

Good News/Bad News: Many new kits have been released recently: Matchbox's Chinook and Bell OH-58D (Jet Ranger) in 1/72, VP's DH Otter, and many others. Check the shelves carefully. Lotsa goodies out there! Now for the bad news. As many of you know too well, the stock market's giant sag a short time back has further crippled the US dollar in relation to other currencies, especially of countries like Japan & Germany. As Reagan has us operating in a free-trade economy, natural self-adjustment is taking place meaning imports are going to cost more, and as much as the dollar's value has dropped, expect to see BIG increases on already expensive kits. Model manufacturers can not "buffer" their profit line to smooth out the increases. Mazda lost \$681 million (!!) trying to maintain prices in the US. I have already seen a new release I bought (last month's Dornier 228) go from \$17.95, to \$19.95, to \$21.95. There is no reason to believe it will not happen to other imported kits, NOR that it has topped out. Buy now or pay the price! I already have seen information that Fujimi kits will increase significantly, very soon! But the upside is that US kits will now be cheaper overseas increasing the market for US kits, which may encourage the few remaining US model conglomerates to increase tooling investments.

IMPORTANT: Check the Year/Month code following "your name **" for the month your dues expire after. Renewal \$10.

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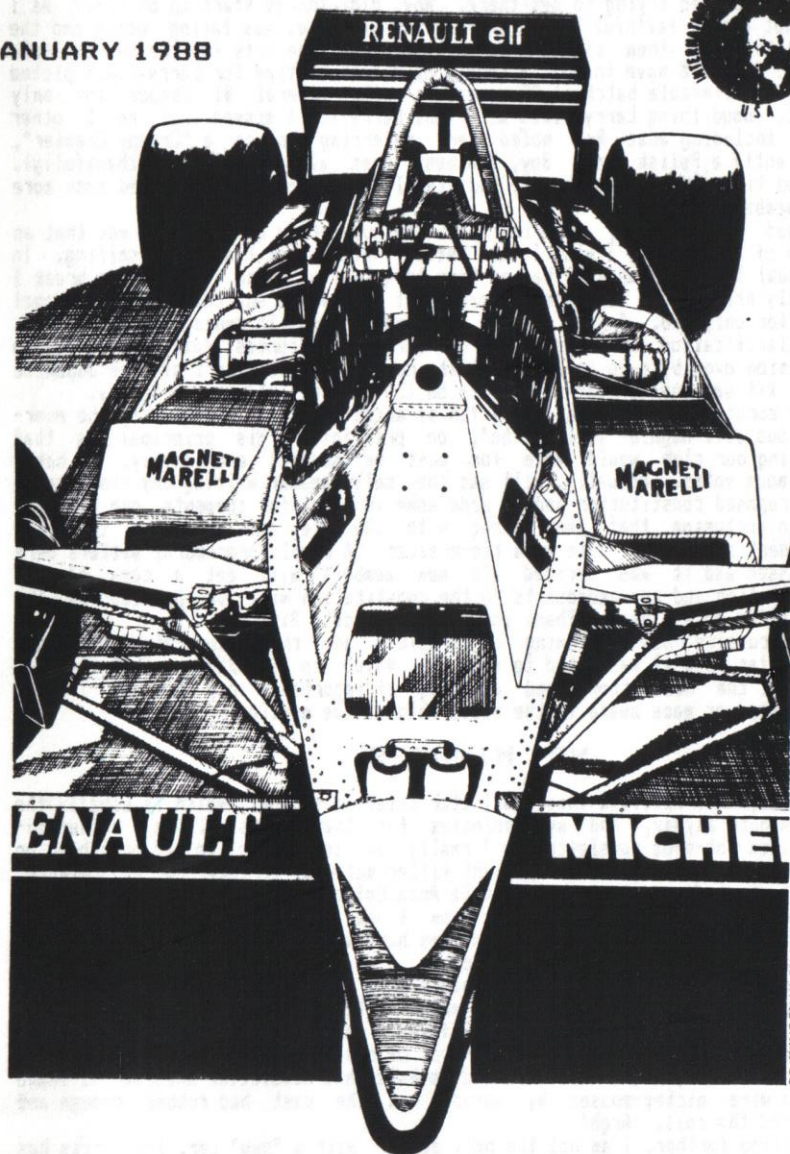
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SAN JOSE SCALE MODELERS

