



The Plastic Whittler



Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 21st at 7:00 pm**, at HobbyTown USA near Hamilton Place Mall.

Well It's A Wrap!

Well guys we did it!

January 22 came and went in a flash! It took me a few days to wind down as I'm sure it did everyone!

How do you write it up in the newsletter? You really can't..... We were of course overwhelmed with more models than anyone ever imagined! That caused some wrinkles we didn't expect,



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including running long on the awards time. Everyone I've talked to has shown complete understanding. (See Mike's report on the next page!) I saw a lot of folks really step up to make sure things went as well as they did and I'm very appreciative of it!!

There are a lot of photos from the show in this issue. I've got Dave's complete set of photos into a PowerPoint show. I'll bring the laptop to the meeting next week and we'll keep those running to show along with our review of the day.

A lot of us have been talking in terms of an "After Action Report" in fact we've been seeking out comments from near and far.

This Issue

Anyway this issue has turned into an 18 page Whopper! Not just our show but a lot of advertisements for upcoming shows in the region, (there is a lot going on!!) a report on the show in Birmingham, and a short product report. Enjoy!

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
AMPS Atlanta & Model Soldier Show	Feb 18-20, 2011
MTMA - Cookeville	Mar 12, 2011
IPMS/Knoxville	Mar 26, 2011
Phantom Phurball—Anniston Alabama	April 16th, 2011
KING-CON (Memphis)	May 28, 2011
IPMS/Warner Robins	June 4, 2011
IPMS/Marietta	June 25, 2011

A Short Show Report by Mike Moore

A Look Back...A Look Ahead

Ok, for now, I'm looking back. And honestly, looking ahead too! I know I sent out an email to everyone on Lynn's email address list to say thanks for such an excellent effort.

My only regret from the day is that I really didn't see much of the models or my friends. I suppose it goes with being the nominal Show Chairman, as well as perhaps the chief rabble rouser getting the show idea rolling downhill (or is that up hill?). What ever the case, we can all take a deep breath and pat ourselves collectively on the back and say a rousing WELL DONE. We not only held our first show, we did a great job of it. And we tried a lot of new things.

I'll have a much more comprehensive report on the show to pass out to everyone at the next club meeting, but here are a few factoids:

Entrants – 83

Models on the tables – 487

Gold Medals – 99

Silver Medals – 199

Bronze Medals – 127

Number of complaints – 0

Seriously. I got up Sunday morning and started checking the internet forums, Hyperscale, Aircraft Resource Center, IPMS, etc. I was expecting to see some less than glowing posts. I figured that at the very least, there would be a group that was not at all happy that we ran long, or someone thought the awards were not up to snuff, or they really didn't like....well, suffice to say, there was none of that. Same thing Monday, and Tuesday. And when I started letting folks know what we were doing to make sure they got the medals they deserved, all the responses I got were very positive.

Make no mistake, it wasn't perfect. We can do better. But for the first time out we did great, and we have a ton to be proud of. So come on to the next meeting, and we can rehash the glory, and I'll give you the full report!

Mike



Chattanooga Model Show

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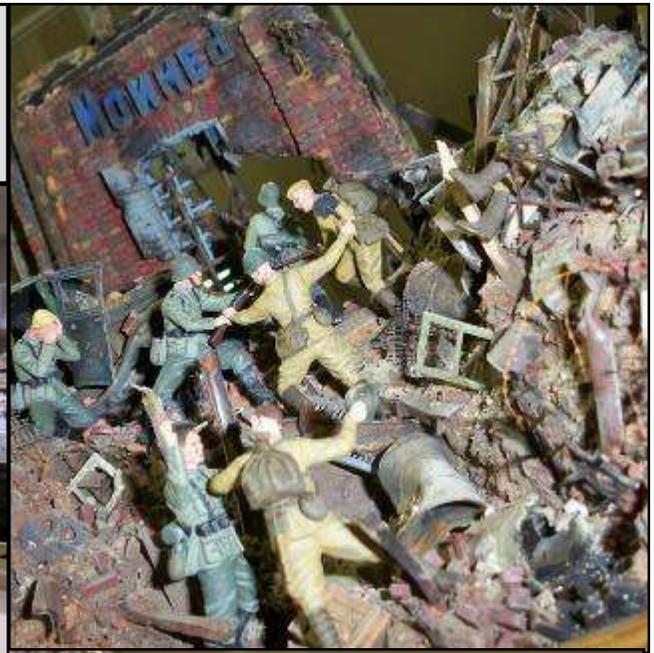


Chattanooga Model Show

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Magic City Flying Circus 2011

The Birmingham Phantom Phlashers presented the second annual Magic City Flying Circus model contest at the Southern Museum of Flying a week ago. Apparently very few folks heard about it. I understand there were some weather concerns (really? Come on guys the weather really wasn't anywhere near to bad enough that folks needed to feel like they should stay home for safety.). But seriously, the event was tragically under attended. And it's a real shame because the museum is a unique place to host the show,

Just how many shows do you go to that you can see.....



