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To be, or not to be...

MOVED:

THAT THE SAN JOSE CHAPTER OF IPMS/USA WITHDRAW FROM IPMS/USA, AND THAT IN ORDER FOR THIS MOTION TO PASS IT WILL REQUIRE TWO MAJORITY VOTES, THE SECOND VOTE AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING AFTER THE FIRST VOTE.

This motion passed by a vote of 22 yea, 2 nay and 2 abstentions out of a group of 31 members present at the September 17, 1982 meeting. At the October 15, 1982, meeting, discussion and the second vote will be the first order of business. Here follow two statements about the motion, one pro, one con. See also the articles "Discussion of the Motion" and "Last Meeting" for other information about the motion.

STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION

Over the past year we have been engaged in an on-going dispute with the national leadership of IPMS/USA over the duties and authority of the IPMS Region 9 Coordinator, Richard Carlson. Despite a petition and many protests on our part, the IPMS/USA leadership now intends to keep him in office. I believe this can only result in an escalation of what are already bad feelings between ourselves and the parent group, IPMS/USA, as they make continually increasing demands upon us and continue to allow Richard Carlson to exercise authority over us.

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NEXT MEETING: Mercury Savings, 19376 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino. (Near corner of Stevens Creek and Wolfe Rd.)

FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER 1982

CONVERSATION: 7:30PM; MEETING: 8:00PM

[PRO, cont.]

The only argument against withdrawal is that this group will no longer be able to use the IPMS title in our name. Let us look at the benefits of withdrawal: 1) An immediate cessation of demands made upon us by the National leadership and the Region 9 Coordinator; 2) We will no longer be represented by an RC who continually distorts our position on matters and who, from the beginning of his tenure, has disliked this chapter and so stated; 3) We will no longer be subjected willy-nilly to involvement in organizational politics in IPMS, and can all get back to what we want to do -- building models and associating with our friends -- without outside pressures.

While this sounds like a drastic step, in effect it is purely an administrative change only. Our meetings and activities will not change in any way whatsoever.

Members who generally attend contests hosted by other Northern California IPMS chapters can continue to do so, since these are all open to the public anyway. Those who already belong to IPMS/USA individually will not be affected in any way concerning entrance to national-level contests and other functions. In short, the only tangible effect is to move our chapter away from the political bickerings of IPMS/USA and quietly let us get on with our hobby. The important point for most of our members is that our activities will not change at all.

If this proposal passes I propose that we adopt the name "San Jose Scale Modelers."

-- Jay Sherlock

STATEMENT AGAINST THE MOTION

What do we gain?/what do we lose? WE GAIN independence from our Regional Coordinator (RC) and from the National organization that seems unable to answer our pleas regarding our problems with the RC. WE LOSE the name of the I P M S.

What's in the name? Perhaps only one thing: the clout. I don't want to detract from Tom Harrison's fine effort in acquiring the donations for our October contest (using the IPMS name, by the way), but could he have accomplished as much -- over \$200 worth of donations -- as a member of a local club with no national affiliations? I don't think so. Maybe having a chance to win these new prizes may not seem that much to some, but I like it. Call me unsophisticated.

Now, what about our RC? What does he dictate that we cannot ignore: contest rules or categories, perhaps? Let us tell him that we do what we can afford. If he insults us or tells lies, let us tell the truth to those who are important to us and ignore the nerds who won't listen. Have the President and his board been apprised of our predicament? Have those letters of truth (the Moffett Field testimonials, for example) been sent to the RC's director as well as the National board? If we have done all this, then we are in the clear and certainly have no need to "leave town". Of all the unanswered questions I have, one is: just what DO we accomplish in taking such a negative course of action? Maybe we're fulfilling the RC's favorite wish. I don't know; maybe I just cannot get as excited as I should about anything in the modeling world except ...MODELS!

