



The Plastic Whittler



Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, August 15 at 7:00 pm**, at East Brainerd Church of Christ. 7745 East Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

Dave Wells will be providing the entertainment for the evening. He's going to provide us with a slide show of his recent aviation antics. He travelled down to see the final Shuttle launch and while he was that close he took in the Fantasy of Flight in Polk City. Next he made the trip to Airventure (aka Oshkosh!) A few teaser photos are on the following pages. It should be quite a show.

The News and This Issue

Well here we go..... Last month's meeting was quite a deal! We had a great turnout and actually had some models to look at. Look for more photos

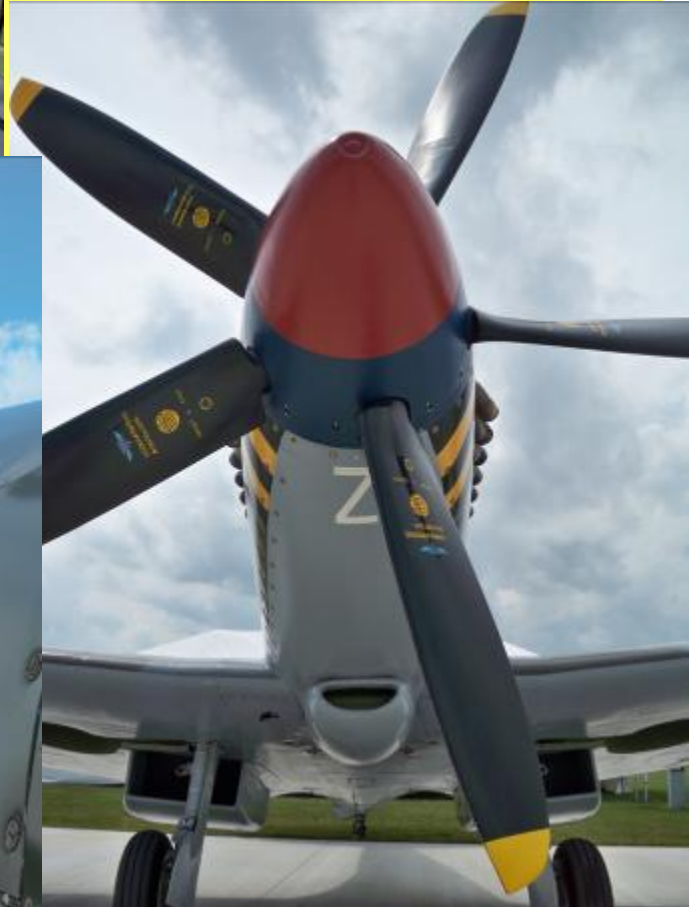
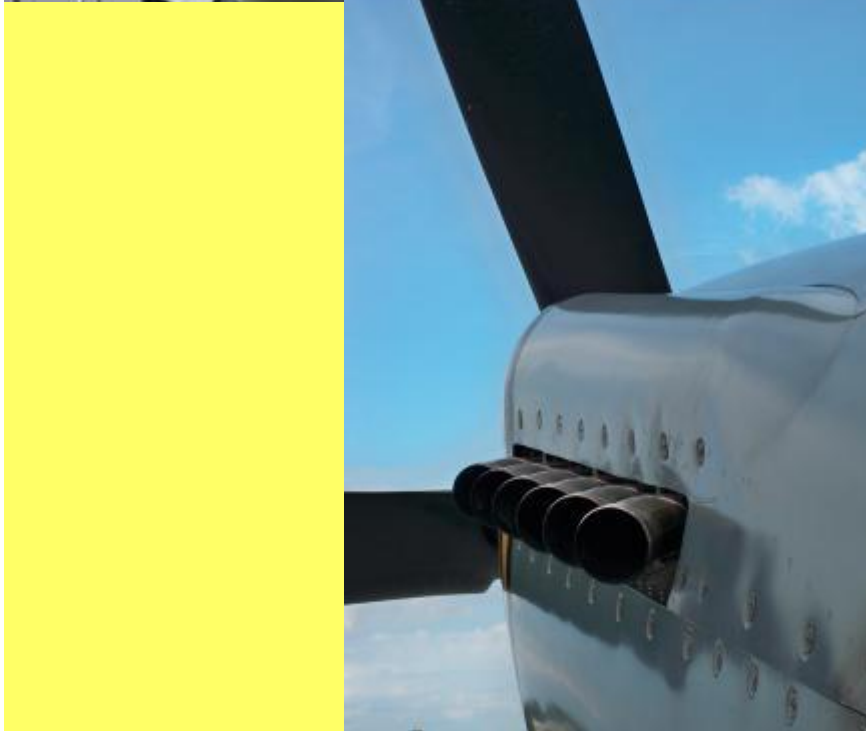