A VC Sniper taking aim???

It actually took me several hours to notice this guy!

and the boys from Birmingham know how to do it. So why was it so poorly attended? Weather? See my earlier comment? Folks didn't like the first one? That's a shame, I thought it was enough fun to make the drive again this year. Overload? Our show was just a couple weeks before, Jaxcon was the same day in Jacksonville, which no doubt drew folks from the Atlanta area and south, the Atlanta Figure and AMPS show is coming next weekend. I'm thinking that overload and saturation may be the real reason. Which is one reason we worked so hard to be different. When there is a lot of competition, it helps to stand out.

Ok, so the show was small. On the up side, it looks like I-59 may slowly be getting better. Slowly. The vending was also good. At least I managed to snag a bunch of stuff I SWEAR I want to build, which may again be for sale at a later show. Honestly, I bought it all with the best of intentions. They also tried having a few display only tables. An effort I wish I had been aware of before heading out. I'm strongly in favor of display only tables, and I would have done my best to support that effort. At any rate kudos to them for having the display tables.

And while there weren't many models, there were some very nice ones, as there always are. I hope the museum and the Phantom Phlashers don't give up on this show. It is nice one and I'd like to see it get a shot at getting past the sophomore blues!



One of the nice things about display only tables... I've seen this rust bucket before. But it's nice enough that it's always nice to see it!



Jerry
Creager's
winning
Siemens
Schukert

Leave it to the
Photographer to
miss the feature
that won me the
most realistic
finish award with
this DR 1...the
streaked finish
on the wings!



Looks like
Airfix is
Putting out
some nice kits
these days!

Plastic Sanding Needles by Lynn Petty

I try to be on the lookout for modeling tools that will help speed up my building. I spotted these recently and thought I'd share. These are manufactured by Alpha Abrasives. The product is a plastic needle about the size of a knitting needle but coated with an abrasive powder. I purchased the packages labeled Medium (240 grit Blue) and Fine (320 grit White). The Coarse sticks do not appear to be useful for a 1/72 scale model. A dozen sticks cost near \$6. The pointy end of the needle is really slightly flexible. The rods are molded and mine were slightly out of round having a seam. The seam was easy to keep out of the way and in fact guided me on which way the needle would flex. The points helped sand little odd places like around the tail wheel strut of a FW-190. These jewels can really focus your smoothing efforts into small concentrated areas. The general shape is particularly good for sanding wing roots! I also found you can cut or snap the rod into smaller lengths for use..... as long as the round shape is beneficial to your task.

Like many good modeling companies they have a website www.alphaabrasives.com. The basic company does a lot of industrial abrasives. They seem to have an arm aimed directly at the modeling hobbyist. You may have already used their sanding sticks or sanding pads.

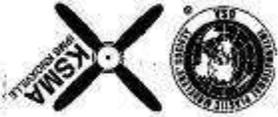


Other information (attach supplemental materials if desired):

Scale:

Brand of kit used

Subject of model:



2011 SMOKY MOUNTAIN MINI-CON

Competition class number:

(This line by show officials) Entry number:

