



The Arch Scaler News

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Newsletter of the Gateway Chapter of the
International Plastic Modelers Society

DECEMBER MEETING

Wednesday December 13th, 2006

7:30PM

DePaul Hospital

Bridgeton, MO

THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS ARE:

- Meeting Reports, Next Year's Meeting Schedule
- E-Board Nominations, Modeler of the Year Photos
- Event Calendar, President's Note and More!

This Meeting:

**Get in the Spirit - Join us for our Holiday
Meeting**

**Modeling Gifts for Good Girls and Boys
A Recognition Test Like No Other
E-Board Elections**

Arch Scaler News Deadline Dates

Anyone wishing to submit articles, notices of upcoming events, wants and disposals, etc. for publication in the newsletter, please get it to the editor (636-677-5093 or internet: vaughnsipms@yahoo.com) at least **2 weeks** before the next general meeting. Any and all material cheerfully accepted, but copy written in any IBM application (or ASCII text), is even more cheerfully accepted.

November General Meeting Report

The IPMS Gateway Chapter met on November 8th at its usual place and time. There were 26 members in attendance for a fun filled night. Vice President Myron Lane called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. Since the November meeting was a build night, many members had arrived early to take advantage of the time to work on on-going projects hence we operated in a very casual mode.

New/on-going business: A motion was made and seconded to amend the current by-laws for the purpose of allowing elected executive board members to continue to serve the club in different elected positions following their completion of a normal term of office. The motion passed and is effective immediately.

Treasurer Julie Vaughn announced that 42 had signed up for the club banquet that is always an eagerly anticipated event. For those who are unable to attend, an article, describing the evening, will be found in a subsequent newsletter. Voting for the member to receive the Robert A. Stroup Memorial Award was conducted by secret ballot and the recipient will be announced during the club banquet. The Nominees were Brad Vaughn, Rich Diak and Doug Barton. In my opinion, all equally deserve the award for going above and beyond in promoting club activities. During the December meeting, the club will hold its annual election for new executive board members. Nominees for the positions were solicited from the membership and posted on chart paper for general viewing. From what I observed, we have many excellent nominees so voting should be spirited and fun. The main criteria for holding an office are commitment and the willingness to make some extra time available for the club. If you want to serve in one of our elected offices please so indicate at the December meeting.

Many members brought kits to work on. Craig Brown was working on a good-looking 1/35th scale anti-tank gun but I missed the kit manufacturer. Bob Burgess was in the process of working on 2 Monogram 1/48th scale F-86Ds that he indicated he was building for our previous banquet speaker. Chris Saulet was making excellent progress on a Tamiya 1/48th scale Panther tank featuring a beautifully airbrushed camouflaged finish. Chris shared some very helpful tips with me that I plan to incorporate in one of my on-going builds. I have found that build nights provide an outstanding opportunity for modelers to share ideas and information and ask for help when needed. Chris also brought in some new kit offerings primarily armor from DML Dragon. These new kits incorporate so-called "Smart Kit" technology by adding to their realism through such things as photo etch parts. Chris' new Revell 1/72nd scale Gato Class submarine just about blew me away. The model is, count them, 52 inches long. Now, if I can just find a place for this beauty! November was our last modeler of the year contest featuring anything black as the special contest theme. There were 18 models entered in the contest with aircraft being the predominant subject. Fred Amos walked away with the honors in the special category for his outstanding RM 1/48th scale He 111 all in black with decals from Three Guys Replicas. According to Fred, this particular aircraft was captured by the 56th Fighter Group and, with US markings, used as a utility aircraft. Following the war, the aircraft was subsequently turned over to the RAF and is now displayed in the Battle of Britain Museum. Another good reason to model-helping to preserve important history.

Mike McShea
Scribe

November Business Meeting Report

The club's monthly business meeting was conducted on November 15th and graciously hosted by Ralph Wiechert and family at their lovely home in St. Louis. I was impressed by the breadth and scope of Ralph's displayed models. He does beautiful work.

President Rich Diak called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. In spite of some really inclement weather, there were six board and four regular members in attendance for a busy meeting.

