



The Plastic Whittler



Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 17 at 7:00 pm**, at HobbyTown USA near Hamilton Place Mall. This will be our final meeting before the BIG SHOW on the 22cd.

Our Next to Last Meeting:

Our next to last meeting was our annual Christmas Party! Many thanks to all who attended. It was a dandy! We finally saw the DVD *Speed and Angels* that Mike Bradley brought, followed by The *Red Baron* movie that John Brooks brought. As always total anarchy appeared and having nothing to do with models but everything to do with having fun was watching Jeff watch *Animal House* and *Caddyshack* for the first time. With plenty of food, mostly brought by the participants, it was certainly a good time, whether you intently watched the movies, or just enjoyed to camaraderie with your local modeling fraternity; (I mean club!)

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
IPMS/AMPS Chattanooga Show	Jan 22, 2011
AMPS Atlanta & Model Soldier Show	Feb 18-20, 2011
MTMA - Cookeville	March 12, 2011
IPMS Knoxville	March 26, 2011
Phantom Phurball—Anniston Alabama	April 16th, 2011
IPMS/Warner Robins	June 4, 2011
IPMS/Marietta	June 25, 2011



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And Our Other Real Last Meeting:

Just a few days ago we had our real last meeting, at least the last one before the real last one before the show! If you followed all that, you are really blessed! Anywaysville I'll try to recap a bit. First thanks for all who were able to make it to the meeting.. We had a good turnout for something that was really a working meeting. And work we did! I ran out of steam about 9:30, but it was a good feeling to hear the status of where we were on the pieces that come together. In this case the sum of the parts is truly greater than the whole.

We took a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting to take care of one item of business. Phil Hale, who has done a fine job as R-III coordinator is stepping down. The national organization is calling out for volunteers to allow themselves to be nominated for that slot. Mike Moore's name came instantly to several peoples minds around our region. To make it official we passed unanimously a resolution that nominated Mike to be considered for that post. Mike is well know and respected around the region. He has the enthusiasm and the ability to really be a success in that position. (the nominating letter has been sent in) Once done we quickly got down to the matter at hand. We listened while several gave the status of the things they've been working on. The number of vendors has certainly been a pleasant surprise! We even

had a visit from one of the vendors, Emory Balthrop , who stayed a few minutes and got to hear a bit about the layout. David Beckman gave a rundown of his efforts for preshow publicity. We should be seeing the fruits of that work in the newspaper in the next few days. We reviewed the table riser situation and looked over the layout of tables via a handout to all. The risers will be a big plus and something not done very often for mini-cons. One surprise was the lack of positive response from the many requests sent out for donations for the raffle. We discussed some workarounds and with the many vendors donating to the raffle, as well as supplements from our own stash and other means this should not be a problem. Horton got us off to a start that night with two raffle donations of his own! (Thanks Horton!) John Brooks showed a preview of the special awards as Mike Mattheiss finalized some of the artwork. Mike Moore did a practice run of the Judges meeting. I can't wait to see the real thing on the show day! The concession situation has been sorted out. David Wells is all set for his indoor signs. Jeff Mattheiss brought copies of his latest "vendor sitrep" and showed we have approximately 50 tables of vendors. Bob Colbert actually brought his prototype for the outdoor signs. He showed a unique use of the plan view of a fast jet to use for an arrow. (Bob—I still owe you a F-14 digital file planview) Many offered their assistance wherever need both on the day of the show and/or the night before as we set up tables and arrange things. I appreciate everyone's jumping in to help!

Less Than Two Weeks:

As I write this issue of the Whittler I am standing by watching the news for tomorrow's weather forecast. I am finding myself with the unusual situation of hoping it snows tomorrow (a snow day away from work would give me some much needed time on finishing up some things I need to do before the show) , and yet praying feverishly that it doesn't snow on the 22cd (numerically the odds are very low). Whether you are finishing up your entry for the show, putting the final touches on that special entry, or piecing together some part of the production behind the scenes; it will be time before you know it! One of my former coworkers coin the phrase "Objects on the Calendar are Closer than they appear" How right he often was to say that!

Whether you're hosting or attending, what makes a model show great? What makes a particular show a standout? Is it merely the anticipation of the event? Is it finding that one special item in the vending? Is it seeing something on the display table that sparks your creative juices? Or just taking in the models themselves as a whole? Is it your own model getting recognition from someone else who appreciates modeling? Is it enjoying things together with friends? I think it's all these things. Whatever it is for you; I hope that you'll find it in droves at our show that is truly going to be a Bit Different!

C U Next Monday Night.....1/17/10