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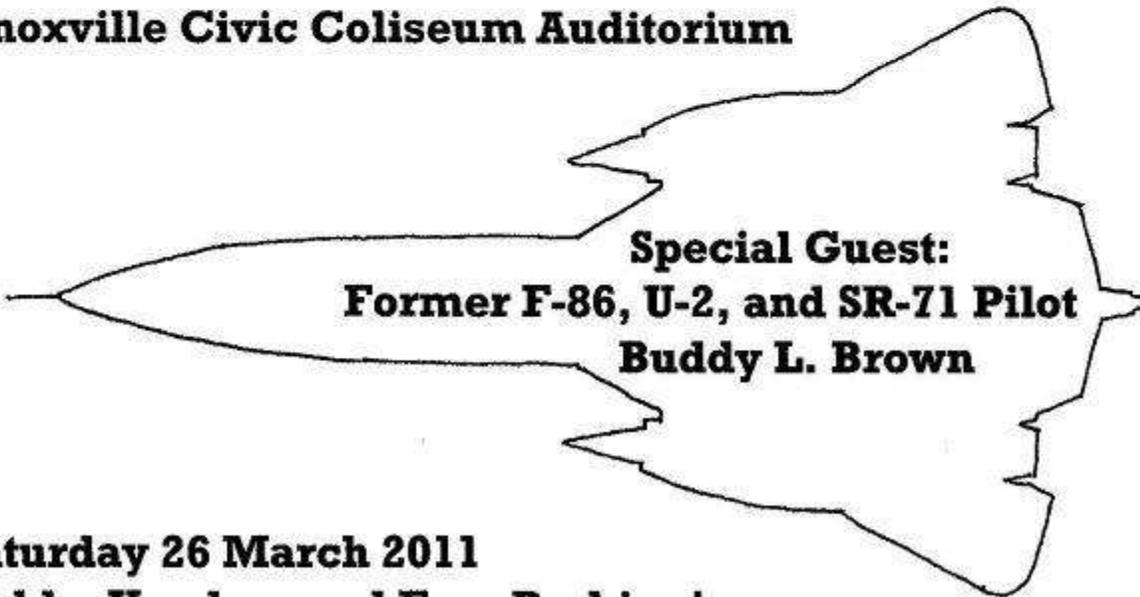
Contact info:

(PMS chapter (if applicable):

Entrant's name:

2011 SMOKY MOUNTAIN MINI-CON

**East Tennessee's Scale Model Show
Knoxville Civic Coliseum Auditorium**



Saturday 26 March 2011

Hobby Vendors and Free Parking!

The Knoxville Scale Modeler's Association's 29th show and contest. Join us for a day of the best in scale modeling!

OUR GUEST

Buddy L. Brown flew the F-86 Sabre with the 25th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in the Korean War. He then piloted the U-2, and was one of the first to photograph missiles in Cuba during the Cuban missile crisis. He flew the SR-71 reconnaissance aircraft before retiring from the service.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 (includes entry fee for 3 models)
ADDITIONAL MODELS: \$1.00 each
GENERAL ADMISSION: \$3.00 adult, \$1.00 child (12 or under)
RAFFLE TICKETS: \$1.00 each
VENDOR TABLES: \$20.00 each. Tables are 8 x 2 ½ feet
CALL FOR INFORMATION: Mike Driskill, 865.789.2368, mwdriskill@gmail.com
VENDORS CALL: Ed Boncek, 865.405.1156, edwardboncek@gmail.com

SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
RAFFLE: 1:00 PM
JUDGES MEETING: 1:00 PM
DISPLAY CLOSED FOR JUDGING: 2:00 PM
AWARDS CEREMONY BEGINS: 4:00 PM

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is sanctioned by the International Plastic Modelers Society/USA, and sponsored by the Knoxville Scale Modelers Association. Anyone may enter models in the contest. You need not belong to IPMS/USA or KSMA.

2. This contest is strictly for static scale models constructed from un-assembled, unfinished commercial plastic, resin, or metal kits. The following are not eligible for awards, but may be brought for display:

- Pre-assembled/pre-finished toys or replicas.
- Models not the work of a single person.
- Models winning first-in-class at a previous KSMA contest.
- Models winning any award at an IPMS National contest.

3. Fundamental modeling skills count most in judging: correct parts alignment; clean assembly; seam elimination; and smooth application of finish and markings. Technical accuracy, added detail, and general effect are secondary considerations.

4. Teams of three qualified persons judge each competition class, to determine First and Second Place trophy awards. Honorable Mention ribbons may optionally be awarded to other outstanding entries.

5. Best Aircraft, Best Armor, Best Automotive, and Best Miscellaneous awards are determined by consensus of judges in each respective category. Best in Show award is determined by all judges.

6. Show officials determine the competition class of each entry at registration. Judges may: merge classes with 3 or fewer entries; subdivide classes with 15 or more entries; move entries to other classes; or take any other appropriate action regarding conduct of the contest. All judging decisions are final.

7. Novice categories are for modelers aged 16 or younger, who have never won any award in any IPMS-sanctioned competition, including previous KSMA Novice first-in-class awards.

8. Models eligible for awards must be displayed with completed entry forms (you may copy this flyer, and forms will be available at registration). Entrants are encouraged to use the "other information" area to document unusual color schemes or details; list appropriate handling precautions; and describe the techniques and materials used in construction. Supplemental materials may be attached.

