

SAN JOSE SCALE MODELERS



NEXT MEETING: FEB. 21, 1986
TIME: 7:00 for SHOPPING
7:30 Fight For Seats
8:00 Business (maybe)
AT: Mercury Savings
19376 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES -

This month's minutes will more in order of importance than in order of occurrence. This is both so that I can get your attention right away and so that I can get the shock over with so that you can recover before you continue reviewing my abundant adjectives.

Point in case: PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY DISPLAY MODELS OR OTHER "TABLE TOP" ITEMS TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING UNLESS NECESSARY! (PER PRES.)

WHY?!?.....BECAUSE there is going to be ANOTHER KIT SALE!!!!!!! Remember the last one? Models everywhere, either on tables or with feet below them, moving towards the chalkboard to be exchanged for paltry sums of cash.

As before, Jay Sherlock is involved but thankfully this time it is not an estate sale but merely Jay "cleaning house". It must be a big house because once again we are talking about 700 KITS(that is 7 x 100, or 70 x 10, or 7 followed by TWO 0's, or 4 good closets, or 2 pick-up trucks & and a gutted Honda Civic)! Yes, prices will be almost as good as last time, meaning merely ridiculously rather than ludicrously cheap. I mean last time I picked up a VeeDay Bu-181 for something around \$2-3, which I am right now trading to a fellow in Illinois for a kit he was asking \$25 for.

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 PM FOR THIS SALE.

Please allow them until 7:00 to get things set up and do not swarm them as they go in the door with requests of "HOW MUCH FOR THAT!?".

New president Barry Bauer opened the meeting with two other victims of the December no-opposition voting, Dave Cooper, Treasurer and moi as Secretary. And no we will not change our IPMS badges to read Tweedle Dee & Tweedle Dum. Rodney Williams was missing as he was recovering from recent knee surgery.

We had a rather "small" gathering of members & guests, a mere 67 PEOPLE! It was S.R.O. Are we going to have to find a larger place to meet to hold the growing crowds? Guests included; Jerry Holbrook, owner of the new Valley Hobbies in Milpitas, Dave Hansen, salesperson, of that hole-in-the-wall shop, San Antonio Hobby, Richard Vaughn & son Steven(the builder) and Peter Scara(sp?)

Barry reminded us all that membership is still only five dollars per year.

Skeleton modeler Ted Kaufman raised a question about the ruling of whether a model that has won an IPMS Nationals Contest class is allowed to enter a local event. A number of opinions were voiced but the final word from Barry was that they were NOT allowed to enter, but he did state that our rules were fairly vague on this and the real decision was up to the contest director of the event. He did state that such a ruling also applied to the overall winners of previous IPMS/San Jose contests unless the model had been significantly altered or added to.

Rodney needs people early, as in eye-opening 8-8:30 am, for help at February 23 contest, putting up signs, covering tables, etc. He also needs someone to bring roll ends of white newsprint for table covering and someone to do up some signs to go on the fences along

Campbell Avenue to help guide traffic and attract the general public to our doings'.

Brain Leong-Geyer suggested we make them of the permanent variety, such as out of masonite. This idea was neither accepted or rejected but any type of material will be acceptable for this contest(consider weather for your choice of materials).

A question was raised as to what were the rules for Out-Of-The-Box class. These appears later in this issue.

A motion was made to put one of the club's stored showcases into Valley Hobbies in Milpitas as Barry had already discussed this. Jerry Holbrook and Jerry had enthusiastically agreed. We would then have a permanent display in his shop. This motion was accepted.

Yours truly made a motion that we accept advertising in the newsletter from business', limited to a quarter page each, at the rate of \$10 per issue, or \$100 a year or free per issue if that issue offers club members a discount. No great commercialism will be active here, merely visibility for the business' advertising in our newsletter. Four advertisers could virtually pay for the publishing of our newsletter, now running between \$30 & \$45 an issue, including postage. The motion passed with only one dissenting vote. No advertising appears in this issue, I hope it will soon when I have had time to canvas the retailers and companies and prove that our newsletter will be regular and profitable.

Barry also reminded us that the neat little IPMS/San Jose name tags that Tom Harrison is making are still available, although Tom had only 15 blanks left(and now is a month later! ed.)