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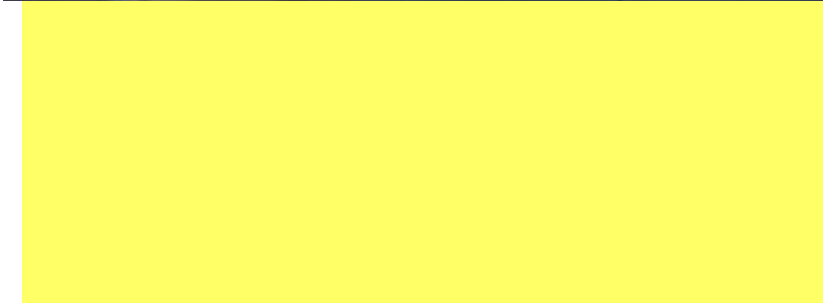
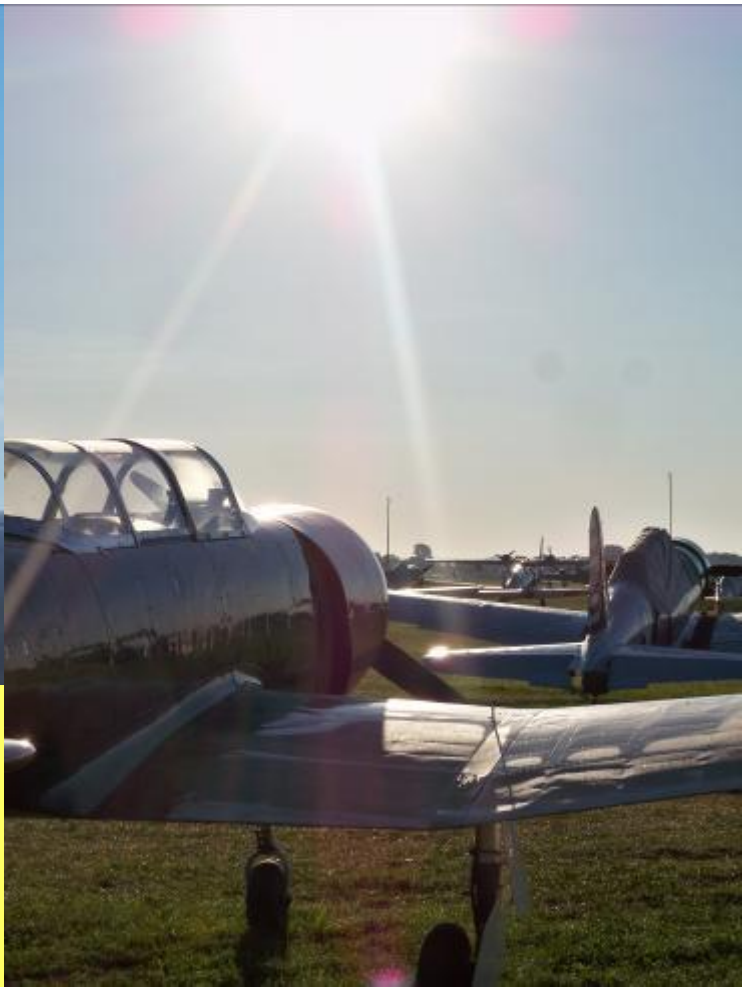
elsewhere in this edition. James brought his F-4 in the cool scheme that was briefly employed to hide a US Marine Carrier among the F-4K's on the deck of the Ark Royal. He also brought his F-18 that is under progress. Steve brought his Mig-21 that was serving as a practice palette for learning how to handle his new air brush. Phillip Chandler brought his helmet (and one hat) collection (More later in this issue) Mike Moore also debuted his line of resin bases—an IPMS/Chattanooga first! See also his article on the Nationals in Omaha. **In fact look for little nuggets all over this issue and in no particular order!**