9. A diorama consists of multiple models displayed to depict a realistic scene or event. Simple terrain bases, figures or equipment displayed with models, etc. do not constitute a diorama.

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE EAST: Exit I-40W at exit 389, Hall of Fame Drive. Turn left on Hall of Fame Drive, and follow signs to downtown and Coliseum. The Civic Coliseum is 1.2 miles ahead on the left.

FROM THE WEST: Exit I-40E at exit 389, Hall of Fame Drive. Turn right on Hall of Fame Drive, and follow signs to downtown and the Coliseum. The Civic Coliseum is 1.1 miles ahead on the left.

PARKING: Turn left from Hall of Fame Drive onto Howard Baker Jr. Street. Watch for temporary signs to parking. We normally use either the garages immediately to your left; or take the first right off Howard Baker, to the garage behind the Coliseum.

UNLOADING: Use the temporary parking area to the right off Howard Baker, just past the pedestrian bridge. The entry to the show is on the back side of the Coliseum, and directly visible from the unloading area.

COMPETITION CLASSES

CATEGORY A: AIRCRAFT

- Prop-driven: 1/72 and smaller
- Prop-driven: 1/48 and larger
- Jet-propelled: 1/72 and smaller
- Jet-propelled: 1/48 and larger
- Large-scale: 1/32 and larger, all types
- Rotary-wing: all scales (*helicopters, autogyros, and similar*)
- Novice aircraft: all subjects and scales

CATEGORY B: ARMOR

- World War II Axis closed-top AFV's: 1/48 and smaller (*no interiors*)
- World War II Axis closed-top AFV's: 1/35 and larger
- Other closed-top AFV's: 1/48 and smaller
- Other closed-top AFV's: 1/35 and larger
- Open-top AFV's: 1/48 and smaller (*interior detail*)
- Open-top AFV's: 1/35 and larger
- Softskins, halftracks, armored cars, and artillery: 1/48 and smaller
- Softskins, halftracks, armored cars, and artillery: 1/35 and larger
- Novice armor: all subjects and scales

CATEGORY C: AUTOMOTIVE

- Factory stock: all scales
- Custom cars: all scales
- Box stock: all scales (*instruction sheet required*)
- Curbside: all scales
- Street rods: all scales (*1948 and earlier*)
- Street machines: all scales (*1949 and later*)
- Straight line competition: all scales
- Vintage competition: all scales
- Modern competition: all scales
- Trucks under 10,000 pounds: all scales
- Trucks over 10,000 pounds: all scales
- Novice automotive: all subjects and scales

CATEGORY D: MISCELLANEOUS

- Figures on foot: all scales
- Mounted figures: all scales
- Sailing ships: all scales
- Powered ships: all scales
- Fantasy vehicles: all scales
- Missiles and spacecraft: all scales
- Motorcycles: all scales
- Dioramas: all subjects and scales
- Novice miscellaneous: all subjects and scales

Model Contest SCOTTCON 2011

Date: June 4th, 2011
Time: 9:00AM until 5:00 PM
Robins AFB Museum of Aviation,
Warner Robins, GA.

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The B/G Robert L. Scott Chapter
Presents:
One Hundred Years of Progress
1911- 2011

100 Years of Naval Aviation
 100 Years of Indianapolis
 100 Years of US Army Vehicles
 100 Years of General Motors

Contest will feature *special awards* for:
Best Naval Aviation Subject Best Indianapolis Subject
Best Military Vehicle Best GM Vehicle Best Of Show
Best Ga. Air Guard Subject
Best Emergency Vehicle
Best AF Reserve subject

See Contest website : <http://ipmsrlscottcontest.webs.com>

Schedule of Events

- Vendors set up Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Vendor Tables: raffle prize donations for each table.

Contact Bill Paul

Registration & Fees:

- Current IPMS members: \$8.00
- Non members: \$10.00
- **Additional models \$1.00 ea.**
- **Juniors: \$5.00 (No limit)**

