



The Arch Scaler News

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April Meeting

Tuesday, 17 April 2018
7:30 pm
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Mehlville, Missouri

Highlights of This Issue:

- Meeting Report and Event Calendar
- Meeting Photos
- President's Note, and More!

This Meeting:

Rick Keasey Demo on Figure Face Painting
Model of the Month "Beauty Contest"



Gary Chambers presented his slide show at the General Meeting on 20 March 2018. (Photo by Bob Delaney)

Arch Scaler News Deadline Dates

Anyone wishing to submit articles, notices of upcoming events, wants and disposals, etc. for publication in this newsletter, please get it to the editor (314.835.7480 or rsdelaney@sbcglobal.net) at least **2 weeks** before the next general meeting. Any and all material cheerfully accepted, but copy written in Microsoft Word or similar application is even more cheerfully accepted.

Minutes of the 20 March 2018 General Meeting

Vice President Bill Wagner—presiding for Chris Merseal—called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm. There were 23 people, including two guests, in attendance.

Rick Keasey showed the four models he entered in the IPMS/Roscoe Turner show in Indianapolis earlier that month. His models took three Firsts and a Second. Keasey recapped the Roscoe Turner show. Also in Show & Tell, Bill Wagner showed his Bandai 1:144 scale Star Wars AT-AT in progress.

Bob Delaney talked about the KC CON show in Kansas City earlier that month. Wagner presented Scott Van Aken with his 2017 Modeler of the Year “keeper” trophy. Marion Morris asked if anyone was interested in going with him to Branson, Mo. For the Regional in May. He was considering renting a van for that trip. Van Aken brought in two foam containers for transporting models, which he was offering to anyone who was interested.

After a break, Gary Chambers presented his images taken last summer at the MAKS Air Show near Moscow, along with pictures from a naval museum and a technical museum, both in the Moscow area.

The Model of the Month “Beauty Contest” drew 12 entries, and was won by John Mueller’s Rimpler C. IV. He selected the \$5 Schaefer’s Hobby Shop gift certificate as his prize. The raffle winners were: Vince Murphy (AMT 1:25 scale 1969 Oldsmobile 442) and Dennis Bowman (\$5 CRM Hobbies gift certificate).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Submitted by: Bob Delaney, Secretary

Minutes of the 27 March 2018 Business Meeting

Jim Victor hosted the business meeting at EdgeWild Bistro & Tap in Creve Coeur, Mo. Seven members were in attendance. President Chris Merseal called this to order at 7:06 pm.

The April and May General Meetings were planned. The meeting on 17 April will feature Rick Keasey’s demo on figure face painting. Members may bring in figures they are working on to show off and get advice. There will be a Model of the Month “Beauty Contest;” Bob Delaney will begin photographing and interviewing members for

the Spotlight of the Month; and, Chris Merseal will show off new items from CRM Hobbies. We’ll also be recording member participation in club activities for the special year-end raffle.

The 15 May General Meeting will feature the second Modeler of the Year Contest, with the Special Category of Crazy Eights (anything with 8 in the name). It will also be a build night.

In new business: Keasey asked if we could contact the Region 5 Coordinator for info on average attendance at meetings (Merseal said we’re averaging 20-30 per meeting). Marion Morris will look into it. Board members discussed ways to increase participating at meetings, including having all who bring in models do a short Show & Tell. Keasey also suggested we have a written agenda for our meetings.

The E-Board discussed increasing the membership rate for those members (10 at present) who want their newsletter via US Mail (vs. email). (See Keasey’s article on page 3 of this issue). The E-Board agreed to increase the \$15 membership rate by \$15 for those who want a printed newsletter, effective with the June 2018 membership renewals.

Merseal said he’d discuss additional duties for E-Board members and appointees at the next general meeting. He also said he’d contact Webmaster Doug Barton regarding our website, and suggest it be redirected to our Google Plus page. Keasey said he could put every member’s picture and biography on that Google Plus page.

Bob Delaney showed a draft of the press release announcing our Invitational in September, for distribution to local media. He also showed the E-Board the deadlines for placing an ad for that show in the *IPMS/USA Journal*.

