



The Plastic Whittler



Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 17 at 7:00 pm**, at East Brainerd Church of Christ. 7745 East Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421. We'll be putting ourselves into second gear and getting things firmed on up for the show in January. See page 3 for some e-mail banter between Horton and Mike and myself about a veterans panel. This will be an addition to this year's show. We'll also talk a few minutes about a trip to Pensacola in November.

The News and This Issue

Last month's meeting was attended by the stalwart folks that caught the temporary change from the normal third Monday to the second Monday. Mike Moore presented his slide show on the IPMS National convention he and Tom attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
IPMS/Murfreesboro	11/05/2011
IPMS Chattanooga Christmas Party	Tentative 12/16/2011
IPMS/CHATTANOOGA	1/21/2012
Anniston Al	4/12/2012
IPMS Warner Robins	6/9/2012
IPMS Nationals 2012 Orlando	8/8-11/2012



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Hopefully things have settled down now and we'll be back on our more routine schedule for meetings. Unfortunately I can't find my photos from the meeting so this issue will be void of the normal photo report. (Maybe I was too quick to say things may be more normal ...Eh?)

Our IPMS Chapter Charter is up for renewal. I've been e-mailing folks working to update our list of



who are current with their IPMS national membership. Our club doesn't require IPMS National Membership to be a member of our local group. We do encourage it and with the upcoming National Convention in Orlando next year (where IPMS National membership is required) this is a good year to join or renew if it is right for you. A form is on page 5 should you desire it (Joining or renewing via the IPMS web page is very convenient) . Should you join IPMS please let me know your IPMS # and date of renewal.

X-Acto Z Series #11 Blades

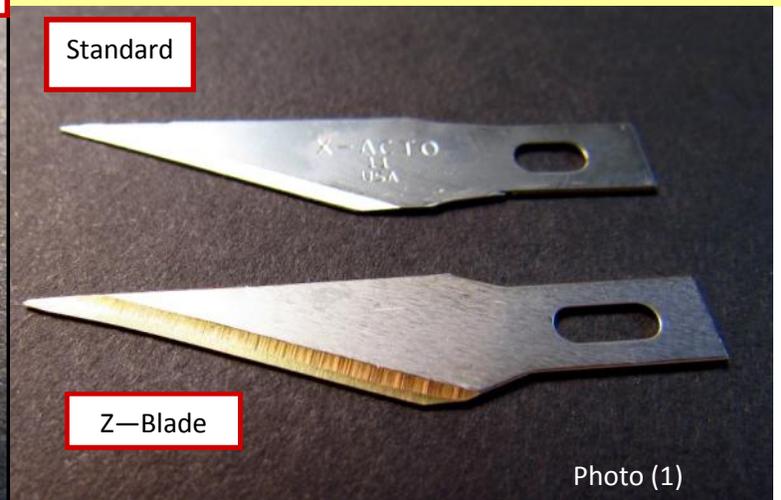
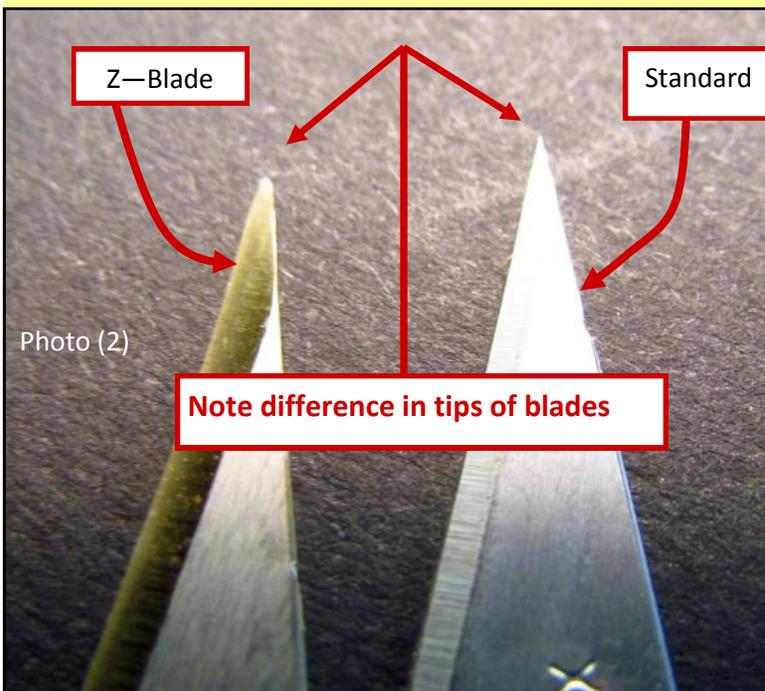
I was roaming around in Hobbylobby with one of their famous 40% off coupons looking for something to buy other than a bottle of paint.

