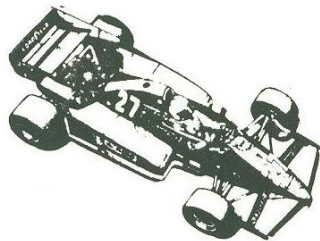


# SAN JOSE SCALE MODELERS



JUNE 1986

Next Meeting: June 20, Friday

Time: NO JUNIORS CLASS THIS MONTH

: 7:30 - Contest Committee Talk

: 8:00 - Business

Place: Mercury Savings  
19376 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Cupertino

BEFORE YOU READ ANY FARTHER, READ THESE NOTES

- 1 - There is no Juniors meeting/class this month. Class should resume at July meeting.
- 2 - Saturday, June 21 is the Annual Swap & Auction from 10:30 to 4:30 and will be held at the meeting hall location/Mercury Savings.
- 3 - The contest committee will be at the meeting room at 7:30, a half-hour before the normal business meeting. If you wish to get more details and ask questions before the meeting's vote, BE THERE.
- 4 - This meeting will contain a vote as to whether to raise our club membership dues.

## MAY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting opened on a rather controversial note and basically stayed that way all night, and I do mean all night. If we were to take a vote this meeting to see who disliked the last meeting and did not wish to repeat it, it would probably be the most instantaneously unanimous yes-vote in club history.

Strong and rather angry opinions flourished, some bringing up negative views as to the clubs present size, form and programs. Others felt we needed to revise the manner in which the meeting is conducted, and still others felt we needed to amend the amendments to which we are trying to vote.

I won't try to catalogue all the opinions that were expressed, partly because I could not write that fast, and partly because this job don't pay enough for me to type that many pages. To sum it up, here were the results:

Vote was taken and passed that the club would like to have a questionnaire in the newsletter so that the interest of the membership could be tabulated so that workshop topics could be designed around the majority interests.

About \$720.00 is in the treasury right now, including the president's fund, which is of course gleaned from those failing to wear their membership badges at the meetings. A common opinion was that this rule will be more strongly enforced at future meetings with the resultant criminals having to post a bond somewhere near the sum \$.25.

Norm Engle will be selling the remaining kits in his massive collection, at his home, the day after our swap & auction. So for those of you with any money left after Saturday, then seek out Norm on Sunday June 22.

A vote was taken and passed to follow Robert's Rules of order at further meetings.



A vote was taken and passed to have a Sargent of Arms at each meeting. Four members vaguely volunteered and are now assigned duty on a rotational basis.

After MUCH "discussion", a vote was taken and passed to have the contest committee use the results of the Pole of Opinion (in May's newsletter) as a basis for the Regional Contest Committee to structure the design of the contest, but this motion had two amendments attached to it. One, that the committee not use the results of the dues increase or assessment questions and Two, that any vote to change the dues fee must be preceded by a notation in the newsletter prior to that meeting.

So much for the minutes.

There were 52 people in attendance at the meeting, plus the Juniors.

Since the meeting, Rodney has gotten in touch with Bob Dye, IPMS Director of Local Chapters, and Bob has said we do NOT have to have any approval other than Ben Hughes' approval, which we have, to hold the regional contest for our chapter.

As to the survey via the pole of opinion in the last newsletter, the results are on the next page. There were 38 respondents, just a little more than half of the membership.

Again, I remind you, this was just a pole of opinion so that both the club & committee could get a better understanding of the majority feelings of the members rather than using up meeting time counting hands on all these questions. The leadership groups of the club can not know which subjects to develop, nor which projects to pursue unless they know the desires of the MAJORITY of the membership. NO FINAL ACTIONS were taken directly because of the results of this survey.

The first seven questions were yes/no with yes representing desire to have these:

YES	NO	
27	11	Honoring Bob Love
26	11	Korean War Theme
26	7	Deluxe Contest Format
28	8	Dues Increase to Aid Funding
25	10	Assessment to Aid Funding
35	3	Vendors at Contest
35	3	Approve of Contest Categories

The next five questions were all involving dollar amounts and the number following each dollar amount is the number of members voting for the amount. Only one choice per question.

Entrant Fee: \$3:5 - \$2:24 - \$1:3 - \$0:6  
Model Fee: \$3:2 - \$2:12 - \$1:22 - \$0:2  
Dues: \$15:5 - \$12:9 - \$9:11 - \$7:11  
Assessment: \$10:7 - \$6:2 - \$5:11 - \$3:3  
Vendor Fee: 10%:20 - \$20:9 - \$10:3 - \$5:1

The next question was a choice between three different trophy packages.

23	#1 - 1st/2nd/3rd + Hon. Ment.	(\$700)
4	#2 - 1st/2nd/3rd/4th + H.M.	(\$875)
5	#3 - 1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th + H.M.	(\$1050)

The next and last question seemed a little misunderstood, but its function was to ask IF the club were able to save money (approx. \$100 per trophy position exchanged for a ribbon) which places (1st, 2nd, etc.) would the members still want to have trophies for despite the savings.