Also discussed, proposed and accepted was starting up again the "How To" classes for both adults and juniors. Bring your ideas for subjects you would like to see done or instruct yourself, in writing if possible, and will print the ideas. It is hoped we can start the classes for juniors in March. Norm Mocabee has done community instruction before as he told me after the meeting, and would be willing to do some instruction.

Let us all get behind this to exchange more ideas and bring new modelers to the hobby and our club. I suggested that we get four to six identical and cheap model kits and then build a display board to go into our showcase that would show an aircraft in various stages of modeling construction with descriptions about each step. This might help non-members realize some of the help they can obtain through interaction with other modelers and our club.

Along came raffle time and low and behold the winners were Mike Burton, with his patented ear-to-ear grin, and 1/43rd car modeler Bob Gloye.

Next my friend Vorrass Elliot spoke to the club about how he got involved 15 years ago with Don Beck and his racing planes. He showed a number of slides and gave us quite a bit of information about the Formula 1 & Sport Biplane classes. Vorrass told me after the meeting that he really enjoyed the enthusiasm that our members showed for modeling and aircraft, and enjoyed speaking to us.

Our meeting concluded with the usual clumps of modelers drifting to the door and out into the parking lot.

NOTES:

Bring any completed models for the Moffet Field Display to either this meeting or to the contest. After the contest, the models will be moved to the display case in the Castro Middle School until they are transferred to the Moffet Field Display. It would be very helpful if you would bring the models in some kind of container so that they can be transported with out repacking and damage.

For those of you who want something to look at while you are getting your hair cut, I have been told that Charlie's Barber Shop, 2306 Almaden Road in the Willow Glen Center has airplanes hanging all over the ceiling of the shop.

You may have noticed that I got the mailing labels onto my computer that I got for Christmas(for computer fans out there, it is an IBM PC/AT, 256K, DSDD twin drives, mono-monitor and Epson MX-100 138/c dot-matrix printer). Note the top right corner of the label. This is the last month that your membership dues are paid for. Example: SEP86 is obviously September 1986 and means you must renew your membership within two weeks after the meeting to keep the newsletters coming continuously, although if you pay at the following meeting, I may have some extra copies left. Pay attention to that code if you want to keep your membership current.

ATP Inc. has got a new catalog out for airliner kits and decals. Write Clinton Groves for the catalog at 3014 Abelia Ct., San Jose, CA 95121. Include \$1.00.

Tamiya plans to release, in the first half of 1986, the new Rx-7 Mazda, the new Toyota Celica and the Subaru 4wd Sport Coupe(from Al Ernat at D&J). He mentioned other cars, which I will try to get down for next month.

RVF of England is introducing some new and interesting kits:

- 1/72 Vacuform - Bristol T.188
 - Saunders Roe SR A/1
- 1/72 Resin - Northrop X-4
 - Bell X-5
 - Yak-15
 - MD XF-85 Goblin
 - Yak-26
- 1/144 Vacuform - Electra w/ATP decals
 - LA-15
 - Convair 880
 - IAE 33 Fulqui II
 - EMB-110-K1
 - EMB-111

Leoman is also doing some very interesting a/c

- 1/144 Vacuform - Boeing 767
 - Boeing 757
- 1/144 Resin - C-133B Globemaster (!!!)
- 1/72 Resin - Su-11
 - Su-15
 - Su-7UMK
 - Su-22U
 - Su-17M
 - Su-17(Su-20)
 - Su-22
 - Su-20U
 - Su-7BMK
 - Su-25
 - Su-24
 - Su-9
 - Su-9U

I believe these are all very limited production. The example I saw looked quite good, sort of half way between a good vacuform kit and an injection-molded styrene kit, except the panel lines were a little deep.

I was quite pleased when I got the newsletter for the Yerba Buena IPMS and found that the Editor had reprinted my SOAP BOX editorial from the January newsletter as a guest editorial. Gee, I did not know this job was also going to bring me "notoriety".