JANUARY 1988



Next Meeting: January 15, 1988
7:30 PM - Informalities
8:00 PM - Formalities
9:00 PM - Maybe video or ?
Location: Mercury Savings Meeting Room
19376 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino

DECEMBER MINUTES

December's meeting got off to an unusual start....on time. At 8:00 PM sharp business started, but I was not there. I have forgotten why, but I know I felt frazzled trying to get there. Why did things start up on time? As I was not there, faithful Treasurer, Rex the Reliable, was taking notes and the first thing on them is that we auctioned off some kits for the VA Hospital. Ah Ha! I should have known! I should have been on time for Larry Gross picked up an unbelievable batch of 85 magazines with several #1 issues for only \$7.00. Good thing Larry likes me (right Larry?!). I missed out on 5 other kits, including what Rex noted Bert referring to as a "Creepy Crawler", apparently a Polish Tank. Boy, the best ones always get away (thankfully). We had fifty-three model-hungry individuals in attendance and added some more new members.

I had now arrived, entering past the huge array of items (or was that an array of huge items, I wish I took better notes) that Rodney was selling. In my usual Treasurer-mode, I had no time to look at these, but at the break I quickly browsed his selection of excellent values and snatched up a new Dremel tool for only \$28. I have no word if Rodney intends to repeat in January.

A clarification was requested on our annual contest date in 1988 due to confusion over by typo on a flyer that nobody caught (sort of like Japanese model kit packages). Our contest is on the 21st of February, a Sunday.

The constitution vote was a big YES of acceptance (34-1) with only the ever-cautious Bill Magnie voting "no", on principle. His principal is that anything our club would vote for must be suspect and anyway, he hates unanimous votes. Actually, Bill was the only member writing any comments to the proposed constitution and he made some very helpful comments, one of which was an inclusion that went along with the vote, and that was that the President shall only vote as a tie-breaker. A couple procedural matters were discussed and it was decided all new members will get a copy of the constitution and any amendments to the constitution will be printed in the newsletter once a year. Thank you for your input, Bill.

A discussion was following on IPMS/USA and their separate "political" newsletter, and it was voted to send the \$5.00 to IPMS/USA so that the club will get the newsletter, and anything of importance can be put in our newsletter or made aware to the membership at the meeting.

NOT MINUTES

You may have received this newsletter later than usual, which is usually the last minute anyway, and my apologies for that. This will be a rather unorganized pot-shot newsletter as I really am scrambling to get something on the paper and then grab all relevant filler material to take up the balance. I just started a new quarter at De Anza College, I homework is greater than the last quarter, plus many of you know I am now working a little at D&J hobby. If you notice the model shelves have a different appearance lately, you will know what I have been doing. Also, I just last Friday bought me a little model-mover (something that hauls more than my Rx-7!) from my next-door neighbor, a 1971 Datsun 510 station wagon. It runs real well, looks pretty good and was VERY reasonable! But I fixed a few minor things when I got it and one of those fixes had a side-effect of causing it not to start on Monday. After some work, right when I needed to have this newsletter underway, I found that a wire mickey-moused by someone in the past had rubbed through and grounded the coil. Argh!

Rambling further, I am not the only member with a "new" car, Tim Curtis has a really new car. He must have this modelling bug pretty bad for he bought a plastic car! A 1988 Fiero. He dumped his sinister black Daytona for this bright red cutie. Maybe its mid-life crisis, or something. Anyway, all you who thought of asking Tim to give you a ride or give your models a ride, remember, he now has only two seats and two small trunks (one next to the engine and the other next to the radiator!). And no, there is no truth to the rumor that Tim was seen shopping for 1/2" styrene, quart bottles of Plasti-Zap

and an industrial-size Xacto for some car-customizing.