Old /on-going business: there were still some loose ends to tie up with regards to invitational contest trophies. Some winners had yet to receive their trophies but this is being handled. All plans for the upcoming banquet are in-place and we are eagerly anticipating this event. One issue was that directions to Soldier's Memorial were not in the November newsletter. This is the second time this has happened and hopefully the last! Talk about 'déjà vu'! Anyway, we hope no one misses the event due to collective oversight. Club meeting dates for 2007 have been firmed up, according to our chapter contact, Mike George. Starting with the February meeting, our regular meeting night will be the third Tuesday of each month. We thank Mike for his perseverance in being able to tie down firm dates for using the May Center.

Doug Barton reported that the club's website is receiving many hits. He has done an excellent job in promoting the club through such sites as Hyperscale. It was noted that our membership has increased during the past year and certainly publicity has contributed to this. We are always looking for new faces as well as encouraging former members to rejoin us.

The December meeting will feature the club's annual Christmas kit giveaway to active members. Since our treasury is in good shape, as reported by Treasurer Julie Vaughn, there will be twenty kits in the drawing. You must be present to win. There will also be a \$25 gift certificate courtesy of Meteor Productions to be won. Only a current IPMS USA member can receive this so if you are not one, sign up now! Terry Buschmann will challenge and entertain us with a car recognition contest. Wing wipers will probably go down in flames on this one but what the heck, it will be fun! We will also have a "beauty contest" so don't forget to bring in those models. The winner will receive an aircraft model kit. The club will also hold its annual election for 2007 executive board members. The list of candidates is posted in this newsletter under separate heading.

In looking ahead to the January, 2007 meeting, the club will host its annual swap n' sell and auction. This will be an excellent opportunity to trade and/or sell kits to your fellow members. Remember, in order for the club to have a successful auction, the auction needs kits. This presents an excellent opportunity for club members to donate kits that we know we will probably never get to. Okay, you hoarders, you know who you are so lets do it for the Gipper and make the auction truly memorable.

Mike McShea
Scribe

Attention - Meeting Night Change Beginning February 2007 Please Read!

Due to scheduling conflicts with our meeting room, the IPMS General meeting will change to the 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning in February. The January meeting with it's traditional Swap and Sell will be our last meeting on the 2nd Wednesday. The eboard is sorry for the short notice, but when faced with several options they have chosen the least confusing schedule for next year. Once again, next year the Club will meet on the second Wednesday in January and the third Tuesday for all other months.

President's Fireside Chat

It is difficult to believe it is December. I have yet to understand how time seems to slip away the older you get. I suppose it has a lot to do with our fast paced life and how society has changed since our parents time. I really don't know how to thank all of you for this past year. I hope that I have performed my job and carried out the responsibilities of this office as you expected. This is a great organization with so many very good people. I tell my other friends (mostly at work) who always seem to want to bring up my Modeling hobby as if I am some pubescent, pimple-faced geek that this "toy club" as they affectionately referred to it as, has a membership of the most interesting and intelligent people you could ever wish to meet. I tell them I will walk into a meeting, stand at the door, and look at the crowd. There are usually fifteen to twenty people standing around in multiple groups all smiling, laughing or in deep conversation but all enjoying the company. I have always looked forward to our meetings I truly enjoy all of you. I value your friendship, your insight and your counsel. I am in your debt for all of the knowledge that you have so graciously shared and the kindness shown to a perfect stranger from the east that three years ago walked in and was immediately accepted into the fold. I am at awe at the modelers we have in our group and I aspire to be half as good. It has truly been my pleasure to be your President and I want you all to know I will always remember this time in a positive vein. I want to thank my Vice President a true gentleman and friend who is so reserved, my true polar opposite; we made such a great team. I valued his insight and learned very quickly that Myron may not talk a lot but when he speaks you will do yourself a service if you listen. Myron is truly the wise sage who we all should listen to when he speaks. Thank you so much my friend you made me a better President. I want to thank the other officers, Mike McShea our Secretary, a retired highly decorated Military Officer whose abilities are only overshadowed by his modesty. Thank you Mike it has been my pleasure to get to know you. I value your counsel and friendship dearly. What can you say about Julie Vaughn I can't help it Brad, but I love her too, she is so special and so bright thank you Julie. Last but surely not least I want to thank our board members what a fine group of leaders. I believe with the help of all of these people the club accomplished a great deal and made inroads to the issues and challenges placed in front of us.