the Haze Gray Admiral
Bert McD

LAST MEETING

DISCUSSION OF THE MOTION

After the motion was made a number of the newer members asked to be informed of the problems that precipitated this action. A history of the interaction with the RC and the National was recounted, with mention of the far-fetched and fantastic accusations of beer-induced rudeness at Moffett Field 1981; the command from then-Director of Local Chapters Larry Montgomery to tell San Jose to "toe the line or get your charter yanked" [what "line" was never made clear]; the unilateral moves by the RC; the difference in opinion about the role of the RC in the general scheme -- conduit of information, or potentate. The question was asked "what have we done so far?" Last spring, in a phone call to President Bill Magnie, IPMS/USA President Rob Wolf asked the chapter to "put something in writing" about the problem. That was done and mailed off in May. No answer. A second letter was sent off in July. No answer. A third letter was sent off the day of the September meeting [Sept 29, and no response to any of the three letters]. The Fresno chapter had sent off two letters, with a similar lack of response. The chapter received a copy of a letter written by the current Director of Local Chapters, Steven Kumamoto, to the RC, expressing the belief that there was no substance to any of the complaints -- this conclusion drawn without any contact with any member of the complaining chapters. Doug

Stuart expressed the opinion that this smug, imperious decision-making transcended any problem of communication with the RC (who, by the way, has offered to write a letter of apology to San Jose, or anything short of actually resigning, if it would improve matters), and that the National seemed to expect lock-step conformity and tended to over-react if they didn't get it. Paul Ward felt that this was all a tempest in a teapot: if we don't like what the National says, ignore them, but don't get all in lather about stuff that doesn't relate to modeling. Bert McDowell said that he felt the IPMS name was a plus for an organization, that it carried with it the weight of the 6000 national members and that any local would have more credibility and leverage in its dealings. The discussion went on for about 50 minutes.



★ MODEL CONTEST ★

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OCTOBER 17, 1982

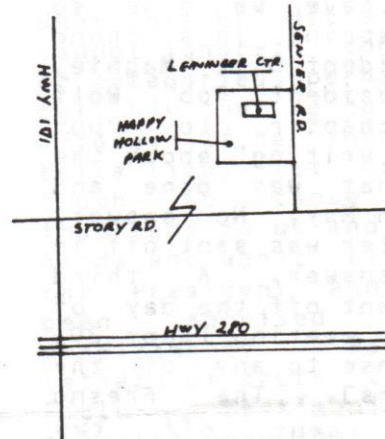
Leininger Community Center

1300 Senter Road, San Jose

CATEGORIES:

- Sr. 1/32 a/c, jet & prop
- Sr. 1/48 a/c, jet & prop
- Sr. 1/72 a/c, jet & prop
- Sr. Civil Aircraft
- Sr. Armor, 1/76 & 1/35
- Sr. Dioramas
- Sr. Civil Vehicles
- Sr. Ships
- Sr. Miscellaneous
- Jr. Aircraft
- Jr. Armor
- Jr. Civil Vehicles
- Jr. Miscellaneous
- Beginning Junior (10 yrs. or under)

PLUS SPECIAL AWARDS AND TROPHIES * DOOR PRIZES



Entry Fees: Senior (16 yrs and older) - \$1.00 per model

Junior (11 yrs to 15 yrs.) - 50¢ per model

★ Registration 10am-1pm, Oct. 17

PLAN TO ENTER YOUR MODELS NOW!

LAST MEETING

Mercury Savings, Cupertino.

Meeting called to order at 8:17 pm. 45 members and guests in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Kit contributions. Tom Harrison announced that there would be 5 drawings at the October contest, plus the special drawing. Bill Magnie passed over a 1/24 Ju87 donated by San Antonio Hobby.

The question was asked if there had been any response from the National regarding our petition, etc. There had been none.

October Contest. An incredulous memberships gasped when Tim Curtis announced how much renting Leininger Center would cost this year: \$171, up from \$60 last year. However, it is a perfect facility, and we are going to charge a whopping \$1 per model entered this year to try to defray the cost.