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE
IPMS/Huntsville	10/01/2011
IPMS/Murfreesboro	11/05/2011
IPMS/CHATTANOOGA	1/21/2012
Anniston Al	4/12/2012
IPMS Warner Robins	6/9/2012
IPMS Nationals 2012 Orlando	8/8-11/2012









IPMS National Convention - Omaha -Trip Report

By Mike Moore

Omaha? Really? Omaha? I have to say, Omaha never even entered my top 200 places I wanted to visit before I die. Now I'm left wondering which one that IS on my top 200 will end up not being visited because I went to Omaha. At least I know it won't be Amsterdam...already been there (and what goes on in Amsterdam most DEFINITELY stays in Amsterdam, so don't even bother asking!). What to say about Omaha? Well, it's a LONG drive. Other than that, I don't really have much to say about Omaha. The La Vista Conference Center is well out of town and the highway skirts the north side of town, so I really didn't see much of Omaha. In fact, during the whole time we were at the show, I only left the building twice. Once on Thursday to run some books out to the van for Jack, and once to help load Jack's van before he left!

The show you say? You want to know about the show? You're not interested in my travelogue? Tough, you're going to get it anyway. I'm writing the damn article, so you can read what ever I see fit to write, and El Presidente sees fit to print! I started out Tuesday afternoon at about 2:10 from my house to go pick up Tom. About halfway there, I ran into some construction and had to cut across some Church's lawn to get to Tom's house. After quickly loading up, Tom and I were on our way up 75 to pick up honorary CSM member, Ed Marcum in Knoxville. We then proceeded west on 40 to pick up 24 and head for...

All right, all right, settle down. I'm just kidding.

The week actually got off to a bit of a rough start for me. I'd had to go to New Hampshire over the weekend for my Grandmother's birthday. God Bless her for making it to 95, but crikey...did she HAVE to schedule her birthday the weekend before I leave for Nats? So I make a 6am flight out of Boston on Monday morning, get home about noon, and go straight to work. By now all thoughts of being able to finish the C-27 are out the window. I'm just worried about being able to finish the MaxModels stuff I needed to. Cutting wood bases for the big round ones. Finishing bases for the others. Casting stock. A 12 hour casting session. Up all night. Start painting displays at 6:30 AM. Call Tom to let him know I won't be leaving my place at noon as planned. Call Tom at 12:30 to let him know the 1pm departure won't work, but I'm shooting for 2. 1:15 jump in shower. 1:30 start packing my entries. 1:45 start packing clothes. 1:55 start packing computer and other necessary BS. 2:05 run out door. 2:07 run back in to grab camera. 2:08 run back in to set alarm. 2:10, run back in, disarm alarm, grab vending room money, reset alarm. 2:15 pull away from house. Pick up Tom, and 15 minutes after he started driving to Knoxville I'm snoring!

After a 2 stage drive with a stop in Columbia MO, we ended up pulling into the Convention site at about 5pm Wednesday afternoon. While I busied myself getting my wares as MaxModels set up in the Vending room at MidTenn Hobbies (hence the reference to Jack and a van), Tom and Ed busied themselves making vendors happy. From there on, it was a pretty normal convention experience. Trips through the vending rooms, trips through the contest room, seminars, dinner, drinking, seeing friends not seen for at least a year, and not enough sleep.

