

IPMS Orange County

Southern California's Premier Model Club



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July's Meeting

Date: Friday July 19th
Doors Open 7:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:30-10:00 p.m.
Location: La Quinta Inn
3 Centerpointe Dr.
La Palma, CA 90623
Theme: I Love America

From Our President

Tick Tock Tick Tock...

That's the sound of the Thin Air Nationals creeping up on you. If you are preparing to go to Colorado next month for the IPMS USA National contest you have a little more than a month (at the times I write this) to get your projects done for the big show.

Speaking of contests, MiniCon put on by the IPMS Ontario guys was on June 29th, and once again there were several Orange County guys there to represent. Several of the OC Members took home awards. I think I heard the model count was just over 300 with arguably a third of those modeling in the automotive categories. A couple of the categories were a bit screwy and was never really explained as to what happened. Also, I did hear a lot of uncharacteristic grumblings throughout the room when winners in a few of the categories were announced.

There are many changes coming to IPMS Orange County and all of them are good so there's nothing to fret there. If you would like inside knowledge or want to be a part of the upcoming and ongoing changes all you need to do is come to the e-board meetings and participate in the discussions and decision making. Just let me know and I will put you on the e-mail list announcing when the e-board

meets each month. the meeting can jump around a bit but basically we try to keep it around the last Saturday or first Saturday of the next month.

A couple of the change we talked about at the last meeting. First up, Joe LoMusio will be taking over as the club's webmaster. So look out for some new and exciting changes coming to the web site in the very near future. Second is that Terry Huber will be taking over as the Newsletter Editor and he also has some exciting things in store for us. Terry takes over for Nat Richards who has handled the Newsletter for the past 5-6 years. So please be sure to thank Nat for all his hard work and also let him know he deserves this much needed vacation from the position.

Last month we held our bi-annual Distressed Kit Auction, and as promised it was a hoot. But I will say that this was one of the smaller auctions we have had in quite a while. The raffle brought in \$259.

Well I hope everyone is making lots of progress on their Nationals builds and they get everything done that they want to with plenty of time to spare. So that's it from me for now and remember to keep on modeling.

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IPMS/USA Membership

Membership is of importance, both here at the level of the local chapter as well as at the National level.

Our club is one of 230 plus local chapters of our parent organization, IPMS USA. As a long time member of the National, I can highly recommend the expenditure of the additional dollars to become a member of the National. With membership comes, among other things, six copies of the IPMS Journal and the right to participate at the IPMS Nationals. The subscription to the Journal alone is worth the modest cost of joining. A

copy of the membership application is below or available on our web site or at www.ipmsusa.org. Complete it and return it to the address on the form.

International Plastic Modelers' Society Membership Application

IPMS No. _____ Name _____
(Leave Blank if New) First MI Last
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
Email: _____
Phone: Area Code: _____ Number: _____
Chapter Affiliation, if any: _____
(Current Members Only)
 Check here if new address, and list old Zip Code _____ - _____
 Junior (17 years old and younger) \$12; Birth date: _____
 Adult \$25; Adult 2 Yrs \$49; Adult 3 yrs \$73
 Canada & Mexico \$32; Foreign (Sea) \$32; Foreign (Air) \$55
 Family (Adult Membership + \$5, one set of Journals,
Number of Membership Cards required _____)
 If recommended by an IPMS member, please provide his/her
Name: _____ IPMS# _____
Mail completed application and check payable to IPMS/USA to:
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Complainer's Corner

By Nat Richards

In case you have not seen it, there is an excellent article in the current issue of Airfix Model-World (the one with the Hawker Typhoon on the cover) on how kits are researched, designed, molds made, parts made and then the completed kits shipped. But there is far more to the supply side of the model industry, much of which my fellow modelers do not fully comprehend.

Even before a model is released to distributors and dealers, the manufacturer sends some of the first kits (often called test shots) out to various magazines for review. This often gives the magazine a 3 to 4 month head start on the release of the kit...this way the build and review will be in print at the same time the kit is available to the public.

Sometimes, either through faster publication schedule or a delay in the actual release of the kit, the articles can be in print for weeks or months before the kit is actually available to the public. To illustrate this, I call your attention to the Revell 1/32 scale He 219, which was delayed in production at the last minute, yet the magazine build article appeared on schedule. The point of this is, just because you have seen it in a magazine, does not mean that it is available yet.