Interesting Tidbits From the KCC issue I just received:

Joe Daileda is now handling the USA subscriptions for both Airfix Magazine and Wind-Sock. Write: Joe Daileda, 4314 W.238th St., Torrance, CA 90505

Jeff Roberts is producing a line of injection-molded aircraft parts. This line includes props, engines, seats, control columns, tailwheels, exhaust stacks and guns. Send for a price list to: Roberts Models, 18 E. Clay Ave., West Hazelton, PA 18201

Merlin Models has just released Accessory Set No. 1: WWI with a selection of white metal parts. John Burns(KCC) notes that the wicker seat and perforated seat are particularly well done. Their Roland D.II is also ready and includes a few metal parts as well. As I said in my Soap Box column last month, companies need input and Merlin Models is ASKING for it. Their Grebe and Meteor were the direct result of suggestions. Write them at: P.O.Box 5, Wincanton, Somerset, England.

Model Company Update: "Chelun Huang gives us this report: I have corresponded with Alan Hall, editor of Scale Aircraft Modelling, and there is a question as to whether the Airfix molds were saved or on a scrap heap in France. REVELL did not purchase the molds. The factory in France is closed and UK Airfix personnel laid off. Rumor was that the molds were coming to the US but they still may be in France. (KCC Editor's note: ERTL also did not purchase the Airfix molds. One report he got said that TOMY did!) MATCHBOX is also having a difficult time and there may be cutbacks

in their line. It looks like modelers will have to buy via KCC or purchase vacuforms and limited run kits. From Japan I have word that FUJIMI has been planning a line of A-7 Corsair II kits including D, E and K models. FUJIMI will also release or plans to release an F-15 line (who needs more F-15's/KCC ed.) with ASAT missile. King George V 1/350 has been released in Japan and the next ship kit is rumored to be a 1/350 USS Arizona."

The new 3rd Edition Catalog of desk and display models by Rick's Models is out and he has added vacuformed kits to his products. Contact: Rick's Models, 8377 E. State Rt. 571, New Carlisle, OH 45344

Fantastic is the only proper word John Burns could use to describe the new book, THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 1/72 MODELS. It is produced in France by Tom, Claude Boileau and Huynh-Dinh Khoung. The book has text in French, but has 200 pages with many color photos of kits and box art. He also believes they are working on a 1/48 book next. He is not aware of the price, but write: Les Editions Arthaud, Paris, France requesting information about ENCYCLOPEDIA DES MAQUETTES 1/72.

Rodney Williams reports that SMALL PARTS, INC. has a new address: 6891 N.E. Third Ave., Miami, FL 33218-5595. P.O.Box is the same, 381736 with a zip code of 33238-1736. Phone is 305-751-0856. I had one of their catalogues some years ago, loaned it out and never got it back, but I can attest to Rod's recommendation for this company does have an excellent selection of super fine stainless steel tubing for gun barrels, super fine wire mesh screen and many other items.

Rod also comments on the a catalog by MICRO-MARK, the Small Tool Specialist, P.O.Box 5112, Clinton, NJ 08809. It has 48 pages and is loaded with useful tools for modelers. He has one extra copy he will raffle off at this meeting to go to our treasury.

An Open Letter to us from Rodney Williams, VP:

Dear Fellow Modelers:

I would like to thank all of you for my appointment as your Vice-President for 1986. I honor this position and I will do my very best to uphold the duties of this office.

Furthermore, I want to thank all the members of our club plus many other members of all the clubs in IPMS, #9, for your building "TIPS". From the October, 1984 contest to the contest in October, 1985, I was awarded no less than 30 trophies/ribbons for my models. Without your "help", I could not have accomplished this.

As your new VP and Contest Director for our 1986 Annual Contest, you know I need HELP. I have some help already, but I will need some judges.

Recently, I read an article in IPMS/Quarterly and/or Update, about a club changing its' name in honor of a war hero postmortem. I would like to propose to our members the following: Since Robert J. Love is still alive and had been to our club on two separate occasions, that we change our name in honor of him. Mr. Love was with the 355th squadron in Korea, and on April 21, 1952, claimed his 6th kill. We could award him a lifetime honorary membership with a trophy. Maybe we could have a dinner engagement and present him with

this honor. Of course we will have to pay for our own dinners, etc., and buy his. Just a good idea, do something for the living veterans.

