM	T-33	Mike Millette	HM	M60-A1	George Haase
HM	Eurofighter	Brian Birk			
OoB	MiG-19	Brian Birk			
112	Aircraft-Airlines/Civil/Sport/Racing		203	Armor-1/35th<Open Top	
1st	Zlin M-42L	Jim Schubert	1st	Flakpanzer I	Mark Ford
2nd	Parnall Pixie II	Mike Morrow	2nd	M-12	George Stray
3rd	De Havilland Twin Otter	Tim Bradley	3rd	Flakpanzer I	George Stray
HM	Lockheed Electra	Brian Medina	HM	M-12	Dennis Wilson
HM	Hughes 18	Jim Schubert	HM	Hellcat	George Stray
			OoB	15cm Sig 33	Andrew Birkbeck
113	Aircraft-Rotary Wing		204A	Armor-1/36th & Smaller, All Types	
1st	HS-12 Rescue Copter	Brody Coumont	1st	M48A3	Russ Field
2nd	Unknown		2nd	Panzer Drasine	Russ Field
3rd	PKZ-2 Helicopter	Stephen Tontoni	3rd	10.5 StuG	Brian Yee
			OoB	T-28	John Lange
114A	Aircraft-Biplanes, Vintage 1/72nd & smaller		204B	Armor-1/48th, All Types	
1st	1903 Wright Flyer	Bill Glinski	1st	KV-1 1941	John Lange
2nd	RAF BE.12a	Herb Arnold	2nd	Jagdtiger	Andrew Birkbeck
3rd	Sopwith Camel Trainer 1918	John Cate	3rd	Maus	Steve Faxon
HM	Mitsubishi 1MF1	Herb Arnold	HM	E100	Steve Faxon
			HM	Marder III	Andrew Birkbeck
114B	Aircraft-Biplanes, Vintage 1/71st & larger		205	Armor-Soft-skinned	
1st	Albatros D.Va	Joseph Brown	1st	Willys Commando Jeep	Chris Morris
2nd	Curtiss A-8 Shrike	John Miller	2nd	3/4 Ton Truck WC-51 "Beep"	Mark Aldrich
3rd	Sopwith Scooter	Jim Schubert	3rd	L4500 R Maultier	Jay Mullins
HM	LVG C.VI	Don Conrard			
HM	SPAD XIII (late)	Jay Mullins			
OoB	Polikarpov I-152	Charles Bunch			
115	Aircraft-Misc/Scratchbuilt/vac/conversions		206	Armor-Towed Artillery & Missiles	
1st	Fw 190 Kangaruh	Mike Millette	1st	SdKfz 8 w/ 15cm Howitzer	Mark Ford
2nd	CF-5A	Brian Birk	2nd	Flak 88/37	Peter Hickey
3rd	Albatros W.4	Harry Avis	3rd	Scud on Transporter	Doug Bauer
HM	Westland Hill Pteradactyl Mk.Ia	Jim Schubert	HM	PAK 43	Eric Christianson
201A	Armor-1/35th<Closed Top to '45-Axis		207	Armor-Conversions & Scratchbuilt	
1st	Panzer IIb	Mark Ford	1st	Bergepanther (1/72nd)	Doug Bauer
2nd	Panther A	Mark Ford	2nd	Bergepanzer III (1/72nd)	Russ Field
3rd	Stug III G	George Stray	3rd	M10 Achilles (1/35th)	Mark Aldrich
HM	King Tiger	Mark Naddeo	HM	Wespe SPG (1/72nd)	Doug Bauer
HM	Panzer III	Tom Morton			
OoB	Tiger I	Ed Pinnell			

