

VEEP NOTES

by Eric McClure

Well, I am back writing my Veeep Notes after missing a couple of months. Things for the contest part of this article are a little scarce. Rodney Williams, Matt Matsuhshita & Roy Sutherland attended the IPMS Nationals with both Rodney & Matt winning Trophies (I have not heard from Roy so I do not know how he did). Over 1300 kits were entered and from the photos I saw it looked like a good contest.

As to model shows, I have not heard about the Pleasanton model car show, but maybe someone who attended can fill us in. I attended a model railroad show up in Walnut Creek and was very impressed by the layout the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society has built and the way they handle their show. A pamphlet was handed out that gave a history of the club, when they met and notes about the layout. Maybe we should come up with something like this, telling a history about our club, when we meet & what we try accomplish in the club to be handed out at Moffet next year. If you have a chance to go by and see this layout (approx. 1800 sq. ft.), I highly recommend it.

Well, that is about all for now. Remember this month's theme is OLDEST BUILT MODEL ON YOUR SHELF and, if you want, OLDEST KIT YOU HAVE (either by production date, or by length of ownership).....Eric

SAN JOSE SCALE MODELERS

IPMS-SAN JOSE



SEPTEMBER 1988

Next Meeting: September 16, 1988, Friday

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM - Gab, Shop,
8:00 PM - Business, Raffle
9:00 PM - Slide Show?

Location: Mercury Savings Meeting Room
19376 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino

*** COMING TO YOUR MEETING ROOM SOON ***
*** PRESIDENT'S FUN DAY - 10/22, SAT. ***

That is right, it is COMING AGAIN! A day when everyone (club members, other clubs, public) is invited for; No Contest, No Business, No Schedule, just 100% social. Five hours (11AM-4PM) of just talking to other modelers, bringing models/ideas in any stage from boxed to finished-and-on-the-shelf for the last 10 years, watching videos, maybe a raffle. NO interruptions, cover charge, or registration. You can even bring models to sell, BUT due to the limited space we have to ask you to limit the models to one-half of one table and we may have to limit the number of tables available for sale items. So Come One, Come All to the ever faithful Mercury Savings Meeting Room, Sat., Oct. 22.

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VIDIO LISTING
9/16/88

SERIES	TITLE	TAPE #	SUBJECT	COMMENTS	LENGTH	COLOR
"Voyager"	Voyager Around-World flight	6			23	Yes
Aerial Surveillance	Snobkrds, Patrouille De France,	7		BBC produced	46	Yes
AIRSHOW	Frece Tricolori, EsquadriIha da Fuaca, Blue Angels Demo Teas	8		Abbotsford Airshow, Sony Tape, music background	60	Yes
Classic Maneuvers	Red Arrows Demo Teas	6			20	Yes
DC-3/50th Anniversary	Reconnaissance	7			55	Yes
Diamond Nine		6			43	Yes
Eye In The Sky		5			60	Yes
Farnborough Air Show 1986		6			56	Yes & No
Fighter Aces of WWII		10		Coma'1 Tape	48	Yes & No
From Blitzkrieg to the Bomb		1			47	Yes
Ghost Riders Of The Sky	B-25 restored for Austr.	7		Local (Bob Love in Air)	21	Yes
Hilton Aerbatic Comp.	Int'l Aero Challenge	7		In Plane Shots		
In The Face Of Battle		1				
Memphis Belle		16				
Red Baron	B-17 w/25 aissions	7			54	Yes & No
Return to Guadalcanal	Baron Von Richtofen	7				Yes & No
Return To Iwo Jima		3				
Sharks of the Rotary Club		3				
Space Flight	Sharks Heli Demo Teas	6			22	Yes
That War In Korea		1				
The American Ceasar/MacArthur		2				
The Battle For Britain		16				No
Your Flight Is Cancelled		1		Coma' Tape		
Asst.		1				
A Mission to Kyushu		3				
Low-Level Sight Seeing		9				
Rough Raiders		9				
Strafing Japanese Bases		9				
Their Call Word Was "Bataan"		9				No
Chabot's Solo		12				
B-29		11		Personal Story pilot since 1900's	150	Yes & No
B-36		9		Funny, Great	34	Yes
F-111		5		Exc.	54	Yes
F-14		5		Exc.	52	Yes
F-16		11		Exc.	54	Yes
1987 Soaring Championships		6		Exc.	54	Yes
Collectables	Sailplanes	6			20	Yes
Doll House I & II		4				
Model Rockets		4				
#01 - Design For War	Battle - Atlantic 1939-41	13			25	No
#02 - The Pacific Boils Over	Pearl Harbor 12/7/41	13			25	No
#03 - Sealing The Breach	Anti-Sub Warfare 1941-43	13			25	No
#04 - Midway Is East	Jap. Victories & Midway	13			25	No
#05 - Mediterranean Mosaic	Gioralter, Malta, Allied & Enemy Fleets	13			25	No
#06 - Guadalcanal	Solomon Islands	13			25	No
#07 - Rings Around Rabaul	Command of Mediterranean 1940-42	13			25	No
#08 - Mare Nostrum	North African Invasion 1942-43	13			25	No
#09 - Sea & Sand	War in So. Atlantic	14			25	No
#10 - Beneath The Southern Cross	Carrier War - Gilberts & Marshalls	14			25	No
#11 - Magnetic North	War from Muransk to Alaska	14			25	No
#12 - The Conquest Of Micronesia	New Guinea Campaign	14			25	No
#13 - Melanesian Nightare	Sicily & Italian Campaign	14			25	No
#14 - Roman Renaissance	Norandy	14			25	No
#15 - D-Day	Victory in Atlantic 1943-45	14			25	No
#16 - Killers & The Killed	Conquest of Marianas	14			25	No
#17 - The Turkey Shoot	Peleliu & Angaur	15			25	No
#18 - Two If By Sea		15			25	No
#19 - The Battle For Leyte Gulf		15			25	No
#20 - Return Of The Allies	Liberation of Philippines	15			25	No
#21 - Full Fathom Five	U.S. Subs 1941-45	15			25	No
#22 - The Fate Of Europe	Black Sea, So. Fr., Surrender	15			25	No
#23 - Target Suribachi	Iwo Jima	15			25	No
#24 - The Road To Mandalay	China, Burma, India, Indian Ocean	15			25	No
#25 - Suicide For Glory	Okinawa	15			25	No
#26 - Design For Peace	Surrender of Japan & Aftermath	15			25	No