E-Board members talked about how to get members to quiet down during presentations, to possibly offer snacks to contest judges, and about the need for more demos at our meetings. Merseal suggested polling members about the demos they’d like to see.

Merseal also said he’d explore possible contact with the Mark Twain Model Club, which meets at Mark Twain Hobby Center in St. Charles. Keasey will look into our holding an Adult Building Course in Edwardsville this

The next Business Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 22 May at 7:30 pm, with host to be determined.

Merseal adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Bob Delaney, Secretary

A note from the Treasurer, Rick Keasey:

For those of you who don't know, I was elected Chapter Treasurer this past December. Since then, I have been balancing the Club's books and discovered something interesting:

The cost of mailing newsletters was ~\$24 per person, leaving the Club with a ~\$9.00 deficit per person receiving the newsletter by mail. The math worked out like this.

~10 pages X \$0.15 per page = \$1.50.

\$1.50 for pages + \$.50 per stamp = \$2.00 per newsletter.

\$2.00 per newsletter X 12 newsletters per year = \$24 per year.

\$24 per person X 10 persons - \$240.00

Everyone knows that over time inflation insidiously creeps into everything, including our Club's financials. The fact of the matter is, annual dues now go toward paying for the church, door prizes, printing various forms, the PO Box, club picnic, etc. Spending an additional \$24 per member for 10 members is deficit spending and is fiscally irresponsible. Therefore, the E-Board has unanimously decided to charge members wishing to receive a mailed newsletter an additional \$15 per year, making their total dues \$30 per year. This will be effective starting 01 July 2018. To be clear, for the additional \$15, you will receive a condensed, 5-page monthly newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service. The newsletter editor will do his best to include all pertinent Club information within the allotted 5 pages, but it cannot be guaranteed.

If you are unable to establish an email account with Yahoo, Gmail, AT&T, Charter, etc., the monthly newsletter can be read online at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jQPQObTCdalEdXnrsv4VP7W9SfdXLdqk>

President's Blurb

Another fine spring month, good to stay inside and build a model.

I don't know how many people actually read the newsletter, but you should read this one. We have a major change in dues for people that still want to get their newsletter by the mail, please see the information in the Treasurer's report.

We are working on a new point system that rewards people that do a show and tell, write articles for the newsletter, do demos at the meeting, help with make and takes, and other club related activities. We discussed it at the E-Board meeting and have just about got the system ironed out. I will talk about it at the meeting and would like your feedback.

One other thing I would like to discuss is the noise factor at the meeting, I've had a few complaints about the talking during programs and demos. I was not at the last meeting, but I was informed that while Gary Chambers was giving his presentation, several people were talking loud enough to interfere with his speaking. That is just rude and disrespectful of the person making an effort to do the demo. I realize that some of you only see these people once a month and you want to catch up, but it should not be at the expense of the other members. Please either move to the back of the room or the hallway if you want to have a conversation, and keep the volume down.

We are also looking for more demo ideas, and we discussed ending build nights. We have had a very poor turn out of builders, so having regular meetings instead of build nights may be more in line with what the members want. Again I will bring this up at the meeting during my address.

You may want to start looking for kits for the Slam Fest. It is coming up in a few months. For the new members, I will go over it at the meeting, but I can tell you it is a lot of fun.

Enough for now. I will catch everyone up at the meeting and happy modeling.

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Notes from the Contest Chairman

Modeler of the year May 2018 contest: The next **modeler of the year (MOY)** contest is May 2018. The special category for the MOY in May: **Crazy Eights**. If the subject of the model of an aircraft, ship, car, etc., has a title, name or nickname including the word or number **Eight**, e.g. F-8, F-86, 88mm, Olds Cutlass 88 or an eight as part of the advertisement on an automobile, etc., are eligible.....so use your imagination. Remember that you will get 2 extra points for just entering the special category. If you have a question on your entry, please contact me (my contact info is on the back of the newsletter).

Contest Chairman: Marion Morris

Editor's Notebook

We have lots of news in this issue, as you may have noticed. I want to state again that we will be adding a surcharge for those of you who wish to receive *The Arch Scaler News* via US Mail, starting with this summer's membership renewal cycle. It does take some time and effort on my part to get this newsletter printed and mailed, on top of that putting this together and sending it out via email. After reading the report by Treasurer Rick Keasey in this issue, I hope you understand the reasoning behind what we are doing.