Related to the above, when it comes to European and Asian manufacturers, it's released in their home country and can take 6 to 8 weeks for the container of kits to cross the oceans, then go to the distributor, then out to the shops. So during the mean time, if you see it for

sale on HLJ or Hannants, it doesn't mean we have it here. Yes, you can buy it from HLJ or Hannants and have it shipped by air and still have it arrive here before the US distributors have received their container shipped by sea.

Then there are those vendors who offer it on sale via their website weeks before the brick and mortar stores have it. Before you lean on the local shop clerk and try and make him/her feel negligent or incompetent, call the web retailer and ask them if they actually have it in stock or are they just taking orders against future shipments.

Finally, the model industry has changed a lot in the past ten or fifteen years. Manufacturers

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From Our Treasurer

Meeting Statistics for the meeting in June 2013

Admission

Members	30	Distressed Kits	\$	259.00
Non-Members	7	Raffle Income	\$	186.00
Juniors	0			
Paid in Full	6	Total Income	\$	689.00
Guests	0	Total Expenses	\$	350.57
Total Attendance	43	Profit/(loss)	\$	338.43
Memberships/Renewals:				
Regular	2	\$ in Checking	\$	1,172.88
Youth	0	\$ in Savings	\$	4,309.69
Full Year	0	Total in Bank	\$	5,482.57

Contest Table

By Darnell Pocinich

Due to illness, Darnell was unable to provide us with Contest Results for June, MOTY Points from June, or a column for this month's newsletter. All of those things will appear in August's Newsletter.

We are not sure, as I write this, if Darnell will be at the July meeting or not...but I am sure he would appreciate your concern for his health.

So with that, I reprint a part of his June Column talking about the July contest theme and remind everyone doing Models for the Chapter Entry to bring them along to the July meeting. - Ed

In July we celebrate our nation's independence. The month model contest theme will be "I Love America". Any American-produced kit will qualify. Entries open to all subjects and scales. Kits from Revell, Monogram, Hawk, Aurora, AMT and Lindberg would fit. I am sure there are other brands I have overlooked. Let's wish the good old USA a Happy Birthday and enter a model or two. But remember, fireworks and plastic do not mix well. See you all on July 19th.

July Program

By Sean Fallesen

We had a rare occurrence at the June meeting: We actually sold the entire stash of distressed kits! Okay, there is a chance I may have another box or two buried somewhere that I lost track of, but unless and until I find them, we'll be needing completely fresh donations for the December auction. It has been several years since that happened!

This month, we will be having a very special presentation by Konrad Schreier on soldering. I have often been asked by people looking at my ship masts if I soldered them. I've never understood why they'd always ask such a thing as I can't even imagine how you'd do it. Let's

find out! Please give Konrad a warm welcome as he comes to share his knowledge!

Lastly, time is up! It is now time to turn in your contributions to our Club Entries for the IPMS Nationals. Once again, our three themes are: 1:72 Mustangs, 1963 Drive-in, and Hollywood Backlot. My Mustangs are coming along decently, but this General Lee is fighting me every step of the way. Will I defeat it? We'll know by the 19th!