I want to thank those who nominated me for a second term but because of personal commitments this coming year, which I will discuss in more detail at the meeting; I will have to regretfully decline believe me when I say this was a very difficult decision. Sue and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a blessed Holiday Season. I hope you all get the kits you want under the tree. Thank you all again for such a great year take care.

Rich

Nominations for the 2007 E-Board

Below is a list of the nominations for the new E-Board. If you are on the list and do not wish to serve please let a member of the E-Board know or remove your name from the list at the December Meeting. At the December meeting, nominations will be opened for a a short time at the beginning of the meeting. If you wish to serve or know someone who should be on this list, again, please contact an E-Board member or speak up at the December meeting.

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Doug Barton	Mike Kuchar

Bad Weather Policy

Yes boys and girls it is that wonderful time of the year. On any given day Mother Nature could wreak havoc on our meeting day. So here is what we do. The Eboard members will try to contact the membership but due to work, late developing weather, ect, it might not be possible to contact the entire membership prior to the time most folks would be leaving for the meeting. ***So if you find the weather questionable, contact one of the Eboard members listed on the back cover of this newsletter. Chris Merseal has also suggested that you could call CRM Hobbies if you are in doubt.*** Unfortunately, DePaul Hospital's staff will have no way of knowing whether we will be meeting so you must contact one of the Eboard members if they haven't contacted you.

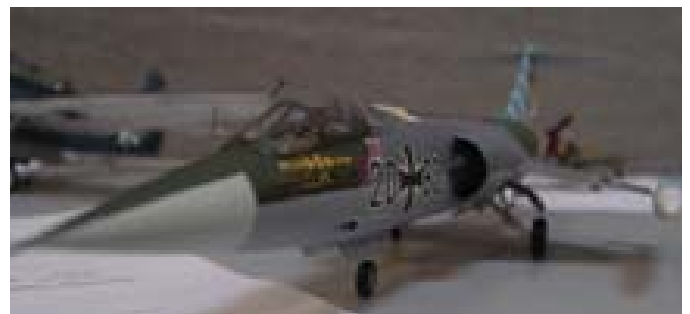
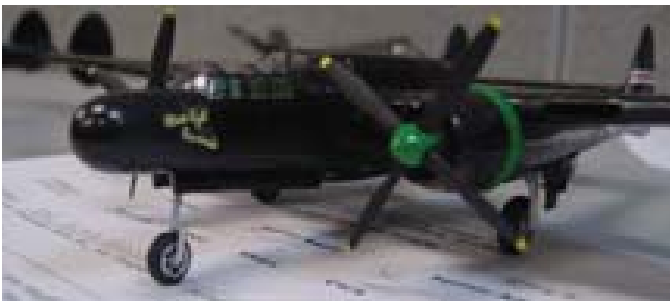
Modeller of the Year Photos



BONUS EMAIL ONLY PAGE!!!!

Due to mailing/printing constraints, the number of pages has always had to be an even number less than or equal to ten. Since so many people are on EMail, I've decided to throw in extra content that didn't fit in the standard mailed newsletter. I may also try out other styles/formats since there are more options available here.

Extra Photos from the Modeler of the Year



Something Fred Amos' Daughter found online...sound familiar to anyone:

DEAR ABBY: I am married to a wonderful woman, but something has been bothering me since we have been together. I am not as honest as I should be in our relationship. We have had money problems pretty much since our marriage began. I have a spending problem, and I lie to her about where the money goes. I have been doing better, but I still want to spend money we do not have. I do not spend money on drugs, prostitutes or clothes, but rather on plastic models and other hobby-related items. How do I stop spending and lying to my wife about it? -- SICK OF THE LYING IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR SICK: You start acting like a man instead of a child with his hand in the cookie jar. You recognize that marriage is a partnership and you have been, in a sense, stealing from your partner. Then you and she agree on a budget you can responsibly allocate to your hobby, and live within your means.

(Editor's Note: Or you can get your spouse into it and then the money seems justified.)



Directions to the General Meeting Site

Take I-270 to St. Charles Rock Rd. Go east on St. Charles Rock Rd. to McKelvey Rd and turn right. Go up the hill to the stoplight and turn right into the hospital complex. At the first stop sign turn left. Follow the drive around to the front of the building. We meet in the May Center. May Center sign is above the doors. If you miss this go into the lobby and the folks at the info desk can point you the rest of the way. See ya there.