Wait, that was Tom and Ed. I made a couple of passes through the vendors and model rooms, but spent 90% of my days at the MidTenn Hobbies tables trying to convince folks that they REALLY needed to buy a resin base for displaying aircraft models, and when not doing that, trying to help folks decide on buying

a compressor (batting 500 there) or an airbrush (750), AK Interactive's products (about 1000) and anything else Jack brought. All in all, apart from not being able to spend as much time in the model room as I would have liked, it was a very different and fun way to experience the convention. I got to talk with a lot more folks than I normally would have, got some great feedback on my bases as well as great ideas for different styles, and was able to help out a great guy who does tons locally to support us plastic junkies (that would be Jack Mathews of MidTenn Hobbies). I did of course manage to sneak out from behind our tables to go walk about through the other vendors. Since I had little time, I was very focused on what I wanted (yeah right...ohhh, THAT looks cool, better check it out!). But in the end, I did make the most of my time and managed to spend everything I'd budgeted, and about half of the money I actually made selling bases. But at least I didn't have to ship home a 1/6th scale Kublewagon. You've got a 50/50 shot on guessing right as to who did. And in one funny encounter at our tables, a guy came straight from the table he picked up the Kublewagon from to ours, and started asking about the AK products (which generally consist of newer, better weathering products like those pioneered by MIG Productions, and ironically enough, Mig himself left MIG productions a year or so ago, and is now working with AK to refine and develop new products). After talking with the AK guy for a few minutes, he looked at me, and asked if we had any in bigger bottles. Which I completely understood, given the kit under his arm.

Friday night was of course given over to judging, which seemed to go with out much of a hitch. As always, we had plenty of aircraft judges, and most of us only needed to judge a couple of categories. Upon completion of judging, most everyone retired to the bar, which inexplicably closed up promptly at 12:00 AM, despite the crowd lined up three deep and waving cash! Their loss, and mine. They lost the money...and I lost the hangover another couple of Margaritas would have led to!

Overall, it was a fantastic week. The organizers did an outstanding job and the convention came off without a hitch. Or at least without a hitch that was noticed by the attendees. The facility was great, just the right size to hold us, and the entire thing was given over to the show. Staffing levels were pretty low, which led to some long waits for meals at the restaurant and coffee shop, but that certainly wasn't the organizer's fault.

The drive home was also long. And done in one long stretch as Ed and I had to be back at work on Monday (today, although by the time you read this, it will have been a couple days ago). I'm also starting to pick up a theme of the trips back from National Conventions I drive to. Getting lost. Or at least misdirected. Back in 2008, Lynn and I missed one of the Interstate exchanges, and almost ended up driving all the way to Atlanta on the east side of the mountains, and then back up 75. In 2009, with Phil Hale in the car, we ended up missing the correct route around Cincinnati, adding a bit of time to the ride home. And this time, with Ed and Tom in the car, we managed to miss picking up on the short route home out of St. Louis and added a good bit of time, and a 2 lane winding state route to the adventure.

The theme you ask? None of the guys riding with me can navigate worth a damn! All I can say is that apparently, everyone has a cross to bear!

There will be a slide show at the September meeting of pictures Tom and I took. But in the meantime, here is are a few teasers (see next page)



I understand this took Best Armor

20mm Quad Flak gun on a Panther chassis.



Concept for an upgraded B-36



There was a great "story" to go along with this about how one had fallen down, and the other was helping it up.

In my best Bill Cosby: "yeah...RIGHT!"

The title was "Some Like it Hoth"



Mike Moore selling his line

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A Different Kind of Model Show....

Presented By Chattanooga Scale Modelers

- Gold, Silver, Bronze Judging—**Check our website for judging guidelines**
- Revised display format—grouped by genre**
- Vendors & Raffle!!!!
- Models eligible for entry: If we ain't seen it at a Chattanooga show...**BRING IT** In other words, if it wasn't entered last Year, bring it this year!