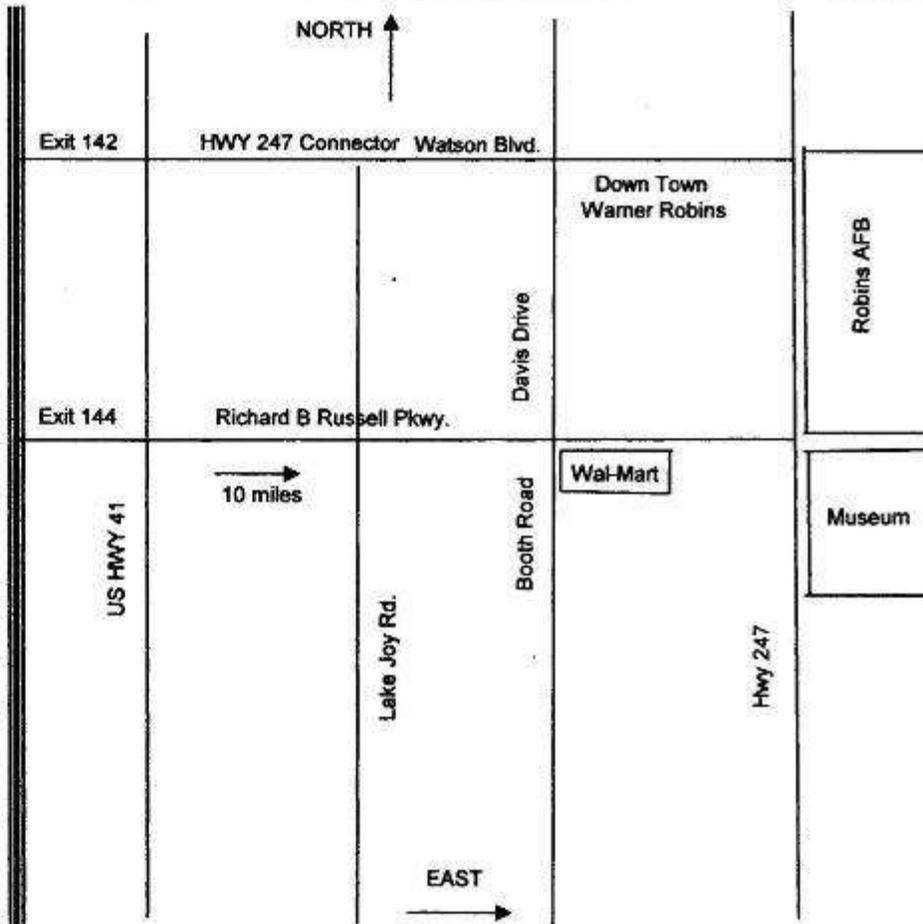
- Registration 9:00 to 12:30
- Judging: 1:00PM to 3:30 PM
- Awards: 4:00 PM

Raffle prizes: tickets \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00, 10 for \$8.00, 15 for \$12.00

Museum gift shop & restaurant

- 90 plus aircraft on display!
- WWII Armor display!
- Many new displays!
- Flight Simulators!
- Training Simulators!

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34th Atlanta Model Figure Show
 2011 Show Theme - WWII Allied
 Friday, February 18 thru Sunday, February 20, 2011

Our New Location!
 See Reverse

Friday 7p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sunday 9 a.m. to Awards at Noon
 Seminars to be announced!

New Fantasy Category
 in 2011

Please visit us at
www.atlantafigures.com

The Atlanta Military Figure Society Presents the
34th Atlanta Model Figure Show
 Friday, February 18 thru Sunday, February 20, 2011

Postage Here

New Location for 2011!

Atlanta Marriott
 Century Center
 2000 Century Blvd.
 Atlanta, GA 30345
 404-325-0000

Vendor Contact: Lou Coroso
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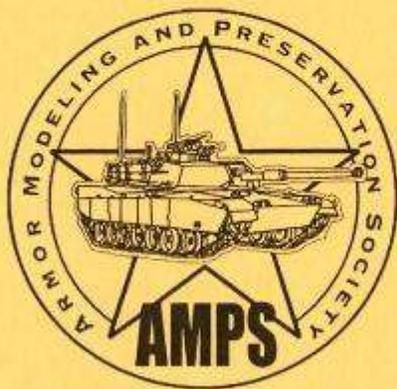
This show is being held in conjunction with the
 Atlanta Armor Modeling and Preservation Society.
 Their support is greatly appreciated!
www.ampsatlanta.com

For more information, please visit our Web Site!
www.atlantafigures.com

The Atlanta Military Figure Society has a really neat postcard to use to advertise their show. Above is a scan of the front and back of the card. Check it out, think about something like this for us next year maybe, and check out the AMPS flyer on the next two pages. There will be a TEST for what is similar between these two shows.

AMPS Atlanta 2011

Atlanta Armor, Figure, and Modeling Contest and Exhibition



AMPS Atlanta

Our New Location!