I also wanted to add my thoughts to what President Chris Merseal wrote in his blurb. We need to be respectful of our speakers at our meetings. It is rude when someone is talking in the back while you're trying to speak to the group. It's happened to me. PLEASE keep the volume down or take our conversation out of the room and into the hallway. I would add that this also applies to your mobile devices. Turn off the ringer and take any calls outside of the meeting room. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Big thanks to Marion Morris for this month's feature article. I hope you enjoy it, and the next parts Marion will have for us in due course. I will start interviewing members at the next meeting for our new Member Spotlight feature for print and online.

Take care and Happy Modeling!

Bob Delaney

The Tale of Two Kits

By Marion Morris

(Part 1)

I just want to say: "What a time to be a modeler!"

With that in mind, with the abundance of models subjects and scales, it's more than enough to build your favorite subject for a lifetime. My model subject that I feel that I could build the rest of life is the Messerschmitt series of 109s, over 33,000 109s were built. And the modeling manufacturers have covered this subject in various scales through the decades. I've been modeling 109s since 1964. WOW, I'm old. The following review/build is my opinion and my opinion only. As you know, I'm not an expert at anything, especially the 'nuts and bolts' of the 109s, but I enjoy modeling this aircraft and this is a great opportunity to build two 'up to date' models from two different model manufacturers.

I wanted to compare and contrast the new **1/48 Bf-109G-6 (late series) by Eduard, ProfiPack #82111** (2016) MSRP: \$50; and the new **1/48 Bf-109G-6 by Tamiya, Kit 61117** (2018) MSRP: \$53.

I'm not going to go through the history of the 109s—there are hundreds of books, articles, etc. on the aircraft—but I only want to say that 99999 G-6s were built and soldiered on in WWII in all the different European theaters. There are many reviews/builds on the Internet to help you out, also.

First, let's look at the instructions:

Both kits come with incredible box art. WOW, I could look at the box tops all day long.

The Eduard instruction sheet is 16 pages long on regular 8 ½ by 11 1/2 inch sheets. It includes a brief history of all versions of the 109s. The instruction sheet includes the diagram of the sprues (great). The color callouts are for the Gunze Sangyo and Mr. Color Paints. The pages of the instruction pages have plenty of room for the illustrations, so you can make/add notes. I find this very handy, especially writing the color of the paints used for parts. Instead of the Mr. Color paint number, I can write the actual paint name used for that

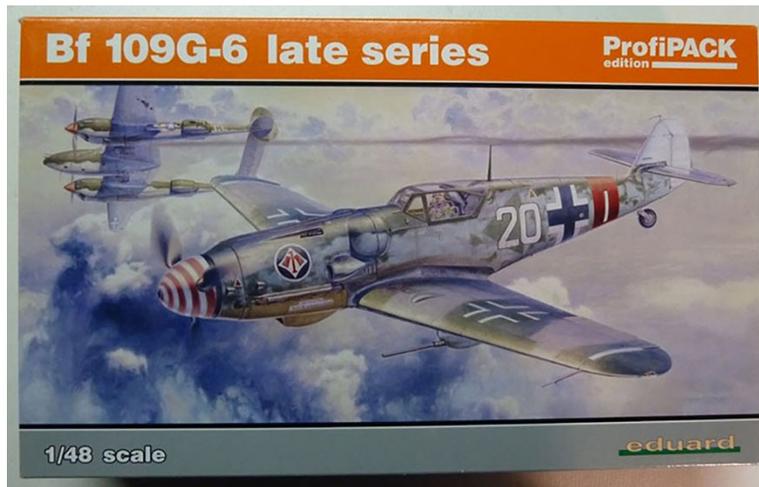
part, e.g. for Mr. Color XXX, use RLM 66 on the pages. The instruction sheet comes with five color pages for the markings for five aircraft (great) and another page for all the other detail markings common to all 109Gs. When using the instruction sheets, I found that the extra space was greatly appreciated; the sequences were easy to recognize and very easy to follow.