I happened by the hobby knife display and my eye caught the Z-Series X-Acto blade. Priced at \$3.69 for a pack of 5 blades put this as slightly more expensive than the standard #11 blades which cost \$2.69 for a pack of 5. According to the back of the package the “Z” stands for Zirconium Nitride Coated Blades. According to the internet this coating gives the blade a longer life. Upon opening the package the coating shows up on the cutting edge of the blades as a transparent yellow tinted surface. The coating give the illusion that the blade is not machined perfectly straight. In the photo below to the right (1) you can see the coating on the blade described. The Z-Series blade also is slightly larger than the standard #11 blades. For some reason the Oval in the handle end of the blade is also larger. The most noticeable thing to me was the tip of the blades. In comparison the tip of the Z-series blade actually looks rounded in comparison to the tiny point of the standard #11 blade. I believe you can see what I mean in photo (2).



I didn't devise any engineered test for comparison. I simply put one of the blades in a convenient handle and started using it. My task at hand was cutting out some resin exhaust stacks from a Quick Boost set.

I cut out a series of these using the tip of the blade and then proceeded to remove four wheels from a True Details resin set. I used the heel of the blade for further cleaning some parts. The blade seems to still have a lot of life left in it. No marks were noted in the coating. My verdict...I think the jury is still out on this one. One nights test is not a lot of data to judge from. I still like the very fine tip of a standard X-Acto blade for certain jobs—like trimming the mask on a clear canopy or trimming a still wet decal on the model. I must admit that the tiny tip breaks off rapidly n those blades. The new Z-series holds some promise of actually holding the edge for a lot more life compared to a standard blade.



Here's some banter (Pasted in from an e-mail) back and forth regarding a Veterans Panel Discussion at our Show in January. This will help get everyone up to speed on this new aspect to our show. The first "I" is Horten talking. The blue font is Mike Moore's response. This will be an interesting addition to our show.

I have emailed Gerald Voight (Scale Venture Show) for more information as to any problems, etc., due to health/age of WWII vets which they may have had.

Some older people may have problems with stairs. Is there a ground floor room where A panel discussion/presentation could be held? Seems like all were filled with models this year.

There was one room downstairs that wasn't in use at all, but it was also quite messy and not all that big. If the panel discussion were to prove popular, space could be a problem. There is an elevator in the new building that I THINK offers access into the gym building though it is a bit of a winding route if I remember right (not guaranteed). Another possibility would be to hold the panel discussion in one of the meeting rooms in the newer building. Moving around for older Vets could be a bit of a challenge, but one that I'd be we could overcome.

As for judging for Veteran's Choice:

We should give them some suggested criteria; not locked in concrete, just a point of Departure.

My thought is that it is just that, Vet's choice. Let them take a look at the models and pick whichever one they like the best, for whatever reasons. But, that's just my thought and I'd be open to whatever the guy(s) pulling this together thought is best!

Do we want them picking up models? Shaky hands and/or poor eyesight could be a Problem. Ask me how I know. Absolutely NOT. And I suspect that's more than just my thought!

Time of day for their presentation/judging.

About what time should all models be on display?

Like last year, I think we'll be shutting down registration at noon, so all models should be on the tables by very shortly after noon.