Letter from the Editor:

Over the next few months, I will be changing the format of the newsletter. I am really just playing with layouts and concepts at this time. In the end, we will hopefully have an interesting newsletter that will have more substance. I always include my normal sniveling plea for submissions, but as I start this change, I want to remind all that any kit review, show review, tip or technique is welcome. I can convert from just about any format and can handle text as well as pictures. If you have any submissions or suggestions, please send them to vaughnsipms@yahoo.com or give me a call at 636-677-5093. Thanks - Brad

Please check your roster from the last newsletter to make sure your information is correct. Also, please make note of the following changes:

Fred Amos' Phone Number is: 314 895 3171

CRM's address is: 5101 Eichelberger Street St.Louis,MO 63109
CRM's Phone number is: 314 832 4840

Congrats to the Modeler of the Year Winners
Senior - Mark Zimmerman
Junior - Rob Kohn

Thanks to Marion Morris for arranging a Delicious Banquet!

IPMS/USA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

IPMS No.: _____ Name: _____
(leave blank) FIRST M. LAST
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ email: _____
VISA/MasterCard Account # _____ - _____ - _____
Exp. Date: _____
Signature: _____
 Adult: \$25 Junior (17 years old or younger): \$12 DOB: _____
 Canada & Mexico: \$30 Other Foreign: \$32 Foreign Air Mail: \$55
 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#)
IPMS/USA
Check out our web page: www.ipmsusa.org
P.O. Box: 2475
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Upcoming Dates

DECEMBER

- 13 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting DePaul Hospital
20 IPMS/Gateway Business Meeting Mike George's Home

JANUARY

- 10 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting DePaul Hospital
Swap and Sell with Club Auction
17 IPMS/Gateway Business Meeting

FEBUARY

- 20 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting DePaul Hospital
NOTE NEW NIGHT 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MARCH

- 10 Indianapolis IN--14th Annual IPMS Roscoe Turner Chapter Model Contest & Swap Meet
Raymond Park Middle School 8575 East Raymond Street
17 Council Bluffs IA--OMACON / IPMS Ft. Crook
Mid-America Center One Arena Way
20 IPMS/Gateway General Meeting DePaul Hospital
NOTE NEW NIGHT 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
31 Davenport IA-- IPMS Quad Cities Scale Model Show
Clarion Hotel Convention Center 5202 Brady Street

JUNE

- 8-9 Ottawa IL Region 5 2006 Convention IPMS/SPASAM
Knights of Columbus Hall 401 West Main Street

AUGUST

- 22-27 Orange County CA--2007 IPMS/USA National Convention
Anaheim Marriott, 700 West Convention Center Way, Anaheim, CA

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Gateway To the West Invitational IPMS/GATEWAY
First Baptist Church St. Charles MO

Thank You for the Bob Stroup Award

Because our Banquet was already running over the time allotted at the Memorial, I was unable to say anything after receiving the Bob Stroup Award. As Editor of this newsletter, I have carte blanche to use as much time and space here as I wish!!!<Insert Maniacal Laugh>

First, let me thank all those who voted for me. It was an honor to receive an award named after what was apparently a memorable figure in our club's past. He symbolized the idea that you didn't have to be a great modeler to contribute to the club rather, you could also help out with the functioning of the club, help with welcoming new members, pass along modelling tips and ideas as you could. As my vacant modelling trophy case proves, I have the first part of that down pat. As to the second part, I have always tried to put as much effort into the club as possible and felt I have always gotten back two-fold. For every tip I gave out, I picked up two in return. As I try to be friendly to new people, so were Julie and I welcomed into the group. That's the best thing about this group, no matter how long you are here, you still receive benefits in return.

Finally, I'd like to thank those who didn't vote for me. Both Doug Barton and Rich Diak deserved your votes for this award. They both injected life into the club and into the E-Board. Their fresh, optimistic views turned around a lot of thought in the club and led to the resurrection of our Club Website and the first of many Club Invitationals. While I am thankful I received this award, I would have been just as pleased with it going to either of them.

Thanks Again - Brad Vaughn

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IPMS/USA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

-- 1982-83, 1991-92 --

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-- 1982-83, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92, 1998-99 --



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