**Atlanta Marriott
Century Center**

2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345
404-325-0000

Friday, Feb. 18 thru Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011

The Atlanta Marriott Century Center is an established hotel with extensive experience hosting events like ours. The complex was remodeled within the past year and the staff is eager to welcome us to our new site.

2011 Show Theme:

"Clash of the Titans – Operation Barbarossa 1941"



Panzer III

VS.



T-34

Eligible models will be of vehicles that were fielded by either the Wehrmacht or Red Army during the period of June 22 through December 31 1941. Documentation should be provided to verify the particular vehicle, model, and markings were involved during this time period.

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Over 110 Vendor Tables!

**At Least 35 Armor Only Vendor
Tables!**

**All Models Judged With The
AMPS Open System!**



**Atlanta Military
Figure Society**

This show is being held in cooperation with the Atlanta Military Figure Society. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 18

7:00 – 9:00 pm – Exhibitor registration and set up.
Exhibit and vendor halls open

Saturday, February 19

9:00 am – Exhibitor registration and set up opens vendor hall opens
10:00 am – Exhibit hall opens
12:00 noon – Exhibitor registration closes
7:00 pm – Vendor hall closes for the day
9:00 – Exhibit hall closes for the day

Sunday, February 20

9:00 am – Exhibit and vendor halls open
11:00 am – Awards presentation

Modeling Contest

Possibly the most important aspect of any AMPS event is the Modeling Contest. As anyone who has been to the show knows, the AMPS judging system has led the way in terms of fairness and credibility. Judging is done by a group of four judges, who evaluate each entry - not by what is wrong with it, but by what is right with it! To ensure fairness, the lowest score of the four is removed, and the other three are added. There is no actual competition, the entrants are competing only against themselves using a defined schedule of values for comparison.

Experience levels are established to eliminate the intimidation factor so often associated with most shows.

The AMPS Difference

Every year, people come from all over the world to experience what most consider to be the most fair and honest judging system available. As described above, AMPS judging is based on an open system, designed to reward the modeler for good work. To enable the modeler to present his most positive points to the judges, the system establishes five different classifications with which the modeler identifies himself, based on his own skill level. When the entry comes to be judged, it is reviewed to establish the skill level of the competitor and then judged accordingly. The classifications are described as follows:

Junior - Specifically set up for the younger modeler, this class gives the modeler the best chance to grow in the hobby and experience the AMPS philosophy.

Basic - This group is set up for the beginner modeler, and those of us who are just getting back into modeling after a long layoff (i.e. school or family).

Intermediate - By far the largest group, it includes modelers of varying skill levels who do not regularly enter competition or do not regularly win or place.

Advanced - For the more skilled modeler, these modelers regularly win or place in local and regional competitions.

For more information, contact one of the following
AMPS Atlanta members:

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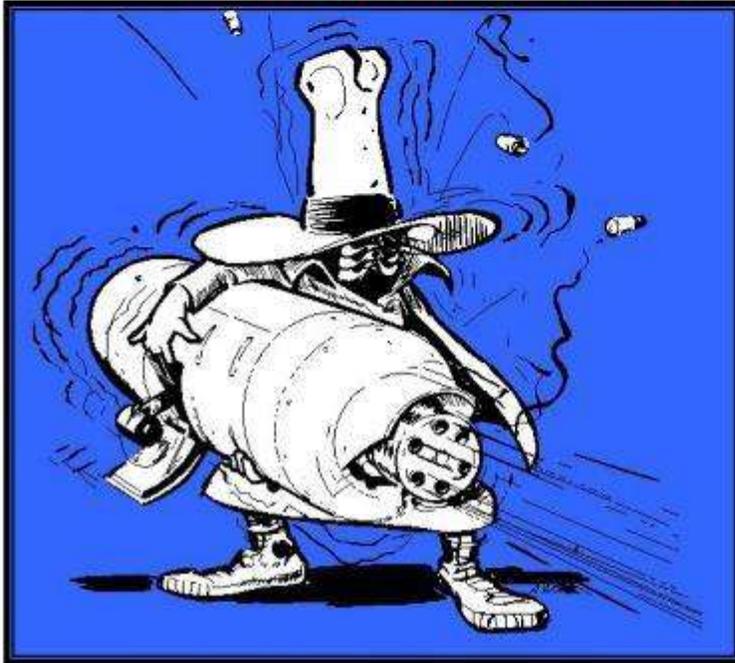
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**THE IPMS/PHANTOM PHLASHERS
OF
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
PROUDLY PRESENT:
THE 2ND ANNUAL PHANTOM PHURBALL!**



SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2011

AT

**THE ANNITSON MEETING CENTER,
ANNISTON, ALABAMA**

Raffle Grand Prize:

"Shark Sighting" by John D. Shaw- Signed by 15 Flying Tigers!