Ed Roth Challenge

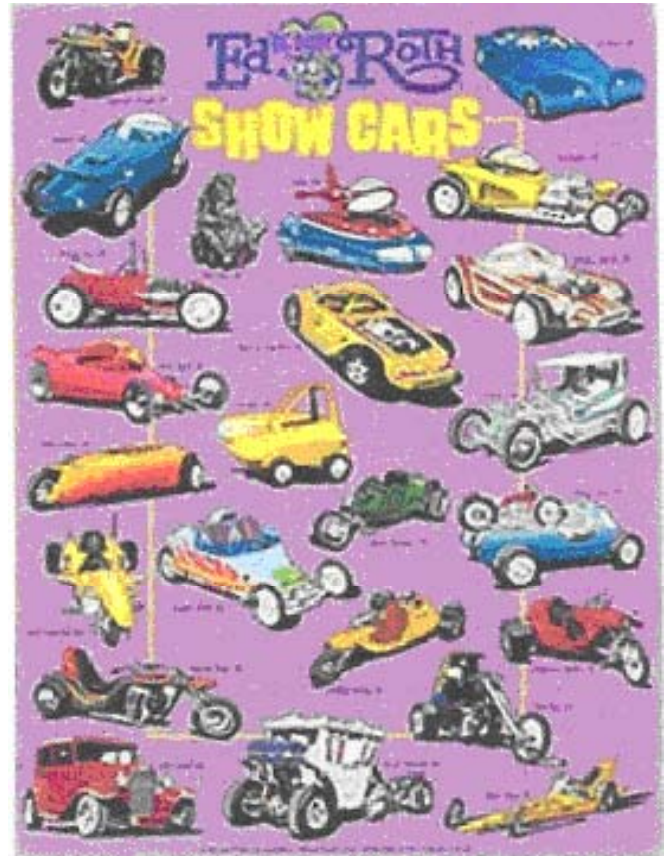
By Foster Rash

Are you getting ready for the Ed Roth Challenge at the August 16 IPMS OC meeting? It will be a Rat Fink Reunion! Dirty Doug and Moldy Marvin have been working hard cleaning up the shop getting ready for an open house. Big Daddy has donned his top hat and tails!



How many Roth creations can we have on the table? In addition to all the Revell kits, others such as Rotar and Orbitron were released in resin. Does anyone have the rarest of all, the *Druid Princess*?

Mostly scratchbuilt *Druid Princess* using resin body (photos found on internet)



Club Website News

By Joe Lo Musio

Progress on the design of our new website is moving along. As I have mentioned to certain E-Board members, I have been devoting most of the time to the creation of the new site, utilizing Drupal 7 software and web design, and I have done very little with the current website. I admit that, knowing that the current site needs massive updating, but realizing that spending valuable time updating the current site only to launch a new site that replaces it doesn't make much sense. Having said that, I hope to at least add the OrangeCon flier to the current site, if I can get FrontPage to cooperate.

I am eager to get the new site online as soon as possible. If you were at June's club meeting, you will recall that I handed out "Members Profile Info" forms. A number of you responded that night - seven, to be exact (Terry Huber, Sean Fallesen, John Clayton, Don Drummer, William Green, Darnell Pocinich and Jake Holshuh). More of you took the forms and hopefully will have them filled out by the July meeting. You can also email me the information. Don't forget, this is just a way for all of us to get to know each other a little better and to appreciate how we have arrived at similar paths to this great hobby of ours. My plan, as the webmaster, is to post on our website a member profile each month, along with your photo, and, perhaps, some photos of some of your favorite models.

The Members profile information that you can email me is simply this:

- ◆ Name and Date of Birth
- ◆ Where do you live / where were you born?
- ◆ Are you married / family information
- ◆ Did you serve in the Armed Forces?
- ◆ Your profession, vocation and/or retired?
- ◆ When did you start modeling?
- ◆ What are you favorite subjects to model?
- ◆ Do you have a favorite scale to model?
- ◆ Any other "bio" info about yourself that you would like to share.

Be sure to attach a photo(s). I'll keep everything on file, and I promise not to divulge any of it to the IRS! (If we were on FaceBook, I would put "LOL" here.)

Please take note of one more thing - I have decided to create a new email address for me to receive mail all things related to IPMSOC. It is ocipms.joe@gmail.com. Please add that to your contact lists and use it now (rather than otjoe@roadrunner.com). Thanks.

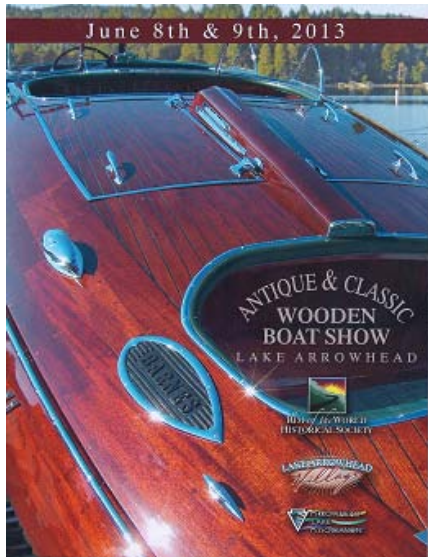
Wooden Boat Show

By Foster Rash

The Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show is an annual event sponsored by the Rim of the World Historical Society (www.rimoftheworldhistory.com). Lake Arrowhead is in the local mountains and is about a 90 minute drive from Orange County. The day of the show was bright and sunny with temperatures close

to 90 degrees. The breeze coming off the lake felt good! There were about two dozen beautifully restored boats on display. The featured boat was the 22" Billy Bea II which was built in 1936.

The event has also come to attract other things wooden, such as woodie station wagons, teardrop trailers, collections of '30's-'50's travel/camping memorabilia, vintage surfboards, boat modelers and old outboard motor collectors. There are usually some nice old cars, hot rods and motorcycles to be seen in the parking lot. The Inland Nautical Society (www.inlandnauticalociety.com) had an impressive display of radio controlled models. Included is a flyer for their upcoming Fall Regatta. Non-profit groups sell T shirts, books and other items related to the history of the local mountains.