A number of members volunteered to be on the trophy committee:

Larry Taylor

Chuck Foster

See Young

Brian Geyer (who donated many of his old car racing trophies to convert)

Michael Phillips

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that member Charlie Campbell (who was wearing a kilt, by the way) was going into the Navy on the following Monday.

Guests were introduced. John Voss, a friend of Tom Harrison, attended. He brought some aircraft prints, and also donated some for the October contest doorprize. New members identified themselves. Bill Stathis, a friend of Larry Taylor who likes to make ships. Roy Wells, WWII A/C.

Bill Magnie proposed a \$.25 fine for everyone who attended a meeting without bringing a model, partly finished kit, resource, or even unopened box. The point being to bring out the MODELS (this is a modeling organization, after all). Larry Taylor moved to table the motion until the October meeting, giving people time to think about it, or alternatives. Tom Harrison seconded, and the table motion passed, 32 to zero.

Break called at 9:07.

Reconvened at 9:20.

Bill Magnie read letter from Jim Cavin, President of Fresno, saying that they are "behind San Jose 100%". A letter from Jay Sherlock, who was in Britain at the time, was read. In the letter Jay urged that San Jose withdraw from IPMS/USA. Brian Geyer moved that San Jose withdraw from IPMS/USA. Bill Cauchon seconded. Roy Wells moved that the motion be amended with the stipulation that there would have to be two majority votes for the motion to pass, thus allowing the members not present to have a chance to give input. After much discussion the amendment was passed, 26 yea, no nays, out of 31 eligible voters. After considerably more discussion the total motion was passed, 22 yea, 2 nay and 2 abstentions out of 31 voters eligible.

The meeting was adjourned much too late.

DUES

The following people's memberships have either expired, or are due for renewal in the stated months.

JULY

Anthony Blakenship

AUGUST

Robert Fuller

SEPTEMBER

Larry Mikkelson

Bill Newman

NOVEMBER

Kevin Drake

DECEMBER

Bill Cauchon

Kenneth Chan

NEW MEMBERS

BILL STATHIS

ROY WELLS

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

15 Meeting

17 Invitational Contest

DECEMBER

5 (?) Sacramento Contest

Doug Stuart
624 S. 13th St
San Jose, CA 95112



DAN BUNTON
910 NIDO DRIVE
CAMPBELL CA 12345

NEXT MEETING

Jay Sherlock, fresh from his sojourn in Britain, will have slides of the displays at numerous air museums, etc., in Jolly Old, plus the inside dope on many of the manufacturers and other interesting gossip.

FLASH: Bill Magnie received official notification Sept 29th regarding our petition. The letter from DLC Steven Kumamoto basically reiterated the points stated in the letter reprinted in last month's newsletter, supporting the current Regional Coordinator but hoping that an amicable resolution of differences could be worked out.

17 September 1982

PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING THE MONTHLY MODEL TURNOUT

reported by Randy Vandraiss

At the September meeting President Bill Magnie proposed a monetary incentive for increasing the turnout of models at monthly meetings. After discussion the following motion was made and seconded:

"A fine of \$0.25 shall be assessed against any club member who fails to bring to the monthly meeting a model (complete or in progress), an unbuilt kit that may be of interest to the club, or a new tool or reference (book, article, whatever) of some sort. This policy shall take effect the next monthly meeting following its adoption."

Larry Taylor moved that the motion be tabled until the October meeting to allow members to think about the motion and also possible alternatives. The motion to table passed, so we will consider the policy at the next meeting.

This motion was made primarily to stimulate more personal interest in our club's activities. We ask you to take a few minutes and jot down your thoughts on this policy (positive or negative, candid or diplomatic) in the following space and bring it with you to the next meeting. Or if you have what you think would be a better way to bring out the models, write that up and send this page to the secretary, Doug Stuart.