FOR MORE INFORMATION SEND SASE TO:
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LEEDS, ALABAMA 35094

205-320-0114, EXT 26

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86 COUNTY ROAD 1180

CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055

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www.phantomplashers.org

The Anniston Meeting Center is located one block off Quintard Avenue (US Hwy 431/AL Hwy 21) between Wilmer Avenue and Noble Street directly behind the Victoria Inn and Hardee's. Traveling North on Quintard, turn left on to 17th Street. Traveling South, turn right on to 17th Street. Look for the "Model Show" signs

CONTEST CATEGORIES:

100 AIRCRAFT

101#WWI AIRCRAFT AND RIGGED AIRCRAFT, ALL SCALES
103#SINGLE ENGINE PROP, 1/72 AND SMALLER, ALLIED
104#SINGLE ENGINE PROP, 1/72 AND SMALLER, AXIS
105#SINGLE ENGINE PROP, 1/48, ALLIED
106#SINGLE ENGINE PROP, 1/48, AXIS
107#@#MULTIENGINE PROP
110#JET AIRCRAFT, 1/72 AND SMALLER
111#JET AIRCRAFT, 1/48
112#FIXED WING AIRCRAFT, 1/32 AND LARGER
113#ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT, ALL SCALES
114#SCRATCH BUILT, VACUUM FORMED, CONVERSIONS, RESIN
115#CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, ALL SCALES

200 ARMOR

201#MILITARY VEHICLES, 1/48 AND SMALLER
202#CLOSED TOP AFV'S, WWII & EARLIER, AXIS
203#CLOSED TOP AFV'S, WWII & EARLIER, ALLIED
204#CLOSED TOP AFV'S, POST WWII
205#@#ARTILLERY, ALL ERAS (INCL RR GUNS & MISSILES)
207#@#SOFT SKIN MILITARY VEHICLES, ALL ERAS (INCL TRUCKS, JEEPS, UNARMORED HALF TRACKS, & MOTORCYCLES)
208#OPEN TOP AFV'S & AFV'S W/INTERIORS, ALL ERAS (INCL ASSAULT GUNS & SP GUNS)

300 AUTOMOTIVE

301#STOCK
302#STREET
303#RACING
304#COMMERCIAL

400 MISCELLANEOUS

401 OPEN CLASS

500 SPACE AND SCIENCE FICTION

501#SPACECRAFT, FICTIONAL
502#SPACECRAFT, NON FICTIONAL

600 NAVAL

601#SURFACE SHIPS
603#SUBMARINES

700 FIGURES AND VIGNETTES

701 MILITARY
702 NON-MILITARY AND FANTASY

800 JUNIOR DIVISION (17 AND YOUNGER)

801#AIRCRAFT
802#ARMOR
803#AUTOMOTIVE
804#MISCELLANEOUS

900 DIORAMAS

901 MILITARY
902 NON-MILITARY

SPECIAL AWARDS:

MUSTANG SALLIE (BEST MUSTANG OF ANY TYPE: AIRCRAFT, CAR, ETC...)
MOVIE MAGIC (BEST SUBJECT IN MOVIE MAKE UP: 1:6, A-T-74 DRESSED UP AS A TIGER, A-T-6 AS AZERO, ETC...)
PAUL SOLOSKY MEMORIAL ORIGINALITY IN MODELING
BILL NORMAN MEMORIAL BEST USMC AIRCRAFT
DARRYL EPPERSON MEMORIAL

CONTEST AWARDS:

BEST AIRCRAFT
BEST WORLD WAR ONE AIRCRAFT
BEST LIGHT TANK
BEST ARMOR
BEST AUTOMOTIVE
BEST OF THE REST (CATEGORIES 400, 500, 600, 700, 900) BEST JUNIOR MODELER

NOTE: Categories marked with "@" are expected to have category splits. Categories indicated with "#" will have a separate Out of the Box Award

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES:

1. The contest is open to all contestants. You do not have to be a member of IPMS/USA to compete
2. IPMS/USA members receive a \$2.00 registration discount.
3. IPMS/USA judging standards will be used throughout the contest. Basic modeling skills will be the primary consideration for separation of awards.