Presentation of Veterans Choice award should be at end of veteran's presentation. Having them Judge models afterward seems awkward, and detracting from their Presentation.

I think I'd agree with this. If we expect all models to be on the table shortly after noon, perhaps we schedule the Vets to arrive about then as well, then allow about ½ hour to 45 minutes for them to look at the models and then confer amongst themselves. Say they arrive at noon and we schedule the panel discussion to start at 1:15, to wrap by 2:00 with the announcement of which model won the Veteran's Choice award?

Depending upon A and B, will this put us into providing lunch? Some of these guys may have to eat on a scheduled basis for whatever reason. Going out and back can be a problem. What are our options?

Gift. We need to give these men something for their time. What; and cost; and in the budget?

As long as none has a specific and hard to accommodate dietary restriction, I don't have a problem at all with providing them with a lunch. We should be able to pick up a sandwich etc. either from a Subway or the deli at a grocery store. I know there is a good sized Bi-Lo not too far down East Brainerd from the Church.

I also don't see a real problem with some sort of nominal gift. We've got some money in the account even if we don't really have this in the budget. What do you have in mind? Perhaps a plaque of some sort with our logo and recognizing them as a panelist at our 2012 show?

Some vets may not want to talk about what they did in combat. How do we work around that when contacting and inviting them?

I don't think there is anything we can do other than letting them know that the majority of the folks who will attend the discussion will be military modelers who will be interested in hearing about their wartime experiences, including probably combat experiences. We should let them know that if they aren't comfortable talking about that we certainly understand if they either don't want to participate, or we'll respect their wishes and they'd be free to decline to discuss anything they don't feel comfortable with. We can also make sure that one of the opening remarks from whoever from the club is moderating the discussion is that we expect everyone in the room to respect any panelists wish to not discuss ANYTHING.

We will have to offer transportation from their homes and return. Some may still drive, But if not, some of our guys will have to leave the show at least twice. And if the S word happens, that could cause some of the vets to have to be cancelled depending where they live.

Agreed. We will most likely have to arrange for transportation for at least some of them. Depending on where they all live, it's possible that one person could make a swing through before and after, but we'll have to look at what is necessary depending on who all we get and what their needs are. But absolutely something we must keep in mind as this is planned.

As for snow, what can I say? It is what it is, and will be what it will be. If it snows, I believe we'll have bigger problems and worries than some or all of a Veteran's panel not making it!

For the good of the show, we need panelists who will speak up, take part in any discussion. Also, they should show some interest in the models and what they represent. This should be considered when inviting them, if we have any choice. Yeah, I'd agree here as well. The first part will likely be part of our initial "screening" process. Hopefully if they aren't bothered when we mention that folks will or may want to hear about combat experiences, they won't have much problem actually speaking up and taking part. But again, it will be what it will be. There is just no way to know if they'll actually be able to talk once they get in front of a group! I used to work with a guy who was unbeatable one on one or in front of a small group. But when he was put in front of a large group (a couple hundred) he was an absolute disaster.

I would also think that anyone who agreed to participate would intrinsically also have an interest in at least the military models. Especially if they end up seeing a model of something they operated or supported or worked around.

I am guessing we need a minimum of three participants. Logistically, if they all live in East Brainerd that would be ideal. Others would be good, but remember transportation!

I agree again! I would think the minimum would be three and the max probably 5. One thought I had as well is do they all have to be WWII vets? What about Korea, Viet Nam and the Gulf Wars? I don't know who might help with Korean War Vets, but Bob Colbert might be able to help with Viet Nam vets, and Jeff Mattheiss might be able to help in finding some Reservist or National Guard Vets from the Gulf Wars and or Afghanistan. It might be very interesting to hear how experiences varied across the time periods and theaters.

After also reading through the response from Zack at EAA, I think we've also addressed here most everything that he brought up. The only part that is tough is the room though. We simply don't have enough space in the gym to hold the panel on the contest floor, and I'd be worried about fitting it into the one room we didn't use. It is also possible that the room we've been meeting in won't be used for models this year. For better or worse, I really am not expecting as many models this year, but time will tell.