NATIONAL NEWS

- The following are tidbits gleaned from Jim Ireland's NineComPoop:
- The Mats at Dayton had about 1500 models (almost 50% more than Sacto.) and 780 members attending.
 - Minicraft's (not Hasegawa) F-111 was on display in three forms; F-111A, Sacvark & Sparkvark. Inaccuracies are minor such as the Sacvark not having the 3-year old AMP instrument panel updates. Canopy is molded shut with no canopy center console. No underwing ordinance, just fuel tanks, but the pylons track parallel with the wing sweep! Completely new tooling. Available in Sept. or Oct. for about \$20.
 - Besides Rodney and Matt's awards, Dave Mason of Silver Wings won 1/48 Heli with a AH-64 Apache, Gary Allan took third in the Vacuform class with a Vought Buccaneer. George Lee of San Leandro took, get this, First in Scratchbuilt, Most Popular, Judges Best Aircraft & Judges Grand Award!! That-away George and California modelers.
 - The tours were after public hours, and members could go anywhere (!) ignoring the ropes, and a number of aircraft were opened up for them to go inside. Oh, my achin' film budget!
 - IPMS/USA Business Meeting; Jim came away with pretty good feelings regarding the club, he went in expecting to need full-flack gear!
- New Officers:
- Fred Hall - President; Fred is Fred. He tried to retain control of everything to improve things, and thereby did everything which was too much. New board should help.
- George Cully - VP; The only write-in candidate to get elected. A lawyer and not a "yes" man. Should balance Fred very well. Has good ideas.
- Bill Devins - 2nd VP; previous Director of Local Chapters. Good sense of direction, a moderate, good at explaining policy.
- Scott Sumsion - Sect'y; Did not get a good opportunity to meet or observe.
- Fred Horkey - Dir. Local Chapters; Will speak up, including to the rest of the board. Will produce newsletter, include board action updates, for RC's which Jim can pass along info. from.
- Tom Jackson - Historian/Publ.; also no chance to evaluate.
- Renewal Dates may be moved to Sept./Oct. to spread out load on board.
 - Editor of Journal may get vote on board.
 - A new committee was formed, the Organization Review Committee. Will review club operation and make recommendations to Exec. Board. Board must approve or provide valid reason for not approving. ORC has access to Journal. No Exec. Board member may be on ORC. Dave Klaus voted Chairman.
 - A motion to audit the club was narrowly voted down, as the cost would drained the club.
 - Membership is down from 6000+ to less than 3000 at present.
 - First issue of Vol. 24 of Journal will have first ever in U.S. published photos of Mig 29 cockpit (Four Pages)! A survey of member interest will also be included.
 - Votes were checked by non-board member, and no "stuffing" is believed to have occurred.
 - Due to erratic publications in '88, juniors will have a free year added to their subscription. Adults can get free back issues as a sort of replacement.
 - Ex-members of last two years will receive free copy of next Journal to encourage them to rejoin.