1st - 33, 2nd - 24, 3rd - 11, 4th - 0, 5th - 0

A summation of the results is that the members do want to have a larger, more deluxe contest with a special Korean War theme and Honoring Bob Love in conjunction with that theme. They are willing to have a dues increase to \$9.00 and/or a voluntary assessment of approximately \$5.00 to defray the costs of putting this on



and agree with the categories as listed in the last newsletter. They feel the proper fees for such a contest should be \$2 per entrant and \$1 per model. They feel that vendors are a definite attraction to the contests and that we should continue to use the voluntary 10% "tax" on vendors sales as their table charge. Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd with honorable mentions is the most desirable and cost-effective with a strong consideration to having 3rd place be a ribbon if the cost savings were necessary.

The contest committee feels that the contest can be done in a very reasonable manner and yet be put on at an attractive location with very desirable format so that a large number of entries/entrants can be attracted and therefore allow SJ/IPMS to recover a majority of the costs needed to be fronted for this scale of contest.

The prime target for a site is the Milpitas Community Center. It is located in the midst of the newly constructed Milpitas city buildings and is in between two large shopping centers which would allow diversions for entrants as well as less model-oriented members of their families that have offered or been coerced to accompany the family modeling fiend. This site has probably a dozen or more restaurants within as little as 500 feet to 2 miles and ranging from McDonald's to the Beverly Heritage Hotel.

The location is near Jerry Holbrook's new Valley Hobby and is easily accessible from both highways 17(880) and 680. It would save about 20 minutes for all travelers coming from such areas as Sacramento, take about only 5 minutes more for those from the south and be about the same, or less, for those from S.F. and north, plus nobody should have trouble finding it. This will help to draw more entrants and vendors to the contest.

The cost of this site would be a \$200 security deposit, which is due by Sept. 1986, plus 12 hours @ \$6/hr. for custodial service and 5 hours @ \$27/hr. rental charge. This is a refundable \$200 deposit plus a cost of \$207. The committee is so strong on this site that they are willing to front the \$200 deposit so that the club does not need to come up with this extra money.

The committee has come up with the categories (shown in the May newsletter) that they feel will generate at least 5 entries per category. However much we wish to encourage the junior members, it must be considered that the junior categories will not be priced as high nor will they attract enough entries to nearly cover their costs. This cost basically has to be considered a promotional cost to further the club's interests, and modeling in general. The committee therefore decided that the most effective way to have the number of junior categories, but keep the costs within reason, was to have only a 1st place trophy for each junior category with 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention ribbons. Adult categories would have 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies plus an honorable mention ribbon.

This trophy package, with 33 Adult & 16 Junior categories, plus a couple special awards, would reduce the package cost to just under \$600. This combined with the \$207 site costs (due 10 days before the contest) means only about \$800 needs to be raised before the event. The committee feels it has the means to handle advertising and management costs with no cost to the club. With \$720 in the treasury and about \$300 to come from the swap & auction (based on the last two years) that is about \$1000 available by June 30. Newsletter cost is expected to be about \$350 from June 1986 to Feb. 1987. If dues were raised to \$9/yr. then about \$300-\$400 in dues could be expected to come in by February 1987.

This would mean the majority of the club



treasury would have be dedicated to the contest using approx. \$800 of available \$1000, but if the contest could draw 300 adult entries and 150 adult entrants (numbers the committee feels reasonable and conservative) then the income from that would be \$600, plus any money collected from the vendors. This puts the final cost to the club at \$200 dollars or less to stage the regional contest.

NOW NOTE - IF YOU WANT THE CONTEST TO HAPPEN, THEN THE FINANCIAL DECISIONS MUST BE VOTED ON AT THIS MEETING. There will not be enough time to prepare if it is not done NOW. If you have questions about the contest before you vote, SHOW UP AT 7:30 to talk with the committee. Help keep the meeting in order and brief so that these decisions can be voted on and gotten out of the way, then we can get to the FUN.

#### SPEAKING OF VOTING

Lets all make sure we wear our badges so that members are identified. Visitors are very welcome, but they are NOT allowed to vote on club issues. Several non-members have been noted voting in the last meeting and since they don't get the newsletter, it's up to the members to protect their vote and to encourage non-members to join so that they have their say along with other club benefits.

#### QUARTERLY CONTEST

This month is the quarterly contest. Partly due to the fact that nobody commented on Rodney's previous theme suggestions and partly to try something different and hopefully interesting, this quarter's contest will have a people's choice for best model, regardless of subject. You all get involved this time!! Plus there will be other special awards for; Best Detail, Best Finish, Best Conversion, Best Scratchbuilt/Vacuum-formed & Best Operational Features. These will be Trophies,

Plaques & Ribbons, not just the printed awards. So bring out all those special models and the ones where maybe the accuracy was off but the finish was gorgeous! Let's have a good time with this one!! Even if you just want to display and not compete, bring it in to discuss and show.