BEFORE I FORGET, once again: Cliff Kranz needs 3 Monogram Grumman Hu-16 Albatross, any markings. Sorry Cliff for not running this last month and sorry that I won't sell you any of the three I have. Hope the members can help. Also, I believe Cliff already has this, but to make sure, would the keeper of the Naval Aircraft list for the Moffet display please bring the list to this meeting and contact Cliff.

Another item; many of you have renewal dates in this November-January period so make sure you re-up your \$10 dues and make life easier on Rex and me.

Also, I seem to have lost track of the following people, for their mail is being returned, if you see them, please point towards me at the meeting for they are not getting this newsletter to see this note:

Rod Broyles -- Roy Sutherland -- Joel Thomas

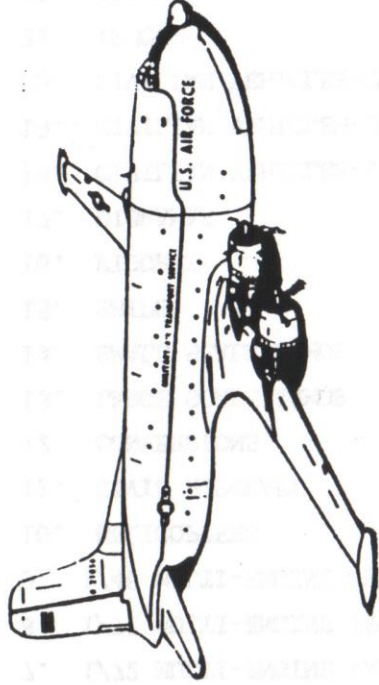
Things are really hopping for the first quarter of this year. The NNL Western Nationals are the two days following our January meeting, our contest is in February, the new Travis chapter's contest is in March and the Fresno other-IPMS, the Bob Moore one, is having their contest in April, which I should have info on in February. As I have been, I am still encouraging you to attend the NNL event on Saturday and the swap meet (all model types) on Sunday. To give you some idea of the scope of this event this year, it is using the full ballroom of the Sunnyvale Hilton this year and Roy Sorenson has reservations from Canada, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, Minnesota, Michigan, Texas, carloads for So. Calif. and I believe Montana, Arizona and Washington. Also, we are having Evening Magazine cover the event, which I got assigned the job of seeing to their needs so I may end up on TV.

Word from the Yerba Buena chapter news letter is that Tom Young has confirmation of a new brand of kits, called either Maikraft or Maicraft. Tom Frisque of Aviation USK, of Usk, Washington will be the distributor. These will be new, injection-molded 1/72 aircraft kits, boxed and with decals. First announcements are for: Vindicator, Albatross D.11, P-35, Hansa W.29, Pfalz D.III, Piper Cub (hooray! J-3 I hope, ed.), Curtiss JN-4D Jenny (pay attention VanDer Griff!) and a Beech Staggerwing(!). I will pass along more info as I get it. Once again, THANK YOU Yerba Buena for your newsletter.

My apologies to John Sciacero, our member who comes all the way from Albany. He has magazines up for bid, which close January 16 !!! I will have the list at the meeting. I don't know if John will be there, but if you are looking for certain mags, please check this out, pronto.

