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This month's edition of Scale Scribblings will be a bit shorter, due to time constraints. I felt it should be published before Thanksgiving, and with other obligations to satisfy it left less time. The next edition will hopefully make up for this, as I have the material (do not take that statement as a reason not to submit something!).

Due to the onset of a nasty cold (just ask my wife, with whom I graciously shared it) I missed the October meeting. Fortunately Ken Patterson, Sr. was on hand with his trusty Nikon, and thus we do have photographic coverage. Big thanks to Ken, without whom this newsletter would be even shorter this month.

Additional features this month are a report by Mike Meredith on a modeling presentation he gave at his daughter's school, and a report on the Cleveland Model Show, at which Fame Cities members were quite well represented.

The next two meetings are very important ones to attend - November is officer nominations month, and December is election month. We will be selecting a new president with the retirement of Steve Dottavio, so come on out and make your voice heard. December is also our next contest meeting, and of course our annual Christmas feast.

Next meeting November 30

Green Public Library

December Contest

National Guard and Reserves

Sponsored by Ralph Nollan

Fame Cities members make great showing at Cleveland Model Show

The annual Cleveland Model Show was held on November 6, at Kirtland High School. The show was moved to Sunday this year to allow the school gym to be used for vendors, which relieved the congestion from previous shows when the vendors were in the hallways. Our chapter was well represented, both in attendance and in the results. Ed Kinney received two first place awards, Best USMC and Best Aircraft. Ken Patterson took a first as well as the Birds of a Feather award and the Best Finish award. Al Imler got a second and Best 1945 subject, Bridget Dottavio got a first and Best Junior. Other winners were Mike Meredith with a first and a second (this was Mike's first contest), Andy Miday with a second, Larry Davis with a first in cars and a third in aircraft, Jerry Royer with two seconds, Steve Dottavio with a second, Mark Smith, and your editor with two firsts. Congratulations to all who took home awards, you did Fame Cities proud. The show was a great time, as usual, including our traditional lunch at Hooters (no, that's not why we go.... well, not primarily). There were some terrific models on display, the vendors were there in full force, and things went off pretty efficiently. The only negative aspect is that Fame Cities was asked to leave our models at home in the future.....just kidding. Hopefully we will have photographic coverage next month.

The members of Fame Cities IPMS and the newsletter staff wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the Patterson family on the death of Ken Senior's brother Jack on November 14th.

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October meeting and contest



Ed reluctantly awards first place to a pair of.....cars?

October's "Relatively Speaking" contest was won by Larry Davis with a pair of competitors - a Chevy Corvette and a Ford Cobra. Jerry Royer placed second with his F-4's and Steve Dottavio placed third. The turnout for this contest was one of the best the club has ever seen (and would have been higher but for my cold). Kudos to all who entered, and lets support the December contest equally well.



Larry's award winning Cobra and Corvette



Jack Norton had this WWI scene



Jerry Royer's second place entries



Andy Miday's F-18D



Jack also brought a pair of cars



Gary, is this yours? Ed's memory failed him.....



Andy's Blue Angels F-18C



Mike Meredith's A-26 Invader



More of John Shimek's armor.....



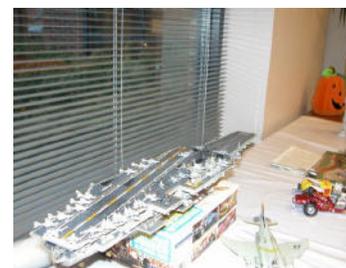
Ken Patterson's Strike Eagle



John Keller's P-40



... and armor by Rick Slagle



Gary Wolfe's carrier

IPMS Member Goes Back to School

Recently, Mrs. Marino a second grade teacher at Manchester's Nolley School asked the parents to make a presentation to the kids in an area of interest. I saw this as an opportunity to generate some youth interest in modeling. I contacted Steve Dottavio, IPMS Youth Activities Coordinator who graciously volunteered some Testors UFO Kits for the kids. Although the presentation was not a Make and Take format, I planned on covering basic building techniques for the kids.

So with the day at hand I arrived with built kits of my own and my daughters as well as the UFO kits. We discussed the many different genres of models, the principles of scale and the uses of models in industry and entertainment. With the assistance of my daughter, we passed around some of the more durable models for viewing and presented the others. I then went through a quick demonstration of assembling and finishing a model. We reviewed types of and use of glues, paints, and water slide decals. I held a question and answer session then passed out the UFO kits to the kids.

This was my first experience at this type of presentation, and I really had a great time with the kids. They were very courteous and excited about modeling.

I would like to thank Mrs. Marino and her class for this opportunity. The children were very polite and attentive. I would also like to thank Steve Dottavio for the kits. The children really appreciated them and are planning a contest for best UFO.

Thanks Again,

Mike Meredith

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Photos from the Kalamazoo contest by Ken Patterson, Sr.



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The above photos are also from Kalamazoo



More photos by Ken Patterson, this time from the Shenango Valley show



This Crusader is 1/72 scale, folks.....