The featured boat Billy Bea II



Wooden Boat Show



As we were leaving, I spotted a gorgeous Jaguar XK140 in the parking lot. The car was identical, even to the color, of the one I once owned. What memories it brought back (mostly of sitting at the roadside waiting for a tow truck)!

This is a pleasant half day event. The car show is free but there was a \$3 charge to go out on the docks. The boat docks are adjacent to Lake Arrowhead Village with plenty of cutesy shops and places for a lakeside brunch (even a McDonald's). Ample free parking. Driving down the mountain, you will see some spectacular views of the Inland Empire. There are several turnouts if you want to gawk and take some photos.



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FAIRMOUNT PARK, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
SUNDAY
September 22ND, 2013

EVENT WILL INCLUDE:
COURSE NAVIGATION,
and SAIL RACES
plus
RAFFLE for GREAT GOOD PRIZES

Event sponsored and held by: Inland Nautical Society, Riverside California
Visit us at: www.inlandnautical.org

IPMS National Tours

Four exciting tours have been prepared for the attendees of the 2013 IPMS National Convention in Loveland, Colorado, August 14-17.

Scheduled for Thursday, August 15, is our tour of Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, Colorado. Buckley AFB is the home of the Colorado Air National Guard's 120th Fighter Squadron, 140th Fighter Wing and the Colorado Army National Guard's Aviation Support Facility. The tour of the CoANG's facility is planned to include viewing the 120th's F-16s take off or land, a mission briefing, checking out the pilot gear, the parachute trainer and F-16 trainer cockpit, and inspecting an F-16 up-close in the hangar with a maintenance chief available to answer questions. After a lunch in the Buckley base commissary food court (lunch cost not included in the tour fee) we will visit the CoANG's Aviation Support Facility to inspect their UH-60 Blackhawks and the brand-new UH-70 Lakota helicopters (other helos may also be available). A photo stop at the CoANG's gate guard display aircraft is also planned where the Minutemen F-86, F-100C, and A-7D are displayed.

RESERVATIONS FOR THIS TOUR CAN ONLY BE MADE ONLINE THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO JULY 28. No signups for this tour will be

accepted at the convention.

In accordance with Department of Defense policy, this tour is limited to only US Citizens sixteen years old and over and Social Security Numbers and drivers license information must be provided prior to the convention start date.

Our visit to the Wings Over The Rockies Air and Space Museum in Denver is planned for Friday, August 16. The museum's curator is a model builder affiliated with the Denver IPMS chapters and because of this, the tour will feature rare opportunities to view the cockpits and open servicing panels of several of the museum's aircraft. This also includes very rarely granted access to the Number 3 prototype B-1A's cockpit. You will definitely want to bring your camera and paint swatches to compare to the real colors on the real aircraft. Signups for this tour should be made online through the website in order to insure your seat on the tour.

A one-of-a-kind tour for automobile enthusiasts is being offered on Saturday, August 17. This Autophile Tour includes visits to the Cussler Museum in Arvada and the Shelby American Collection museum in Boulder. The Cussler Museum contains a selected set (around 80 cars) of adventure author Clive Cussler's personal automobile

collection. The Cussler Museum is normally closed on weekends and special arrangements have been made to open it exclusively for the members of this tour. This collection includes mostly antique, classic, and unique automobiles restored to museum quality. The Shelby American Collection features Shelby autos and Ford Mustangs related to racing legend Carroll Shelby. This museum also displays many racing artifacts and other racing memorabilia. Signups for this tour should be made online through the website in order to insure your seat on the tour. Note that this tour occurs on the same day and time as the Rocky Mountain National Park tour. Please don't sign up for both tours.

Also scheduled for Saturday, August 17 is something completely different, a visit to Rocky Mountain National Park in the pristine mountains of Colorado. The IPMS Nationals convention location is actually on Colorado's eastern plains farm country. In order to see the splendor that is Colorado's high country, you must travel west into the heart of the Rocky Mountains. The members of the National convention planning committee thought it would be a shame if people traveled all the way to Colorado and didn't experience the spectacle of its mountains. So this tour was added to provide convention

IPMS National Tours

visitors with the opportunity to view the magnificence and beauty of the Colorado Rockies. The planned tour route will wind through mountain forests passing timberline into high alpine meadows revealing magnificent mountain vistas along the way. The destination is the Alpine Visitors Center which is located at an altitude of over 12,000 feet above sea level along the highest continuous paved road in the United States. Wildlife such as elk and rocky mountain big horn sheep can often be seen and stops will be made for wildlife and scenic photography. A stop at a clear blue mountain lake is also planned, complete with an optional short hike around it. This tour will include a box lunch for you to enjoy in the presence of the Colorado Rockies. Cameras and binoculars are recommended. Please read the description for this tour on the convention website to learn about health precautions that you may find applicable.