Sincerely, Rodney Williams, V.P.; San Jose Scale Modelers.

What Rod does not apparently know is that at the last meeting, the following people signed up on the volunteer sheets(I though I am sure he can always use more):

Early Set-Up -
Rex Barden, Bill Ferrante,
Carl Hanes, Larry Taylor

Judges -
Rex Barden, Matt Matsushita, Kent McClure
Eric McClure, Bob Gloye, David Newman,
Carl Hanes, Mike Jones, Jenny Jones,
Brian Karas, Larry Taylor, G.Kolbo

I, too, will help on both if I can get the day off.

Now I am going to do something I am not supposed to do, as an "impartial" editor, but;

In response to Rodney's suggestion to honor Bob Love by renaming our club, I can not at all agree. Honoring Bob Love I can agree on, but renaming our club, no. Maybe if we were the International Plastic AIRPLANE Modelers Society, I could see it, but in honoring a air war veteran for all our future, we exclude all non-war and non-aircraft modelers to some degree. A counter suggestion of mine might be to honor an individual by naming our annual contest FOR THAT YEAR ONLY after them, inviting them to come, giving them a special award and allowing them to give an award to any one model, solely of their choice. Maybe we could even ask them to speak during judging time to attract a greater part of the general public to attend. 'nough said.

SPEAKING OF HONORING PEOPLE -

Since our last meeting we have all seen, over and over again, the space shuttle Challenger disaster. I for one, am very tired of hearing of Christie, the civilian school teacher and the six other crew members. Seven people died, not one in particular and six others.

Civilian or military, they were all dedicated volunteers, putting aside virtually all other pursuits of their personal lives for one or more years to do something they knew was risky, but which they wanted to challenge. The ship's name was Challenger for a good reason. They were all taking a risk in exchange for a chance to do something few others would have the courage, ability or opportunity to do and the results of which would enrich all mankind to come.

Their loss was, and is, painfully felt to all of us, not just because their deaths were played out live on national or even international television, but because a little bit of each our dreams and our hopes for the future were lifting off the pad with them. I find it most tragic that they died at the beginning of the goal, if they must die, rather than at the end of the goal.

I doubt when it is my time to leave this world that I will be allowed to leave challenging so great and daring a goal. I envy them in their strength, their dedication, their courage, all seven of them, may we never let our dreams die for fear of death itself.

From IPMS Update Vol.14, No. 6, I quote the National Contest Rules for "Out of the Box":

20. "Out of the Box" Contest

Awards: Will be given in each of the following divisions:

- a. Freshmen - Age 13 and below.
- b. Novice - no age limit. Only for those who have never won or placed in Regional or National IPMS contest - BE HONEST!
- c. Senior - open to all age groups and all skills.

Kits: Use any commercially(sic) available(sic) kit at any scale, any era, any subject (aircraft, tanks, ships, cars, figures, etc.) Number of categories is at the discretion of the Host Chapter.

Finish: Painting is open to brush, spraycan, airbrush or natural finish. You may use decals other than those supplied by the kit. You may hand paint insignias or markings instead of using decals. Weathering is permitted.

All models entered in the "Out of the Box" category must be accompanied by the kits' instruction sheets.

Construction:

You May

- a. Fill seams and gaps.
- b. Sand off the rivets.
- c. Drill out gun ports and exhaust pipes.
- d. Thin down parts such as trailing edges, flaps, and doors.

You May Not

- a. Vacuum-form, manufacture or replace any part or substitute parts from any other kit.
- b. Cut or separate(sic) canopies, control surfaces, hatches, doors etc. In other words, no major surgery.
- c. Combine a standard kit with a conversion kit.
- d. Add anything in the cockpit other than that specified on the instruction sheets. You may handpaint instrument panels instead of using decals.
- e. Apply rigging to airplanes, add antennas(sic), or wire radio masts to tanks or vehicles unless shown on the drawings, box art or specified in the instruction sheets.

MEMBERS ADVERTISING -

WANTED - Detail in Scale's Sexy B-17 decals, full or partial sheet. Eric McClure, call 246-0477 or contact at Feb. meeting.

