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IPMS Ottawa Newsletter



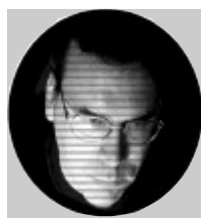
The Prez Sez *Paul Eastwood*

Capcon is looming. We need volunteers to help Roch Graveline with registration, Morley Verdery with security, and Michael Roy with donated raffle materials. A number of club members have already offered their services, but there is always room for more. We will also need help with the setup of the rooms on the morning of the show, and in clearing up afterwards. The show organization is progressing very well. Juan Lopez has completed the plaque artwork, and it is absolutely stunning.

Tonight we have a slide show by Peter Steacey on the recent IPMS USA Nationals, and, time permitting, a brief technical demonstration by Hank Gruben. See you all at Capcon on September 13th. Please keep in mind that you are representing IPMS Ottawa at the show. Let's do all we can to make the event a success. Happy modelling.



August 16, 2003. MCCLURE, B.C. - Sergeant Roger Carrasqueira, artillery soldier, First Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, based in Shilo, Man., targets a 'hot spot' with a one-inch hose (left), while Master Bombardier Jon Hawting (right), uses a pulaski tool to expose 'hot spots' August 16 in McClure, B.C. in support against extreme forest fire conditions in British Columbia. Photo MCpl Eric Jacques Garrison Edmonton Imaging



Quick Edits *Rants and Raves from your editor...*

Just imagine walking into a club meeting or a model contest show room, placing your model on the table, and then having a group of guys walk over and head butt you. Then, to make matters worse, they begin to criticize your mental capacity and your modelling capabilities. Sound far fetched? If you get rid of the dramatic element of the head butt you still have a decent picture of what seems to happen at every show.

What is worse, I have seen such behaviour time and time again at the various club meetings I

have attended in the United States and Canada. Somewhere along the line, modelling changed from being what used to be called a "hobby" and became a competitive (should we say 'Blood') sport, complete with groupies and trash talking.

Some may say that we are in a golden age of modelling and base this on the plethora of kits, accessories and books that are on the market and the increase in talent in the hobby over the last few years. If that is the standard by which we judge this hobby, then we could consider it a golden age if one person was producing said items and another was the sole consumer. The real golden age of modelling in my mind at least, took place in the 1980s and has yet to be surpassed. There were hobby shops and usually a fair sized model club in every town. Those clubs put on yearly shows which not only had decent attendance but a sizeable number of entries on the table.

So what can be done? To start I don't believe we will ever see a return of the number of modellers that there were in the 1980s for various reasons that I won't get into here. However, keeping a civil tongue around the model tables at shows and meetings would be a start. We as a group (and I speak in global terms) cannot afford to loose potential fellow hobbyists. Don't criticize the work of others unless they ask you for your opinion and then, try to remember that constructive criticism works best.

Capcon, like every other model show, attracts a large number of first time attendees. These people are potential modellers and therefore potential club members. If you meet someone who is new to the hobby, invite them out to a meeting if they are from Ottawa. It might just improve their modelling.



IPMS Ottawa Info

a chapter of IPMS Canada

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President: Paul Eastwood
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Meetings

First Wednesday of each month, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Canada Science and Technology Museum, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa.

Visitors and guests are always welcome!

Membership

Dues are \$15.00 per year, which permits members to take part in club contests, events, and the Annual Member's Auction.

Newsletter

Post Strike is the official newsletter of the Ottawa chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society. The views and opinions expressed in this journal are those of its contributors and authors and are not necessarily those of IPMS Ottawa.

The newsletter is used to convey timely information to club members. Articles are always welcome and will be published on the IPMSOttawa.ca website. Send submissions to djn@dana-nield.com

IPMS CANADA

www.ipmscanada.com

IPMS Ottawa members are encouraged to join IPMS Canada, our national association and parent body. Membership is \$24.00 per year and include 6 issues of their superb publication, RT. The most recent issue includes:



RT 28/2:

Modelling an RCD Sherman in Korea

SOB - The Tamiya P-47D Thunderbolt

Detailing the 1/48 Hobbycraft YP-59 Airacomet

Luftwaffe MiG 29s at Maple Flag 2000

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Events

September 6th
VIMY HOUSE CLOSES!
Get there while you can.

Thursday September 11th
AMPS Ottawa Meeting
Nepean Museum

September 13, 2003
CAPCON!
Neapean Sportsplex

September 20, 2003
Kalamazoo, Michigan
Kalamazoo Air Zoo Contest
Kalamazoo Air Zoo Flight Center
3101 E. Milham Road

September 21, 2003
ROCON 24
40 & 8 Club
933 University Ave.
Rochester, NY
IPMS/ Rochester Scale Modelers
Jim Kloek 585-385-3899

Wednesday October 1st
IPMS Ottawa Meeting
Contest: Small Scale:
Aircraft - 1/72 or smaller Aircraft
Armour - 1/48 and smaller
Figures - 54mm and smaller.
Ships - 1/700 and smaller
Automotive - 1/24 and smaller
Sci-Tech Museum

October 19, 2003
Syracuse, New York
SyrCon 16
Knights of Columbus
135 State Fair Blvd.
IPMS/Syracuse
Gary Haven 315-487-3465

October, 2003
Dorval Show
No details yet...

Wednesday November 5th
IPMS Ottawa Meeting
Contest: Ad Hoc
Sci-Tech Museum

Thursday November 13th
AMPS Ottawa Meeting
Nepean Museum

Wednesday December 3rd
IPMS Ottawa Meeting
Contest: Out of the Box
Sci-Tech Museum

Thursday December 11th
AMPS Ottawa Meeting
Nepean Museum



Classified Ads

Painting Technique Seminar:

Your editor will be holding a retreat on Sunday September 14th at Commando Paintball, (commandopaintball.ca) which is also the employer of our very own Stephen Millstone-Turner. If you feel like a day running around the woods whilst armed with a paintball gun, please contact me via email (djn@dana-nield.com) for further details.

Wanted: YOU to do a seminar or presentation. The Club.

Wanted: Webmaster for club website. See Paul.



Next Month:

*Ch-ch-Changes
Oh, look out you
rock 'n rollers!*