1. Models must be the sole work of the entrant.
2. A model may not be entered in more than one category. It may, however, be considered for more than one special or theme award.
3. IPMS/Phantom Phlashers do not accept or assume responsibility for loss or damage to models. Models will be handled during judging, but the utmost care will be used to prevent any damage to models.
4. Models should be entered in the appropriate category. If a question arises about the proper category for a model, the Head Judge will make the final determination.
5. Categories may be combined or split at the discretion of the Head Judge.
6. Bases may be used to display models but will not be judged as a part of the model as long as they do not depict a theme or a story. In such cases, the model may be placed in the appropriate vignette or diorama category at the discretion of the Head Judge. Please indicate on entry form if model is/is not attached to base.
7. Models having received any award at any IPMS/USA National Convention or a 1st place or Special Award at any Region 3 Convention may not be entered into competition. Region 3 Convention 2nd and 3rd place recipients may be entered in competition.
8. Any conflicts in judging will be resolved by the Head Judge. Judges' decisions are final.
9. **A modified no-sweeps rule is in effect. A modeler may win more than one place in any category, but may not win all three, or all four, if an OOB award is included in that category. A model may win the OOB award and the 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award in any given category.**
10. A model does not necessarily have to place 1st in its category to qualify for a special or theme award.
11. Contestants must register all models prior to taking them into the contest display area. Complete all registration and entry forms and indicate any special or theme awards the model is eligible to compete for on the entry form. No registrations will be accepted after 12:00 PM. C.S.T.
12. Any modeler age 17 and under may compete in the Junior categories. Juniors may also compete in any open category, but models so entered will not be considered for any "Best Junior" awards.
13. Trophy sponsorships may be purchased for \$30.00 per category. Any sponsorship purchases will be greatly appreciated.
14. Vendor tables may be purchased for \$20.00 per table. Anyone reserving more than five tables will be charged \$20.00 for the first table and \$15.00 for each additional table. It is requested that tables be paid for in advance of the contest. Vendors will also be asked to donate at least one item for the contest raffle.
15. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. Honorable Mention ribbons may be awarded at the discretion of the Category Head Judges. Some categories may also have awards for Out of the Box. See notes at the end of the category list for those categories.
16. No unattended children will be allowed in the model display area.
17. A "Make And Take" modeling session will be conducted beginning at 12:30 for children of all ages. Children participating in "Make and Take" must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for this session.
18. **The kit instruction sheet must be displayed with the model in order for the model to be considered for an Out of the Box award. This is in accordance with current IPMS/USA Contest rules.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00 AM to 9:00 AM: Vendor Setup
9:00 AM: Doors open to public 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM: Registration
12:00 P.M.: Raffle Drawing 12:00 PM: Judges Meeting 1:00 P.M.: Raffle Drawing 12:30 P.M. to 3:00 PM: Model Judging
12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.: Make And Take
2:00 PM: Raffle Drawing
3:00 PM: Model display area reopened to public; trophies placed with winning models
4:00 PM: Awards Ceremony 5:00 PM: Contest Closes

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Model Meeting Road Trip



Well here's a report of a different nature! Under the pretense of interviewing Mike Driskill for a run down from his perspective of our show and delivering the table extenders for their show, Mike Moore and I drove up to one of the Knoxville crowd's meeting nights a week or so ago. If you've ever visited another club's meeting it is a hoot. It's kind of like visiting Great Britain. Things are kind of similar..... and kind of different. If you ever order a biscuit in England see what you get, it's more like a cracker. Same sort of thing. Anyway we drove up for an evening and were unfortunately about a half hour late. We had dinner with Mike, Jeff Tabler was late but we made up for that by going for another snack after the Knoxville club meeting where he wouldn't be late. Above is a photo from their meeting. Apparently the room is used also for War-gaming. And yes if you didn't know, the Knoxville crowd meets in the HobbyTown USA at Turkey Creek. Their meetings are a lot like ours. You hear folks talking about the differences in various fighters, the latest kits they've acquired, and the same stuff as we do. One thing they do different is a little "show and tell" where the models on the table are presented for all to see and they go around the room giving time for the respective builder to talk a few minutes about their own work. It was an interesting way to do things and keep the focus on the modeling aspect of things. They talked about their show, and yes it is one to make it to! In fact they talked a bit about their show for this year and next year. We spent time after the meeting talking with several of the guys who helped judge and attended our show. We got nothing but encouragement! Always fun to spend time with modelers, even if you have to drive a bit. But the best news of all... look for a new 1/72 collection as a joint entry in the future!!!!