Most have you have seen endless repetitions of the Italian aerobatic team, Freccce Tricolori's, accident and the ensuing disaster that followed at the US military base in Germany. While the loss of life is tragic, and the accident may have been preventable even if the maneuver was botched, I hope we do not get a hysterical reaction by politicians, FAA and air show promoters in the US, and even more so by Insurance Companies!! Investigations are needed, and changes may be needed, but Germany's cancellation of all air shows is not the answer. Politicians are getting so they want to protect us from every risk of the world, regardless of whether the risk has enjoyable aspects and whether it should be a matter of personal choice. Personal judgement and common sense for our own actions are slowly being legislated into a corner without options. In my opinion, the biggest threat to our personal freedoms and constitutional rights comes from this litigation-happy society and the lottery-sized awards of the courts. It is getting so you will not be able to do anything unless you can afford to protect yourself, in every respect, with insurance. No public events will occur unless they can afford multi-BILLION dollar insurance policies, and that is IF they can even find a company to insure them. The insurance companies could end up being the true centers of power for the US.

Now you probably think I am off on my soap box for the month, and you are right. You may also think that this has nothing to do with our club and hobby, but there you would be wrong! Consider for a minute the continued existence of this club, or any club, and its events such as meetings, contests, swaps, etc. IF multi-million dollar insurance was required to hold any event at a site, or such sites simply were no longer available because of exposure to risk? Events would either not exist or would cost a minimum of \$10 to enter and obviously would decline in attendance because of this. What also if a kit manufacturer were sued because a child choked on a small part or because they did not provide 'adequate' warnings about the dangers of paints and hobby tools used in kit construction? A company could be out of business due to the judgement against them and/or kit prices could go up 50% to cover the increased premiums when the insurance companies find this industry might have some risk associated with it and not be a profit-pushover anymore.

Sound far-fetched? Well how about Porsche being sued and losing when a woman got drunk, climbed into hubby's 930 Turbo, and crashed and was injured doing over 60 mph in a 25 mph zone, in that Porsche had not provided adequate warning as to the performance potential of the car in the owner's manual!!! Or, how about that the courts (with the lobbyists help, I suspect) have found that bars can not be held liable when someone gets drunk at their business, then goes off and kills someone, yet a Shell gas station and Shell Corp. ARE partially liable for the death of a motorcyclist killed by a drunken young woman because they sold her gas in drunken condition, even though they got her to stay at the station for over an hour, had her drink three cups of coffee, and tried to get her not to drive.

Any moment, risk, insurance and the courts may invade our hobby and its industries, and the effects will be devastating, in not fatal, before we can muster a front of opposition. The way our national body of IPMS has operated, they would be virtually worthless against such a situation.

Keep your eyes and ears open for changes in the wind direction of insurance among our hobby industries and our local communities, especially at election time. The effects could move like the current forest fires if we are unprepared. I may seem unduly alarmed, but I see too clearly a scenario where there are no more air shows, air races, hobby meetings & contests or where front row seats at an auto race require binoculars just to see the top of the driver's helmet go by, over the tops of the barriers. I really hope I am wrong, but I would not want to be just an I-told-you-so with a dead hobby.

MINUTES FROM AUGUST MEETING

I have something of a dilemma in reporting the August meeting. I have almost no notes. Now either nothing happened to write down, or I was so involved in the meeting that I forgot to write the notes down. It is preferable to think the latter, but I still can not tell you all the details. After nearly three years as your secretary & editor, the happenings of the recent meetings are blurring together somewhat, like some of those new USAF camouflage schemes.

We had 46 people in attendance. I know we reviewed the new national officers (more on this elsewhere in this issue), confirmed that we have the Milipitas Community Center, again, for our contest, Sunday, Feb. 19, 1989, had our raffle, which John Burr from Los Angeles (a guest of Larry Gross) won two of the four prizes. Three of the prize items were the new Tri-Tool etched-metal screening, again provided with the assistance of D&J Hobby. These screens are really fine, really nice and will be invaluable for certain types of detailing, but, they are imported & they are Tri-Tool, therefore they are not cheap! Over \$7 for a few square inches. Rodney gave a demo on cleaning airbrushes. Beyond that, you guess is as good as mine. I will try to pay more attention at this meeting to writing my notes.

NEWS & NOTES

I was very happy to find that the Fresno Scale Modelers are producing a newsletter of the same format as ours. It is called "The Typo". That brings to at least five the number of newsletters in Region 9, plus our Regional Coordinator's NineComPoop newsletter. It is really great to see this much effort being put out, to get the information out, and solidify Region 9.