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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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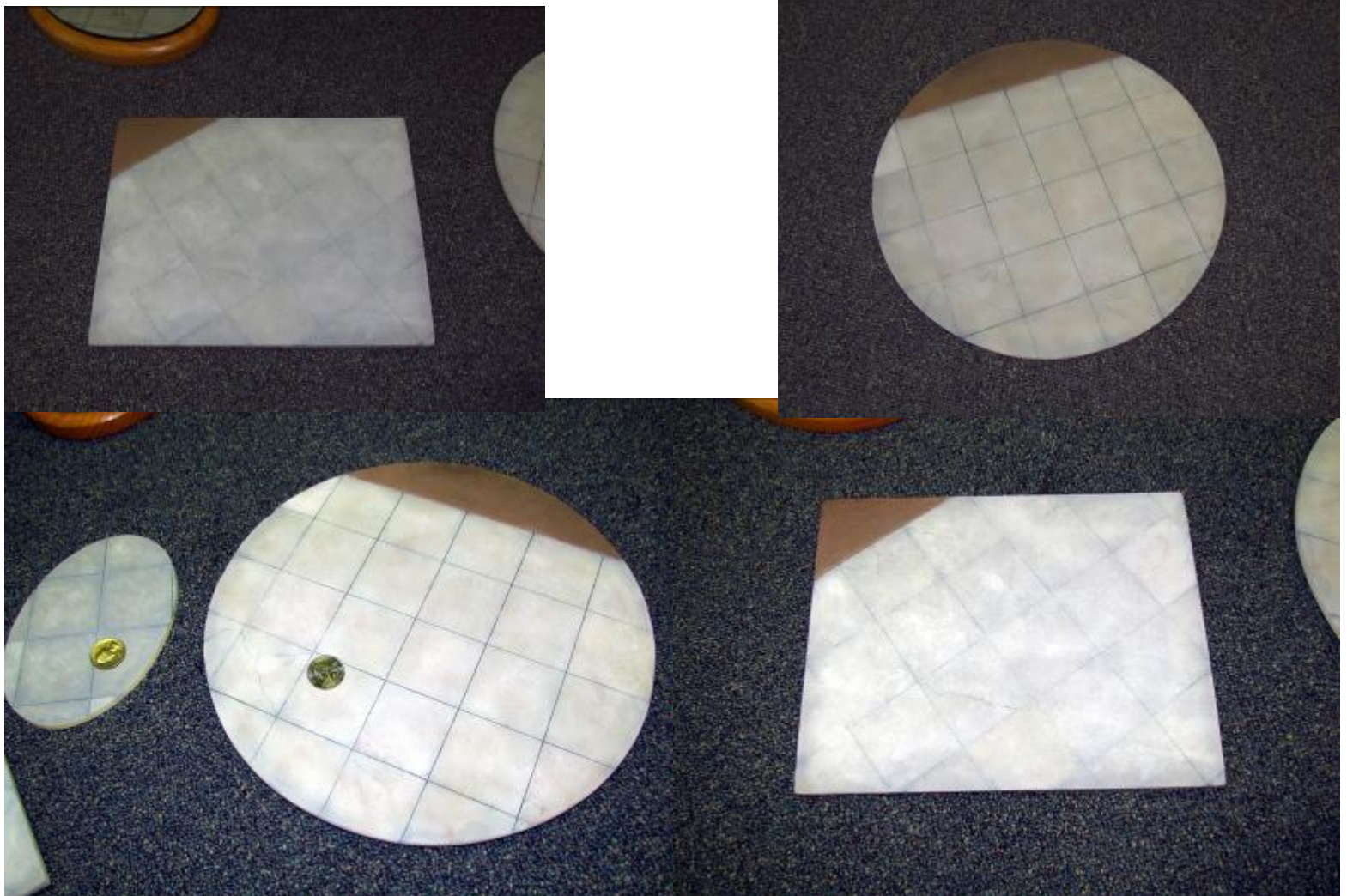


Max Models

Resin Aircraft Display Bases

Mike unveiled his line of display bases at our meeting last month, Here's a shameless collection of photos of the bases from last month and a plug to help one of our own guys out.

www.max-model.com





Can you help identify this symbol?



As said elsewhere Phil is into some serious military headgear collecting. He shared with us last month his Canadian, Belgian and several others and let me take this really goofy photo of him. Now it is payback time! He is looking at buying this helmet shown above. He believes it is a civil defense helmet of some type. But first he is trying to identify the symbol painted on it?