301	Figure-Less than 54mm		501	Auto-Factory Stock	
1st	Rachael the Red	Rebel Romero	1st	'58 Corvette	Chris Rohde
2nd	British Knight	Art Romero	2nd	'69 Roadrunner	Joe Spitzer
3rd	Samurai	Art Romero	3rd	Aston Martin	Tom Gloeckle
			HM	'70 Cuda	Chris Rohde
302	Figures-54mm & 1/35th		502	Auto-Hot Rods	
1st	Yentl	George Haase	1st	Hot Rod Lincoln	Craig Meador
2nd	Dismounted Knight	George Haase	2nd	'36 Ford	Everett Quam
3rd	White Lily of Stalingrad	Shawn Gehling	3rd	Acura Street Machine	Everett Quam
303	Figures-Larger than 54mm		503	Auto-Custom	
1st	Adolf Galland	Mike Millette	1st	Chevelle	Adam Crawford
2nd	Waist Gunner	Ricky Wong	2nd	Subaru	Adam Crawford
3rd	Rocket Man	Terry Davis	3rd	Viper	Adam Crawford
304	Figures-Sci-Fi, All		HM	Firebird	Adam Crawford
1st	R2-D2	Bob Johnson	HM	GTO Judge	Chris Rohde
2nd	Hellboy	Tony Phillips			
3rd	Baron Strucker	Paul Rathbun	504	Auto-Pick-ups	
HM	Mummy	Tony Phillips	1st	'37 Ford Pickup	Mike Morrow
401	Ships-Powered 1/700th & smaller		2nd	'55 Chevy Wagon/Pickup	Tim Krajiceh
1st	<i>USS Indianapolis</i>	Bill Cianci	3rd	Chevy Cameo Pickup	Dale Schmitt
2nd	<i>Typhoon</i>	Dave Hempel	505	Auto-Trucks, Rescue -Tractor/trailer	
402A	Ships-Powered 1/699th to 1/350th		1st	1950 Tractor & Trailer	Tim Krajiceh
1st	<i>USS Buchanan</i>	Gordon Bjorklund	2nd	1967 Junkyard Dog	Aaron Quam
2nd	<i>Yukikaze</i>	John Lange	3rd	Pickup Truck w/junk parts	Dale Schmitt
3rd	<i>USS Monssen</i>	Gordon Bjorklund	HM	351 Peterbuilt tanker from "Duel"	Tim Krajiceh
402B	Ships-Powered 1/699th to 1/350th		HM	DNCO Milk Truck	Harry Avis
1st	<i>USS Salamonie</i>	Doug Bauer	506	Competition - Closed Wheel	
2nd	<i>HMS Repulse</i>	Roger Torgeson	1st	'66 Ford Mustang	Joe Spitzer
3rd	<i>USS Chicago</i>	Matthew Enochs	2nd	Austin Gasser	Everett Quam
HM	<i>USS Atlanta</i>	Matthew Enochs	3rd	Mustang Funny Car	Patrick Foltz
403	Ships-Powered 1/349th & larger		HM	'33 Willys Gasser	Gary Dycke
1st	Tugboat	George Haase	507	Competition - Open Wheel	
404	Ships-Unpowered		1st	Late 50s Gas Dragster	Wayne Holmes
1st	<i>HMS Mars</i>	Joe Zrara	2nd	Ferrari F2007	Herman Schmidt
2nd	Pirate Ship <i>Aernad</i>	Jeff D'Andrea	3rd	Ferrari F60	Herman Schmidt
3rd	<i>HMS Bounty</i>	Dave Hempel	HM	Lotus 99T	Herman Schmidt
405A	Ships-Submarines, 1/73rd & smaller		HM	1968 Olsonite Eagle	Herman Schmidt
1st	German U-Boat Type XXIII	John Lee	508	Large Scale Autos/Trucks	
405B	Ship-Submarines, 1/72nd & larger		1st	Caterham Super T	Fred Fritz
1st	<i>Seehund</i> Midget Sub	David Sherrill	2nd	1932 Alfa Romeo 8C2300	Fred Fritz
2nd	<i>USS Skipjack</i> Sub	David Gardner	3rd	1980 Turbo Trans Am	Bill Speece
380	<i>CSS David</i>	Bill Frail	HM	1992 Mini Cooper	Fred Fritz
			509	Motorcycles	
			1st	1947 Harley Davidson	Steve Cruasdale
			2nd	1975 Suzuki TS-250	Fred Fritz
			3rd	Chopper Style Motorcycle	Chris Rohde
			OoB	1975 Suzuki TS-250	Fred Fritz

601 Space Fact

1st	Gemini Space Walk	Steve Faxon
2nd	Satellite	Don Conrard
3rd	Ariane	Don Conrard