I think you've made a great start on this Horton and I think that if you can pull it off, it will be really well received!



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- Revised display format—grouped by genre**
- Vendors & Raffle!!!!
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January 21, 2012

Last year we had nearly 500 models on display. There is no doubt that was great to see, and we'd like to see it again, and we suspect so would you! However, judging 500 models in the time allotted clearly wasn't feasible. We are working on ideas to make thing work more smoothly, and will get details posted on our website as we develop them, but rest assured we are working hard to assure that we can stay on schedule for our sophomore effort. But plan on bringing any model you didn't bring last year. Lots of models = Lots of fun!

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A Whittler Addendum....Oct '11

Well, El Presidente caught me a little short by publishing the Whittler so early this week. I was counting on Tuesday, and maybe even Wednesday to get a couple things worked up (I suppose it would help if I told him what I'm working on!). So I'm gonna ask him to send out an addendum so I can see my name in print once again...



AIRFIX

**Club
Build
????**

I actually have a couple things I wanted to get out. First is an idea for a quick (yes Lynn, it is possible to build something quickly) club build. As far as I know, nothing like that has ever been done by the Chattanooga Scale Modelers, and if it has, it's not been in the last 9 years or so that I've been disrupting club meetings.

So here's the deal. Airfix has some really nice little 1/72 scale kits out now. They are "new tool", have recessed panel lines, pretty nice detail OOB, and they are very inexpensive. How inexpensive you ask? How's this...I just ordered four (4), of the new Spitfire MkI/II kits from Squadron for...wait for it...right about \$22.50

INCLUDING SHIPPING! They are on sale for \$4.49! They also have the new PRXIX, and Vb for \$4.49. All but the MkI/II (which is supposed to have a pretty detailed cockpit) have pretty basic cockpits and the panel lines are a bit on the heavy side for the scale, but they still represent fantastic value. Squadron also has the new tool BAE Red Arrows Hawk for the same \$4.49 and the new tool Harrier GR7/9a for \$11.50. I've got the Spit PRXIX, the Red Arrows Hawk and the Harrier. They all look really nice to me.

So here is my thought/challenge/proposition...we all build one of the above mentioned kits for completion and display at the Christmas party and also display them as a club display at our contest. We can also vote at the Christmas party for the best build and I'll come up with a prize. Everyone who wants to get in on the action, let me know and I'll place an order with Squadron. We won't have them in time for next Monday's meeting, but I'll find a way to get them to everyone as quickly as possible so you have as much time to build them as possible before the Christmas party. You can email me at maxwinthrop@yahoo.com.

And another thing...if you want multiple models, don't hesitate...we'll get free shipping for an order over \$100...

SCUM-DOGS



What do you get when you combine the phrase “All the Kings Horses” with ten middle age modelers from Eastern Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia? You get the Social Club for Unrepentant Modeling – Division of Old Guys South. Of course, Division could be replaced with Despicable, Dastardly, Degenerate, Deplorable, Disgusting, Disreputable, Disingenuous, Diminished (you get the drift).

So one night after a Knoxville meeting Lynn and I grabbed a bite with Mike Driskill and Jeff Tabler. As normal, the topics of conversation roamed all over the modeling map (and went off road a bit as well) until at one point Mike mentioned that Jeff is a master at coming up with names for model collections, at which point Jeff uttered the fateful words “All the Kings Horses, it’d be a great name for a collection of Mustangs in Commonwealth markings”. I think it was only a couple days later than Mike issued the first guidelines for the project, in which we’d try to build as many Mustangs as we could with the goal of incorporating as many of the variants, theaters, and Commonwealth operators (Great Britain, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand) as possible. And in no time the members of the group grew from the first four of us to a robust group of ten:

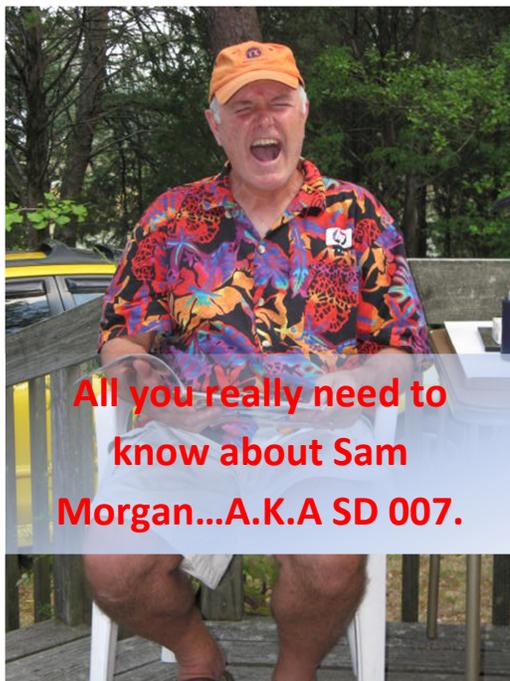
SD 01 – Jeff Tabler (he came up with the name)	SD 06 – Ken Niles (probably should have been 7 but...)
SD 02 – Mike Driskill (He heard about it first)	SD 007 – Sam Morgan (He called dibs on 007)
SD 03 – Lynn Petty (Age before Beauty)	SD 08 – Craig Livingston (We’ll see how he does...)
SD4 – Mike Moore (Good looks follow age)	SD 09 – John Loner (Don’t know him, but Morgan vouches for him (may have to re-think this) and I know he asked for a “K” prop)
SD 05 – Steve Long (will he build something?)	SD 10 – As far as I know, this is still an open spot

About a month ago SD's 01,02,04, 05, 06 and 007 gathered at the lake side vacation chalet of SD 02 for a weekend of modeling fellowship and building.



Or at least that was the stated intent of the gathering.

Friday after work, 06 swung by on his way north and picked me up for the ride to Douglas Lake. A quick to hours later and we were pulling up to Mike's Lake House. As we rounded the corner onto the deck we were greeted by the site of both Mike and Jeff pointing precision air rifles at us. Not a good sign...Tabler with a gun in his hands? What was Driskill thinking? That made four of the expected six of us on site. It may have been two beers later that we were serenaded by a car horn and blaring music pulling up to the house. Ken, not knowing what was going on looked a little confused; Mike, Jeff and I looked at each other and simultaneously said "Morgan". And sure enough, by the time we hoisted ourselves out of our chairs, there was Sam tumbling out of his car. Another beer or two and Mr. Long arrived to complete the group.



What followed was a dinner of the best Hot Dogs any of us had ever had (provided by 06), plenty of beer and wine, a visit by Mike's ex-airborne neighbor, and an evening of tall tales.

Saturday dawned WAY to early, but the sun indeed did rise, so we all followed. Breakfast was followed by more tales, and then a rush to set up tables and get modeling. Well, a rush by Sam and I. Seems the other DOGS were a little less motivated, although 02 did break out his project for at least a little bit, heck, he even borrowed a set of punches from me for some scratch building in his cockpit.



There was never any doubt that SD 01 wasn't right...we just didn't realize HOW wrong he was...is

The late afternoon gave way to more beer, BS, and a couple of truly disturbing sights...

Dinner was a magnificent combination of grilled cow flesh, baked potatoes, and corn on the



cob. Accompanied of course by good wine and plenty of beer.

But the highlight of the evening wasn't the coffee rubbed steak, the wine or the beer.



No, the highlight had to have been a recounting of Sam's experience jamming up the impeller of his brother's toy fire boat. I won't ruin the punch line for any of you who haven't heard the tale before. Just trust me when I tell you, do not pass up the opportunity to hear it. The Flaming Wall of Death isn't a bad one either, but the Fire Boat is, in my opinion, better!