RESERVATIONS FOR THIS TOUR CAN ONLY BE MADE ONLINE THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO JULY 28. No signups for this tour will be accepted at the convention.

Note that this tour occurs on the same day and time as the Cussler Museum/Shelby

American Collection Tour. Please don't sign up for both tours.

Information about all of these tours can found at: <http://www.ipmsusa2013.com/index.cfm?mode=tours>

Tour reservations can be made online at: http://www.ipmsusa2.org/store/nats_tours.html

And if you've attended recent IPMS National Conventions, you may recall the unpleasant experience of standing in long, time-consuming lines to register onsite. This year will be no different and you can avoid this long wait simply by registering for the convention online in advance prior to Sunday, July 28.

Early online registration is offered through the IPMS/USA Online Store website at: http://www.ipmsusa2.org/store/nats2013_registration.html

Complete information about the 2013 IPMS National Convention facilities, contest categories, schedule, seminars, vendor information, and 2013 Nationals planning committee contacts can be found at: <http://www.ipmsusa2013.com>

This is the first IPMS National Convention to be held in Colorado and the IPMS Colorado National Convention

Committee members have planned an event worthy of celebrating the kickoff of IPMS/USA's 50th Anniversary year!

We'll see you in Colorado next month!

Martin Sagara
Tour Coordinator

IPMS Colorado National
Convention Committee

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Lower Left Coast NNL V

Saturday, August 17, 2013 • 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Carlsbad Senior Center
799 Pine St., Carlsbad, CA

**Theme:
Custom Cars**

Sponsored by



A benefit fundraiser for



*A camp for children with chronic medical
conditions and serious illnesses*

Entry Fees

Adults: \$10.00 (up to 10 entries), additional entries \$1.00 each

Juniors (16 and under): Free (up to 10 entries), additional entries \$1.00 each

Military: Free with valid Military ID (up to 10 models), additional entries \$1.00 each

Downloadable forms and contact info available on our web site

www.LowerLeftCoastNNL.org

Complainer's Corner..continued

are making shorter runs of kits. They will sell out sooner than they use to. Yes, it's true that the kit will get another production run, sooner or later, so you can get it at some future point but it will likely be a different release with different decals. If you really want a certain set of markings, you need to get them while you can. The same applies to the Decal and Resin parts manufacturers. I frequently hear from ones seeking an old decal sheet from the 1970s or 80s and they can not comprehend that it is no longer available. The

manufacturers are not making big runs of product like they use to. The old art from the 70s, 80s and early 90s is not viable for today's higher quality production techniques. So a new production run is highly unlikely. Just because you read about some resin set or decal set in an old magazine article or web review, doesn't mean you can still get it new at the local hobby shop.

with at the local hobby shop. They want to help you. They want to sell you the products that you seek. They have a real and significant interest in making you happy. If you are nice to them, treat them as the knowledgeable resources they usually are, rather than like the village idiot, you might just be surprised how much they will appreciate your understanding and reasonableness.

Why do I bring this up? I just want to encourage my fellow modelers to give some thought to the people you are dealing

Changes

By Nat Richards

As mentioned in the President's Column, this is my last issue as Editor of the IPMS/OC Newsletter. Effective with the August issue Terry Huber will be carrying that load. As a result, all future submissions should go directly to Terry, but if you forget I will happily forward them on.

This is actually the end of my fourth stint as Editor. Thinking back I reckon that I have done it for some 15 years of the last 21 ½.

New ideas and view points are vital to refreshing the newsletter. Sad to report, I have pretty much run out of fresh ideas for now.

I have every confidence in Terry's ability to do a great job with the newsletter. He has some excellent ideas on where he wants to take the newsletter. So we can all look forward to his hard work benefiting all of us. We can all share in supporting his efforts and making his job

easier by contributing articles of all types to him for inclusion in the newsletter.

In the immortal words of a beloved American cartoon character.....Th...th...th... that's all folks!