602 Aerospace test/record breakers

1st	Douglas D-558-2 Skyrocket	Tim Nelson
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603 Science Fiction-Vehicles

1st	Heavy Armored Fighting Suit	Mark Aldrich
2nd	Alpha Base Deep Space 9	Robert Riccicelli
3rd	3 Star Ferry Rocket	Morgan Girling
HM	Mercury 9	Mike Millette
HM	Star Wars B Wing	Mike Morrow
OoB	<i>The Invaders</i> Flying Saucer	Bill Speece

701 Diorama-Aircraft

1st	Spitfire Mk 1	Dan Smith
2nd	Curtis Jenny on Carousel	Eric Hagedorn
3rd	Albatros D.Va	Harry Avis

702 Diorama-Auto

1st	'64 Chevy P/U & '55 Chevy	Dale Schmitt
2nd	West Coast Pickers	Dale Schmitt
3rd	Shelby Mustang GT350H	Terry Davis

703 Diorama-Armor

1st	German 88 Flak Embankment	Ricky Wong
2nd	Panther A (late)	John Lange
3rd	M1 Duckbill	Bruce McKinney
HM	Interlude at St. Vith	Paul Ranta
HM	LrDL	Matthew Goss

704 Diorama-Sci-Fi, Space Fact

1st	Land Ironclad of 2nd Franco-Prussian War	Steve Hilby
2nd	When... Mad Worlds Collide	Tim Nelson
3rd	The Hammer	Chris Binnette
HM	Rail Bike	Chris Binnette

705 Diorama-Naval

1st	Mission Time	Thomas Martin
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706 Diorama-More than Five Figures

1st	Hell Visits the English	Peter Hickey
2nd	Scrub Shack	Thomas Martin
3rd	Eternal Glory	Joe Boyd
HM	The Joker & Harley Quinn	Tony Phillips
HM	Nice Ride	Brian Birk

801 Collections

1st	The American Army	Unknown
2nd	Flying Saucers	Terry Moore
3rd	Egg Planes	John Lee

802 Flights of Fancy

1st	WWII Anti-tank guns	Shawn Gehling
2nd	Pz Beob Wg V Ausf. G	Bruce McKinney
3rd	Orbital Interceptor	Steve Hilby
HM	Virgin Express Space Shuttle	Mike Morrow
HM	Blue Angels Skyhawk	Morgan Girling

805 Miscellaneous

1st	Rolls Engine from PII	David Curnutt
2nd	Bugatti Engine from SDT	David Curnutt
3rd	Short Bus VW	Laurie Tower
HM	F-16 Israeli AF Egg plane	Frank Babbitt
HM	P-51 Eggplane	John Lee
OoB	Big Wheeler	Steve Hilby

Best Of's

<u>Award</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Best Junior	Boeing 777	Matthew Goss
Best Aircraft	B-25J	Terry Schuler
Best Military Vehicle/Weapon	Flakpanzer Ia	Mark Ford
Best Figure	R2D2	Bob Johnson
Best Ship	<i>USS Salamonie</i>	Doug Bauer
Best Automotive	'47 Harley Davidson	Steve Bakke
Best Space Fact/Experimental/Sci-Fi	Rail Bike	Chris Binnette
Best Diorama/Vignette	Mission Time	Thomas Martin
People's Choice	<i>USS Salamonie</i>	Doug Bauer

Thanks to Mike Millette for providing the winners' list.