Other kit news. Ertl has improved their association with Esci by BUYING them, lock, stock, molds and personnel. I get the impression they are to remain in Italy though. From the Ertl Blueprinter comes this new release news: 1969 W-30 Olds 4-4-2, stock or drag; Indianapolis Winners Set with 1963 Watson roadster, 1965 Lotus Ford, & 1974 Penske McLaren; 1969 Plymouth Barracuda, stock or custom with 383; 1971 Mustang Boss 351, stock, racing or street machine; 1989 Probe GT (almost the new Mustang); 1989 Ford Taurus SHO, 1970 Chevy Impala, stock, street machine or low-rider, 1933 Ford, street rod or show rod; 1963 Corvette CONVERTIBLE, stock, custom, drag of street rod with either a 324(?) or 427; 1968 Corvair, stock, custom or GT; 1963 Chevy Impala SS, stock or custom; 1966 Nova Street machine (I believe this last is to be in addition to the stock 1966 Nova SS to be released early in 1988). From ERTL/Esci: A number of repackaged aircraft and military, but a 1/72 KA-28 Hokum, 1/72 Hind-E, UH-1D Huey, 1/72 Apache, 1/24 Ferrari 250 GT SWB and (oh, yum!) 1/24 Ferrari F40 Le Mans.

Oh, before I forget. Many of you may have seen the ad for a model-making show available to PBS stations, in Fine Scale Modeler. Well Burt called KTER channel 54 San Jose, they checked, got it and will run it in January or (?), watch your TV Guide's closely for this one. I have collected \$6 already to get the club a KTER membership and thank CH.54 for their support. Please see me to add to this kitty!



IPMS Travis

proudly announces their

1988 Chapter Model Contest

on

Saturday, March 19, 1988

at the

Travis Air Force Museum

Special Contest Theme and Award: U.S. Air Force Aircraft and Vehicles. Any aircraft or vehicle which has served with the USAF.

Entry Fees: Seniors - \$1.00 per person for registration & \$1.00 per model.

Juniors - \$.75 per person for registration & \$.50 per model.

Schedule: 10.00 AM Registration Opens 1.00PM Registration Closes.

1.00 PM Judging Begins

3.00 PM Awards Presentation.

Awards: 8 x 10 wood plaque for Special Awards

5 x 7 wood plaque for 1st place

Ribbons for 2nd & 3rd. All Juniors will receive participation ribbons.

Contest Rules: Standard IPMS - USA Rules apply. Models which have placed in the Nationals may not be entered in this contest. Also models which have won 1st place in Region 9 competition may not enter. Judging will follow IPMS - USA standards ie. "Basic Construction Concepts On Model Building"

Entertainment: Videos on the 84,85,86 & 87 Nationals and WWII films will be shown - Free. All Travis AFB Museum Aircraft will be open & on display for modelers to photograph.

Swap Meet: If you have some old models to trade bring them with you.

Door Prizes: Drawings will be held throughout the day.