FOR SALE - Back issues of Scale Modeler (Sept '68 to March '78) and Military Modeler (Spring '74 to October '78). Contact Bob: 371-9838 evenings.

WANTED - Monogram 1/48 F-104G, not C. Also need Microscale Convair 990, and old Revell F-102 with retractable landing gear and other working features. Contact Alan Wolcott, 996-3535 or at Feb. meeting.

WANTED - Non-Soviet color scheme(s) for Mig-17 or Yak-23 (especially African). Contact Kent McClure at Feb. meeting.

WANTED - Revell 1/32 P-47 Bubble Top. Contact both Brian Leong-Geyer and Rodney Williams at the February meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS -

Feb. 14, 15 & 16 - AAHS National Convention - Sunnyvale Hilton Hotel, Gamay I & II rms

Feb. 23 - IPMS/San Jose Annual Contest - Castro Middle School, Campbell

Apr. 18-20 - Nor-Cal Model Car Contest - Monterey Custom Car Show

July 31, Aug. 1, 2, & 3 - IPMS National Convention 1986 - Sacramento, Calif.
Write: 1986 IPMS Convention, P.O. Box 1042
Sacramento, CA 95805 or call:
707/448-0114

AAHS MODEL DISPLAY -

They will have six tables reserved just for models from us, each one 6' x 2.5' so that's 90 sq.ft.! Everyone, with or without models to display, is welcome. The only things being charged for are the dinner and the tours.

They would like to have models from all eras of aircraft and aerospace, but will be glad to have anything, particularly civilian and commercial too.

You may bring the models in and display them anytime Friday 2/14 from 5-9 pm and/or on Saturday 2/15 from 8 am - 6 pm. There will be no security overnight but the room will be locked up.

Friday evening will basically be a social event with some swapping, two continuous slide shows and open no-host bar. Saturday will be very active, with lots of swapping going on, the tours leaving, Jay Miller, publisher of Aerofacts and Pete Bowers, historian speaking starting at 2 pm, the dinner with Bill Larking and Bob Lawson speaking and more.

Right now, D&J has a good selection of the Polish-made sailplane models in 1/72. The boxes are colorful, but crude. The models themselves are quite nice and delicate, even though having very few parts. Here is some information I had translated (at no little expense) on one of these.

GIL (SZD-16)

The glider was painted steel-gray with navy blue decorating lines. On the vertical tail unit it had a 15cm wide yellow stripe with the markings SZD-16. The cloth coated parts of the vertical tail unit, the tail plane and the wings were painted white.

Characteristics of the Glider SZD-16/GIL (meaning Bullfinch)

The glider SZD-16 Gil was designed in 1955 in the Gliders Experimental Center. The project was developed by a team headed by Zbigniew Badura, M.Sc., Eng. Due to lack of demand, the project has been deposited in the archives. In 1958, when metal structures became popular, the production of this glider was decided, as a study of a plane with metal fuselage. The test flight of the glider SZD-16 GIL with markings SP-1880 was performed by Adam Zientek on October 20, 1958. The entire certification was completed in July 1959 after 50 hours of flying, using aerotow take-off, winch launching and bungee catapulting.

SZD-16 is a single-seater high-wing monoplane with a wooden and metal structure. It is a study of a mixed structure designed for training purposes.

Fuselage

The front part of the glider, welded from steel tubes and cloth coated, passes into a conical tube of duralumin plate with the vertical tail unit at its end. It has two catches, one in the front and one in the rear part, and one hook for bungee catapulting. The middle skid is cushioned with foam rubber.

Wings - Of rectangular-trapezoidal planform, wooden monospar, with swept-back auxiliary spar. Covered with plywood in the front part and with cloth in the rear part. The wing root profile is NACA-43012 A, strongly thickened to improve the form of the wing-fuselage passage.

Control Surfaces - wooden structure, stab covered in plywood, rudder with cloth.

DATA: Span 13.5m, Length 6.85m, Height 1.46m, Lifting surface 14m-squared, Base weight 181 kg, All-up weight 250 kg, Lift/drag ratio 19.8, Optimum speed 70 km/h, Minimum 52 km/h, Permissible diving speed 200 km/h.



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