Brian Birk's Trumpeter BAC Lightning F6 placed second in its category

Special Awards

Award Title

Model

Winner

Best Finish / Ted Holowchuk Award sponsored by IPMS Seattle	Mini Cooper	Fred Fritz
Best Canadian Subject sponsored by IPMS Vancouver BC	Ferrari F-1	Fred Fritz
Best British/Commonwealth Subject sponsored by Robert Allen and Andrew Birkbeck	Williams Fw14B	Fred Fritz
Best Submarine sponsored by Oregon Historical Modelers's Society	Seehund Midget	David Sherrill
Best Bare Metal Finish sponsored by IPMS/Tacoma Green Dragon/Les Sundt Memorial Chapter	B-29	Bill Glinski
Best Small Air Forces sponsored by Mike Millette and Mike Medrano	F4U Soccer War	Dennis Wilson
Best Pacific Theater sponsored by Tracy White	USS Salamonie	Doug Bauer
Best American Subject sponsored by Norm Filer	Wright Flyer	Bill Glinski
Best Fire/Life Safety sponsored by Seaside Fire Service	US Forest Service DHC6	Tim Bradley
Best 1/32ndnd Scale Aircraft sponsored by Craftworks	Albatros W4	Harry Avis
Best Street Rod/Custom sponsored by IPMS/PSAMA	1937 Ford House Car	Terry Davis
Best Sci-Fi Subject sponsored by Galaxy Hobbies	R2D2	Bob Jacobson
Best WWII Artillery in memoriam Dale Moes SdKfz towing	SFH18 15cm Howitzer	Mark Ford
Best French sponsored by Djordje Nikolic and Jacob Russell	Char 1 bis	Bruce McKinney
Best German sponsored by Morgan Girling and Jon Fincher	Albatros DVA	Harry Avis
Best Italian sponsored by Stephen Tontoni and Will Perry	Ferrari F-1	Fred Fritz
Best Japanese sponsored by Tim Nelson	Ki-43 Hayabusa	Bob Windus
Powderpuff Award sponsored by Sabrina Fincher and Jill Moore	1970 Dodge Super Bee	Laurie Tower





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Opposite page, clockwise from top left: Doug Bauer's magnificent USS Salomonie won Best Ship, Best Pacific Theater, and People's Choice Awards; a closeup of USS Salomonie; Matthew Goss's Boeing 777 won best Junior; Fred Fritz won four special awards, including Best British for this Williams Formula One car.

This page, clockwise from top left: Terry Schuler won Best Aircraft for his B-25J; Dan Smith's diorama of a crashed Spitfire Mk.I; Eric Hagedorn built this Jenny on a Carousel; Shawn Gehling's figure of Soviet fighter pilot Lily Litvyak; Roy Schlicht's T-62A.

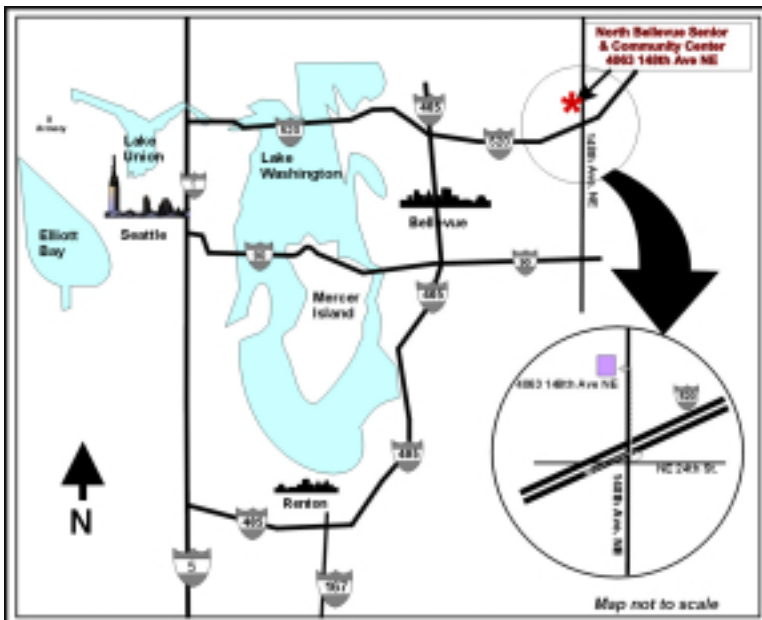




Clockwise from top left: Harry Avis's scratchbuilt milk truck; Chris Binnette's Rail Bike won Best Sci-Fi; Bob Windus's Aichi A6M1

Meeting Reminder

May 14



North Bellevue Community/Senior Center 4063-148th Ave NE, Bellevue

Directions: From Seattle or from I-405, take 520 East to the 148th Ave NE exit. Take the 148th Ave North exit (the second of the two 148th Ave. exits) and continue north on 148th until you reach the Senior Center. The Senior Center will be on your left. The Center itself is not easily visible from the road, but there is a signpost in the median.