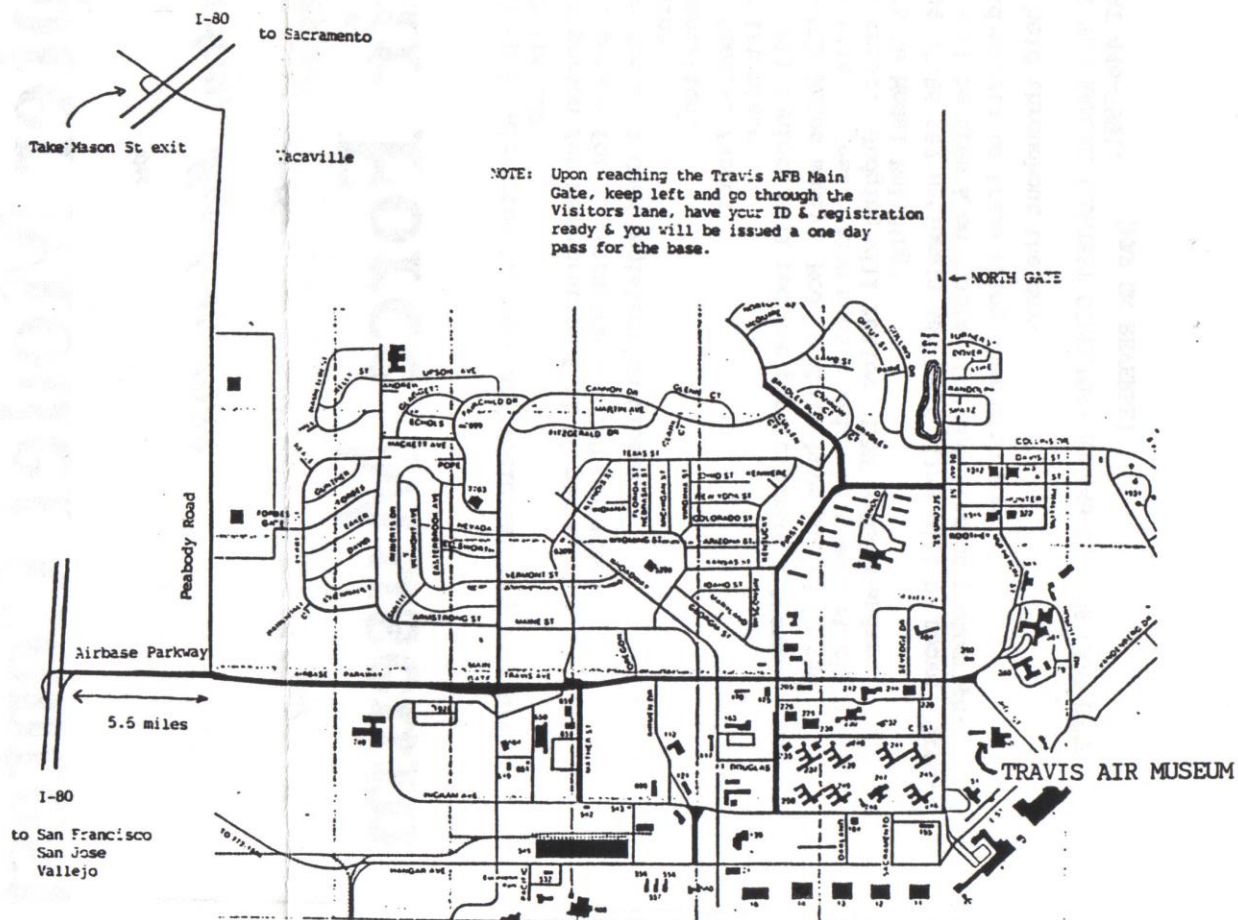
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT TOM KANGAS (CONTEST DIRECTOR) AT 448-0114 OR CAPT DAVE MASON (IPMS TRAVIS PRESIDENT) AT 446-7991.

(MAP ON REVERSE)

CATEGORIES FOR THE TRAVIS IPMS CONTEST

1. BIPLANES
2. 1/72 SINGLE ENGINE PROP
3. 1/48 SINGLE ENGINE PROP
4. 1/32 SINGLE ENGINE PROP
5. 1/72 SINGLE ENGINE JET
6. 1/48 SINGLE ENGINE JET
7. 1/72 MULTI-ENGINE PROP
8. 1/72 MULTI-ENGINE JET
9. 1/48 MULTI-ENGINE JET
10. HELICOPTERS
11. CIVIL AIRCRAFT
12. CONVERSIONS
13. LARGE SCALE ARMOR
14. SMALL SCALE ARMOR
15. SHIPS
16. FIGURES
17. DIORAMAS
18. CIVILIAN VEHICLES-STOCK
19. CIVILIAN VEHICLES-COMPETITION
20. CIVILIAN VEHICLES-CUSTOM
21. TRUCKS
22. SCIENCE FICTION
23. JUNIORS-AIRCRAFT
24. JUNIORS
25. VAC-U-FORM/SCRATCH BUILT
26. OUT OF THE BOX
27. BEST AIRCRAFT
28. BEST ARMOR
29. BEST CIVILIAN VEHICLE
30. BEST OF SHOW
- 31-35. Generic 5 x 7 plaques
(NO SECOND LING)

1-26 will be 5" x 7" wood plaques
 27-30 will be 7" x 9" wood plaques
 31-35 will be 5" x 7" wood plaques



REGISTRATION:

- You may Register your models in person, or have them registered for you by someone else, from 9am-1pm on the day of the contest.
- You may also choose to Pre-Register your models, and then pick up entrance tags, and final entry information from 9am-1pm on the day of the contest. The registration form is available from the San Jose Scale Modelers secretary, either in person, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to; P.O.Box 1052, Cupertino, CA 95015. The form must be returned to; the secretary in person by 2/19/88 or the P.O.Box by 2/20/88.