A bit of very unhappy news. The fellow that I told you about at our last meeting who worked at Industrial Light & Magic in Marin and stayed overnight locally to attend our swap & auction, I still have not got his name, but I have the very sad duty to report that he died of a heart attack (a hereditary problem) at age 34, shortly after our last meeting. I ran into his fiancée at the Kit Collectors Exposition in Buena Park, as she was there buying models. She seems to be holding up well, but I could tell it took courage for her to speak of his passing and in so doing, bring her memories and sorrow back to the present.

For those of you seeking hard to find kits, you really ought to go to the Kit Collector's Exposition. It is amazing. Over 100 tables of merchandise, from the very old to the newest kits. Prices from downright cheap to "Gasp, Cough, Gag,....not me, Jose!" Over 1200 shoppers came in the doors. I bought kits that I did not expect to find, or even knew existed, and sold kits that I had hauled around for the last year or more, and only took because there was empty space in the car. I sold about \$250, and with my purchases and expenses, ran the whole weekend with only a slight deficit.

As you read this, the Reno National Air Races are underway. Wish I were there, but SIGH, I will not be, due to my loyalty to our club, and even more so, my loyalty to my checking account! Last time I went was about 7 years ago and then, just Sunday was nearly \$50 with a pit pass.

A lot of events are coming up soon, so make sure you check Coming Attractions for all the events that interest you.

As always, we need you to renew your memberships on time. Look at your date code on your mailing label. If it is highlighted in a color, your dues are either expiring by the next meeting or already overdue.

Those of you who have video tapes, PLEASE return them as I am finally trying to catalog the titles since we are getting so many, and I need the tapes that are out to come back so that I can get the show titles off them.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SWAP & AUCTION: October 8, Airline Collectables Show & Sale, 10AM-4PM, Sheraton Airport Hotel, 1177 Airport Blvd., Burlingame Contact Thomas G. Dragges (415)574-8111

Jan. 15, 1989, West Coast Model Expo, 10AM-4PM

Sunnyvale Hilton Hotel, 1250 Lakeside Dr.

Contact: WCME, 19088 Santa Maria Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546

CONTESTS: Sept. 24, IPMS/Stockton, Seifert Community Ctr., Benjamin Holt Dr. at Alturas, 10:30AM-4PM, Reg. closes 1PM. 18 Adult classes, 7 Junior. Contact: Bob 209/951-9757 or Mike 209/957-5575

Oct. 8-9, IPMS/Reg. II Contest/Convention; REGIXMINCONPAC.

Special Theme: The Missiles of October, Special Class: Model RR

Howard Johnson's, Bradshaw Rd. at Hwy 50, Sacramento

Contact: Pat Liscomb, 916/927-8970, Box 1042, Sacto, CA 95805

Feb. 19, 1989, IPMS/San Jose Scale Modelers, Milpitas Comm. Ctr.

Contact: San Jose Scale Modelers, PO Box 1052, Cupertino 95015

DISPLAYS: October 2, Model Car Show, in conjunction with Modesto Concours D'Elegance. All model cars welcome, special theme: Lincoln Continentals. Contact: Vince Nemanic 209/522-4729 or Bobby Duvalt, 209/577-4769 or write P.O.Box 2327, Modesto, CA 95351

January 14, 1989, NWL Western Nationals - 5th Annual (Model Car)

New Hours: 10AM-10PM, Sunnyvale Hilton, 1250 Lakeside Dr.

Contact: WCME, 19088 Santa Maria Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546

AIR SHOW TEAMS: Blue Angels - 10/8-9; NAS Point Mugu

Thunderbirds - 9/17; Reno (Air Races)

9/18; Vandenberg AFB

10/29; Salinas

10/30; George AFB

11/12; Bakersfield

AUTO RACING: Sears Point International Raceway - 707/938-8448

Sept. 16-18; Super Chevy Sunday Weekend

Sept. 23-25; General Tire SCCA Championship

Oct. 8-9; CSRG Vintage Car Races

Laguna Seca Raceway

Oct. 15-16; Champion Spark Plug 300km - Indy/CART

AIR RACING: Sept. 15-18; Reno Air Races, Contact: Reno Chamber of Commerce

WANT ADS

WANT: Old "Space 1999" kits, especially the large-scale or small-scale Eagle-1 and Hawk Interceptor. Call Mark Schumann - 408/252-2160

WANT: To contact person at last meeting who was interested in airliners, particularly Airfix Boeing 707. See Larry Gross at Meeting.

WANT: Tamiya 1/48 Lancaster Instructions, or copy, in English. Also, who has the sign-up list for the models at the Moffet display? Cliff Kranz

SELL: Vacuum Form Machine; takes 9"x12" sheet, Large 'Little Red Vac', Built-in vacuum pump, nearly new. Retail for \$400, sell for \$200. Contact: Tom Harrison at meeting or 446-1044

SELL: 1/48 Aircraft (includes Tamiya Lancaster) - See Vendor at meeting.