

The Plastic Whittler



Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, June 21st**. Rather than our normal meeting place at HobbyTown USA we're going to meet at **East Brainerd Church of Christ**. There are a couple of reasons for this change this month. First we are going to walkdown the area reserved for our show in January. Second John Brooks is going to provide us with a screening of The Red Baron. We'll meet at **6 pm** to look the area over. We'll start the movie around **7 pm**. According to my sources on the internet the movie runs about 106 minutes. Movies and Models—it doesn't get any better than this!!!

For directions—take exit 3 from I-75 and go east on East Brainerd Road. The church is on your left about 1.6 miles after leaving I-75. It is across the street from the Taco Bell.

See you there.....

Last month's meeting we met Allan Brown. Allan comes to us from Canada by way of Atlanta. He

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
Atlanta Model Expo 2010 - Region 3 Convention	June 26, 2010
IPMS National Convention Phoenix, AZ	8/4-7/2010
IPMS/Huntsville	Oct ???, 2010
IPMS Murfreesboro Show	Nov 6, 2010
IPMS Chattanooga Show	Jan 22, 2011



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builds 1/48 Aircraft. Mike Moore and I have traded e-mails with Dave Wells. Like Allan he is new to the area and is looking for a club home. Let's welcome both of these gentlemen into our Band of Nuts.....

Also in this issue: An article by Mike Moore on his recent trip to King Con in Memphis.

Also note the upcoming Atlanta Regional's is now a one day show.....



My Apologies to Lynn, and Karma's a B*^&H

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Road Trip to Memphis - King Con 2010

By Mike Moore

Ok, first off, my apologies to Lynn. For a few years at least now, you've been reading in these show reports of my misadventures finding my way places with Lynn. There was the time we were coming back from Virginia Beach from the 2008 Nationals and we almost ended up getting to Atlanta on 85 before we figured out we missed the turn. There was the time we did almost a full lap around the Cobb Civic Center, only about a mile out, before we got there. And there was the time we went over to the Space Center in Huntsville during the show, and almost didn't make it back before they locked the doors because we couldn't find our way back. The common thread being me and Lynn in the car together. Naturally I've always blamed him.

Well, this time it was me and Dave Reed (guy from Murfreesboro) on the road. Poor Dave. I had to make a little side trip to Clarksville to check a project (and with mileage reimbursements at near \$0.50 per mile, all my gas to Memphis is paid for!). Unfortunately for Dave, a quick fly by to check progress turned into the flooring equivalent of a UN Peacekeeping mission with me as the UN trying to keep the peace between two flooring installers. 4 hours after arrival, a VERY bored Dave and I pulled out of Clarksville and headed southeast. And promptly missed a turn, leaving us wandering the hinterlands of North Central Tennessee. I kept telling Dave that as long as the sun was coming more or less through his window, we had to hit I-40 before we got to Mississippi or Alabama. He got a little concerned when the rain clouds blocked the sun, but we got to I-40 and then Memphis OK. But it does make me wonder if it is me, and not Lynn. If it is me, I'm sorry Lynn.

The show was nice. A little light on the turn out being Memorial Day weekend, but there was some really nice work on display. And the Chattanooga Scale Modelers accounted for themselves nicely. Tom took firsts in two aircraft categories, Sci-Fi, and at least one armor category. I picked up a first and two thirds. Tom also came home with Best Armor and Best Sci-Fi, AND his Marder also was awarded the "Ralph" award. The Ralph is an award for, essentially a silk purse from a sow's ear, or, the best result from the worst kit. I understand my DH.2 was in the running, but that Alan Marder is apparently a REALLY SUCKY kit!

As for Karma, yeah, it's a beotch. The last show was Anniston. Tom's I-16 was in the running, but at the last second, one of the judges noticed a smudge on the back of a propeller blade. That dropped it from first to second. Being one of the judges, I told Tom about it, knowing he could easily fix it. It was appar-



ently a REAL easy fix. At the next meeting Tom gave me grief for not wiping the dust off the prop! Well, this time it was my turn, sort of. As we were packing things up, we several of us were standing around the 1/72 jets when I noted that my Harrier had been passed over (at least the Canberra got a third). One of the judges was standing just across the table and told me the main gear wasn't touching the "ground". Tom can probably attest to the look of shock on my face. I was really sure that couldn't be the case. With the landing gear configuration on that aircraft I knew during the final assembly that it would be easy to screw up, so I'd very carefully checked to make sure all was well. But sure enough, when I got down and looked, there it was, light under the main wheels. Damn, I mean DAMN. But at least it looked like an easy fix, just sand the outriggers down a bit, and all should be well. But when I looked at the model on the bench again last week, all the wheels touched again. Uuhhh? Turns out the surface of the base had shrunk and is now concave. I'll be doing a little runway repair project before the trip to Marietta at the end of the month.

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Lessons learned?

- 1) Don't ride with me to a show.
- 2) Dust your model.
- 3) Check your bases.
- 4) DON'T put out the trophies until you are ready for pandemonium to start. Once guys see trophies or awards hit the tables, they assume the judging is all done, and the rush to pack up starts. Gotta keep that one in mind for next January.





SATURDAY

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MODEL CONTEST

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER
315 JOHN RICE BLVD, MURFREESBORO, TN 37129**

Doors open for vendors @ 6:30am • Doors Open to the public @ 8am • Registration from 8am to 12:00pm
Judging begins at 12:30pm • Awards presentation at 4:00pm • Hall must be vacated by 6pm

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Chattanooga Scale Modelers



January 22 2011

A look back...A look Ahead

The Chattanooga Scale Modelers are pleased (and terrified) to announce we are finally tired of never answering the question of when we will host a show. The time has come. We are either going to get run over by posterity, or get on and ride off into the sunset. Either way, we are going to host a show on January 22, 2011.

Many of the details are still being worked out, but for now, we'd really appreciate you blocking out that day to come to Chattanooga and help us make this venture a success. We are planning some different things for our show. First off, we'll judge it using Gold, Silver, Bronze judging. Second, we are calling this show "A Look Back...A Look Ahead". This will be the first Region 3 show of 2011. We want to be the first place folks see some of what 2011 will bring on the tables. But we also want to make it the last place to see some of the best work of 2010. If you've got a model that won during the year, including at the Regional or Nationals, or one you're just really fond of, bring it out for one last look before retiring it permanently to the display case.

We've got some other new ideas in mind, but they haven't all been worked out yet. So for now keep your eyes open at coming shows for new flyers with more details, but for now, mark your calendars for January 22, 2011 for a visit to Chattanooga.