CLASSES - ADULT

- 10 - 1/72 & smaller - Prop/Single Engine
- 12 - 1/72 & smaller - Prop/Multi-Engine
- 14 - 1/72 & smaller - Jet
- 16 - 1/48 to 1/71 - Prop/Single Engine
- 18 - 1/48 to 1/71 - Prop/Multi-Engine
- 20 - 1/48 to 1/71 - Jet
- 22 - 1/47 & Larger - Aircraft
- 24 - All Scales - Helicopter
- 26 - All Scales - Biplane
- 28 - All Scales - Civil/Airliner/Other
- 30 - All Scales - Ship
- 32 - All Scales - Armor/Military Vehicle
- 34 - All Scales - Figurine
- 36 - All Scales - Diorama
- 38 - All Scales - Vacuum/Scratchbuilt
- 40 - 1/43 Only - Automobile-All Types
- 42 - All Scales - Rod & Custom Auto (incl. all freelance)
- 44 - All Scales - Replica Auto (production & racing)
- 46 - All Scales - Out of the Box
- 48 - All Scales - Miscellaneous

PLUS: BEST OF SHOW - JUDGES CHOICE

CLASSES - JUNIOR

- 50 - All Scales - Propeller Aircraft
- 52 - All Scales - Jet Aircraft
- 54 - All Scales - Civilian Vehicle
- 56 - All Scales - Armor/Military Vehicle
- 58 - All Scales - Miscellaneous

TIMES

- 9:00-1:00 - Registration
- 1:00-2:45 - Judging
- 3:00-4:00 - Awards Ceremony

9:00-4:00 - Display Area Open*

* Certain areas may be closed for a short time during Judging.

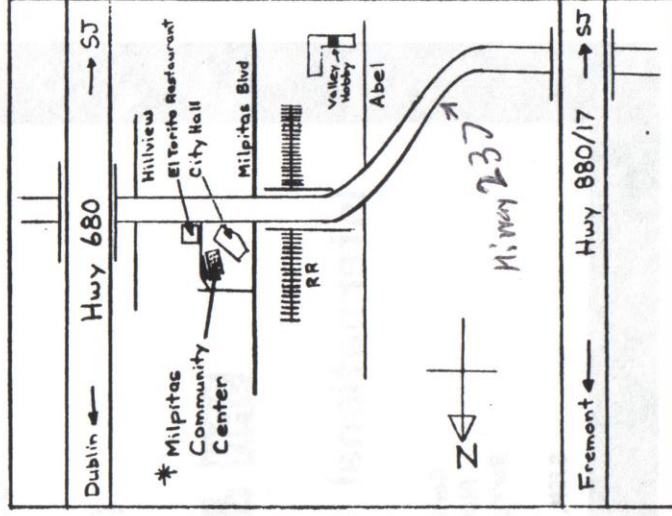
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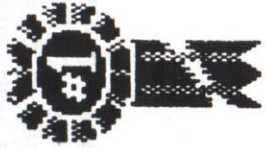
ADULT
\$2.00 PER ENTRANT
&
\$1.00 PER MODEL

JUNIOR
\$1.00 PER ENTRANT
&
No Charge PER MODEL
(10 Model Limit†)

* Any class may be eliminated if there are not at least 5 entrants and by at least 2 entrants. The models of the eliminated class will be assigned to other classes at the contest director's discretion

* Any class may be split and the class names retitled if there are sufficient groups of dissimilar models entered in that class, at the C.D.'s discretion.





MODEL CONTEST



PLANES - CARS - SHIPS - ARMOUR - MORE!

Awards in 25 Classes

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Sunday

FEBRUARY 21, 1988

Milpitas Community Center

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