By Sunday most of us were showing signs of slowing down, although Sam did break out his table and work on his model one more time. And allow me to digress a bit. I know Sam hates hearing it, but his work is more than inspiring, sometimes it's enough to make us want to take up knitting. I'm working on a Hasegawa Mustang III and a Tamiya IV. Ken is working on a Tamiya/Academy kit bash. Lynn has two of the Tamiya kits going. Mike is working on an Academy kit I think. Sam, he's detailing out an old Monogram MkIII. And when I say detailing, I'm not kidding. I saved him some trouble in the cockpit by passing on a True Details cockpit. But the rest? All Sam. Raised panel lines? Nope, completely re-scribed. Resin wheels to spiff up some less than impressive kit wheels? Perish the thought...just drill out the hubs and rebuild with strip stock. Wheel wells pretty bare, no worries, a bit of scratch building will take care of it. I really can't wait to see the completed gem, it's going to be amazing. Even more amazing was how close it came to being destroyed the day before. Like most of us in the DOGS category, Sam is unable to work his magic with the naked eye. I wear not only my glasses but a cheap "Optivisor" knock-off. Sam uses a magnifying lamp. I never could do that because it messed my depth perception up. But he's gotten used to it.

So there we are on Saturday, Sam working away at his table getting his fuselage closed up, and me working to get my interior painted. Mike may have been inside working on his, Ken may not have been awake, and Jeff and Steve, possibly better left unconsidered. And then, out of the relative quiet, comes a yelp from Sam and I look up just in time to see him swat his magnifier out of the way. It turns out that in a moment of bending down to retrieve something from his box, the sun does what it does when focused through a magnifying glass...it turned into a solar blow torch and Sam probably came about a 1/10 of a second from burning a hole completely through the model. As it was he ended up



OK...one more thing

I know there was a flyer in the last couple of Whittlers for our second stab at a show. I just hope everyone realizes just how quickly it's coming up. To be honest...it's catching me a little bit by surprise and behind the curve myself. I'm not too worried, I think we laid a heck of a good foundation last year, and much of that will carry over just fine to the coming show. We've got a few tweaks to make, which will honestly really be mine to make happen, and I've gotten started on those. Financially I think we're in great shape this time around, so that won't be a problem.

What I really want to do is encourage as many folks as possible to get to the next two meetings. It's time for folks to start getting an idea of what they'd like to do so we can start talking about who's actually going to be doing what. I think we are also going to need a special show meeting in January before the show. Our regularly scheduled meeting is the Monday before the show, and one of the biggest lessons we learned from last year is that we REALLY need to have a training/practice session for registration. We've got to do that better this time around. I'll be setting up the email pre-registration in a bit, so we will absolutely have to have two registration lines. One dedicated to pre-registrations, and one open line. The pre-registration line can of course take folks from the open line, but pre-registrations have priority there.

In addition, as you saw in the regular Whittler, Horton has passed on a great idea that he pulled from a show held up in Wisconsin recently. It's for a panel of Veterans that can discuss and answer questions about their wartime experiences. Two of the biggest challenges there are identifying possible panelists, and making sure the panelists have transportation if we pull this off. If anyone can help Horton pull this together, I think it would be a real plus for the show.

And of course, any other ideas anyone has, now is the time to bring them up. Any later, and we may just not have the time to make them a reality!

Ok, it was really a few more things!!!

Is anyone interested in another shirt order? A different style of shirt? More of the same? If so, let me know and I'll get with Lisa and start working on that too.

And finally, you really should try to make it to the Murfreesboro show next month (Nov 5th). Based on their experiences at our show last year, they are giving GSB a shot. They may change up the judging format a bit (but then so will we), but they are using our guidelines. Let's get up there and support them and show folks that GSB is a viable format in places other than Chattanooga. Get up there, enter some models, and give them a hand judging! See you up there, I hope!!!!

And finally, finally, some more GSB news. It looks like a couple more clubs are going to give it a go. I think our neighbors up in Knoxville are going to give it a try next year, and I've also heard the chapter in Little Rock is going to use it as well. How's it feel to be trendsetters?