The Tamiya instruction sheet is 16 pages on a smaller sized pages, 7 by 11 inch sheets with a separate sheet (16 ½ by 11 ½ inches) for painting and marking layouts for three aircraft and a multi-language sheet with the background history of the 109 G-6 with diagrams. The color callouts use the Tamiya paint range (naturally). The instruction sheets are full of diagrams and instructions. They had a logical sequence of instructions, but at times it was difficult to read and follow, because of the smaller page format, compared to the Eduard instructions.

I studied both instruction sheets, and I wanted to comment on their overall impression to me, because it shows how the different manufacturers show their philosophy/vision on how the kit is to be built. The Eduard kit does have a simpler instruction sheet, because they have fewer parts to complete the kit and have larger pages which make it easier to follow the kit construction sequence. The Tamiya kit has more parts and more options, e.g. complete engine shown or not. Even though their pages are smaller, they put more diagrams and instructions on their page, which caused me to have more difficulty reading and following the sequence of construction.

Continues next month: Construction

The following images show the kit box art, instruction sheets, and decal sheets. (Images by Marion Morris)



March Meeting Photos (by Bob Delaney)





Rick Keasey brought in his four award-winning models from the IPMS/Roscoe Turner Model Contest in Indianapolis on 10 March 2018. Rick took home three Firsts and a Second. Congratulations!



Upcoming Modeler of the Year Contests
 21 May—Special Category: Crazy Eights
 17 September—Special Category: To the Rescue (Rescue vehicles)
 19 November—Special Category: Great War (World War I subjects)



Upcoming Modeling Dates

April 2018

- 17 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting
Rick Keasey Figure Painting Demo
Calvary Presbyterian Church
- 21 Fleacon 14
IPMS/Alexander Lippisch Model Club
Monticello Berndes Center
Monticello, IA
<http://www.lippischmodelclub.org/>

May 2018

- 3-5 AMPS 2018 International Convention
Armor Modeling & Preservation Society
Hope Hotel and Richard C. Holbrooke
Conference Center
Dayton, OH
<http://amps-armor.org/SiteShows/ShowMain.aspx>
- 6 Spring Swap Meet and Contest
Midwest Model Vehicle Association—St. Louis
Kirkwood Community Center
Kirkwood, MO
<http://www.ipms-gateway.com/MMVASTLouis.html>
- 15 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting
Modeler of the Year Contest: Crazy Eights
Calvary Presbyterian Church
- 19 Region 5 Contest—MOSS CON 2018
IPMS/Missouri Ozarks Scale Specialists
Branson Convention Center
Branson, MO
<http://www.ipmsmoss.com/>
- 19 2018 IPMS/Louisville Invitational Contest
IPMS/Military Modelers Club of Louisville
KYANA Car Club
Louisville, KY
<http://www.mmcl.org/contest.html>

June 2018

- 9 SoonerCon 2018
IPMS/Metro Oklahoma City
Council Road Baptist Church “The Cube”

Bethany, OK

<http://www.ipmsmetrookc.com/soonercon-2018.html>

- 9-10 Heartland Model Car Nationals
KC Slammers Model Car Club
Overland Park Convention Center
Overland Park, KS
<http://kcslammers.com/>
- 16 NIMCON 7
IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College
Crystal Lake, IL
<http://lakesregionmodelers.com/>
- 19 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting
Calvary Presbyterian Church

July 2018

- 17 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting
Slam Fest (7:00 PM START)
Calvary Presbyterian Church
- 24 IPMS/Gateway Business Meeting
Hosted by:

August 2018

- 1-4 IPMS/USA National Convention
Phoenix Convention Center
Phoenix, AZ
<http://www.ipmsusanationals2018.org/>
- 21 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting
Calvary Presbyterian Church
- 25 2018 Modelfest
IPMS/West Central Missouri
Liberty Christian Fellowship
Liberty, MO
<http://ipmswcmo.webs.com>

September 2018

- 8 IPMS/Gateway to the West Invitational
IPMS/Gateway
Holiday Inn St. Louis SW—Route 66
St. Louis, MO
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IPMS/Gateway Social Media Pages:

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<https://plus.google.com/u/0/109625362829756697296>

Suggested Social Media Hashtag: #IPMSGateway

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