#### LETTER FROM A MEMBER

What was the original premise regarding the conception of IPMS? As a former member (1969-1977) who has returned, I see a trend away from the enjoyment of modeling, towards a more business/contest-oriented group. I model to satisfy my desires to replicate or create - not for others! The social aspect of attending IPMS meetings was to share my knowledge & techniques and to learn from others that share the same pleasures.

Where are we, as a club, heading when all we can concern ourselves with is the financial prosperity of our organization? What are the current and future goals of IPMS San Jose? I believe that we must define our purpose and goals before we can (apparently) drive on with future projects.

Organize the committees to provide detailed plans, and alternatives, for chapter activities. Don't prolong the business meeting with repetitive arguments that obviously are not solvable.

Hopefully this chapter can organize and clarify as to what we are what we should be, I do sincerely.

Norm Mocabee



## EDITORIAL

I feel that Norm has brought up some complaints and they are shared by others, I am sure. This club does need to decide what it wants to be for its members.

However that sort of decision must start with each member, and will fluctuate as membership changes. The old adage "that you get out only what you put into it" has no better place than in a club like ours. There are no paid staff, no permanent office, phone or employees. Everything that gets done happens because people WANT to be involved and they give their free time, even if they don't have it. And that free time is also usually their modeling time, so the models usually lose out to modelers.

Having a small club, say 15 members or less, allows a club to be very informal and usually breeds a very specialized interest among the members as there are not enough members to support a lot of different interests.

When you get a club of our present size, say 60-70 members, you get a much greater number of interests, and you can have several members or more to support each interest area. You bring alot of knowledge into a large club, and you have the possibility of bringing in enough income to support group activities and services.

However, when you get a large club you can no longer meet in someone's living room, you need a meeting hall. If you want to accomplish anything for the members, you have to collect dues on a more formal basis. Somebody has to arrange for the hall, possibly it costs money to rent, and so on. Anyway, to spend money, to design activities or support events that represent the majority of the membership, you have to have a business meeting to be fair to everyone's interest and investment. That requires some formality so that things can get

done promptly. Business is rarely fun or interesting, but it is a necessity.

Our Friday meetings are BUSINESS meetings, hopefully to accomplish the goals of the membership, and rather quickly to avoid being tedious, boring or long. Don't expect them to be everything to everyone as far as displays, contests, raffles, social sessions, technical discussions and B.S. all in 2 hours!

But, the faster we get the business done with, PROPERLY, is the sooner we can get to additional activities. That doesn't mean pushing business aside, but it does require efficiency which also means keeping minor opinions to ourselves unless they benefit the present discussion directly. If you want to speak up on every matter, then that is all the meetings will be, discussions. IF your feelings really are that strong, make a motion to organize a committee AND THEN JOIN IT!

Also, another meeting could be organized, and would probably be the better attended and more popular, for a social show & tell, tech-talk and so on. It could be a totally non-business meeting. But somebody would have to take on the task of organizing it, and that gets done at the BUSINESS meeting.

There are only so many board members, and they have only so much time or energy, so don't wait for them to take care of everything, get involved or it probably won't get done. Write your idea down and give it to the board, sketch out how it should be accomplished. Don't wait until a once-a-month, 2-hour meeting to bring up the idea and expect the membership to understand the full potential of the idea among all the other issues going on.

Lets all get this club back on track to being fun, both by presenting informal social activities and formal contests, which we have members who like one or the other, OR BOTH,

like me. And I will get this newsletter back to being lighthearted and brief on business issues.

Alan Wolcott

Included in this issue is an application for the national IPMS. Don't forget that you need to be a member to enter or otherwise participate in the Nationals at Sacramento in July. Also, remember you want 1986-1987 membership so that it is current during the contest.

Also, if you wish to attend the awards banquet at the Nationals, you must make reservations by July 1, with Tom Kangus. There are only 400 seats available, and over 300 hundred have already been reserved. The hall will be opened for the awards presentation part, but is reservation-only for the banquet.

You can enter models from Thursday until noon on Saturday, then the hall will be closed for judging with the banquet at 8 pm(I believe).

For vendors, set up starts on Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm. Fee is \$20 per table per day. A 15% discount is available on two or more tables if they are reserved for the Thursday through Saturday period. There is no charge for the table on Weds. night.

There will be small tables available for ONE DAY vendors, located in the hall & foyer, for \$15.00.

There will be a buffet breakfast for vendors and contest staff from 7-9 am Friday & Saturday, on a first-come/first-serve basis and with vendor tag & number for ID.

All vendors MUST PRE-REGISTER by July 1, 1986. Write to IPMS 1986 National Covention, P.O.Box 1042, Sacramento, CA 95805 - call 707-448-0144

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Since there has been a lot of interest in Rodney's FG-1 Corsair project, Rod is going to hold a show & tell session for about 1/2 hour after this month's meeting. The project is ready to go to the paint stage, so if you wish to see all the construction work before its painted over, stick around.

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