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Next meeting September 21

Green Public Library

WE'RE BACK! My apologies for missing last month's issue. Some medical problems necessitating surgery put me out of action for a period, but I am happy to report that the brain transplant was a success. As noted below, the big item on the Fame Cities' agenda is our annual picnic. This traditional event is always a good time, and we don't let the weather interfere, so plan to attend. Bring your appetite, and fetch along the spouse and kids while you're at it. The picnic also features a terrific raffle, so bring money, you won't regret it.

Keep in mind as well, that October is a contest month, with the theme being "Relatively Speaking", sponsored by Ed Kinney. This is for two models that are somehow related - adversaries, etc. Be prepared to defend your choices, as Ed will be the final judge of what qualifies. Coming up in December is Ralph Nollan's annual National Guard/ Reserve contest. The Fall IPMS contest season is also here, so there is a lot to look forward to.

IPMS FAME CITIES ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday September 25th

2:00 PM

It is time for our annual picnic, and once again Ed and MJ Kinney have graciously offered to host the event. As usual, there will be food, fun, food, conversation, food, and probably some surprises. Did I mention food? The club will supply burgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments, snacks and drinks. Members should bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert.

The picnic will be held regardless of weather - we've done it in the rain before.

The address is 2011 Glenmont Drive NW, Canton, OH, 44708. Ed's phone number is 330 477-6622

If coming from the north, exit Interstate 77 at the Everhard Road/Belden Village exit. Turn right on Everhard, and turn left at the first traffic light (Dressler Rd.). Go south on Dressler through four traffic lights. At the fourth light you see a Bally's on your left, and the cross street is Hills and Dales. Continue through the light, past the Aultman medical facility and Woodlawn Village, to the first street on your right (Lawndale). Turn right, and turn right again at the stop sign, then follow the jog left to the next stop sign. This is Glenmont. Turn left and the 7th house on the right is 2011 Glenmont.

From the south take Hills and Dales Road from Whipple, or Route 241 to the light at Bally's, go south and Woodlawn and follow the directions above.

IF LOST Call 330 477-6622

Scale Scriblings

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The August Fame Cities meeting reflected the doldrums of summer, with very few models on the table. I am including some photos from July to fill out the page. Those who attended may not have seen a lot of models, but they did enjoy an informative demo by Dave Battista on using and applying Bare Metal foil. Dave's demo concentrated on foil applications for car modelers, but there all of us got some good tips. Well done, Dave, and thanks!

There was not much other news from the meeting - like I said, the August doldrums had us in their grip. As September arrives and Fall shows up on the horizon the distractions of Summer should give way to more modeling time and a return to our usual volume of models on display.



Dave Battista's demo models



Two more by Jack Norton



Jamie Rohmeoller has been at it again.



Paul Kittle's son brought this helicopter.



Dave Battista relates the fundamentals of Bare Metal foil. Not shown is Ed Kinney listening intently.



From July - Ed's Dewoitine



Also from July - Mike Meredith's Zero



Bridget Dottavio's

Johnny Depp?

REFLECTIONS ON THE NATS

" It was the best of times; it was the worst of times" !

What a week in Atlanta! All I can say is WOW! As you probably know by now, records were set at this convention that may never be broken. There were over 1600 entrants and 3222 models entered, plus a goodly number – over 700 – of "display only " models. The quality of workmanship, on balance, was spectacular! I can only state that I have competed in this event since the late 60's and have never seen this level of excellence in great numbers...Truly the toughest competition I've ever faced.

The impression I was left with was not unlike having been force fed plastic modeling through a fire hose for most of the week...It was great!

The items worthy of mention were as follows:

Accommodations: The Waverly Hotel is absolutely beautiful and the staff did their best to make it an enjoyable stay. This is the same hotel that previously hosted the last Atlanta Nats.

The Models: This subject is covered earlier in this article, but be sure to check the various websites for photo coverage. It'll blow you away.

The Vendors Room: When they tell you that this is the largest hobby shop in the world, believe it! Over 425 tables of "goodies". Meteor Productions had over 30 tables alone. If there was an item that wasn't there, you probably didn't need it anyway. Test shots of the new releases, to numerous to cover, were there and I will say that the quality of this stuff is mind boggling. "Kid in a candy store" doesn't cover it! My long suffering wife told me she was amazed at my self restraint...hopefully she feels that way when the credit card bill arrives!. An individual could do serious damage to his outstanding balances in this place.

Dragon Expo 2005: This was a first for the IPMS convention and it was interesting... Mostly large scale armor and action figures, but the Hasegawa booth had displays of their current new releases. AND I had the opportunity to meet and briefly chat with Mr. Hasegawa himself. Interestingly, his closet friend was purported to be Mr. Tamiya! Go figure. (I was hoping to meet Mr. Surfacer, but he was nowhere to be found)

The Seminars: These were numerous and interesting, running the 3 days of the convention, but due to time constraints, I was only able to make a few of them. Should you have the opportunity to attend a future convention, try not to miss those of interest to you.

The Tours: None were offered this year.

The People: IPMS members and those "on the fringe" never cease to amaze me. I truly believe that getting to see and visit with some of the old timers made the entire trip worthwhile. Mr. Hasegawa, Brett Green of Hyperscale, who incidentally spent 38 hours on his air journey from Australia, Mike Grant from Saskatchewan, just to name a few that were there. Great fun!

The Awards Banquet: Well, so much for the best of times. The audio visual presentation of the winners was a complete disaster. After an excellent dinner, over 650 people waited patiently while the powers that be fiddled with everything known to man to make it happen, but to no avail. I think the sheer number of models and ambitious plan to photograph all 3200 models did the computer in and the awards presentation didn't work. After everything failed, the crowd dispersed to the model room where the awards had been place on the tables in the proximity of the winners. Also, with the number of entries, the judges split more categories that there were awards to give out. IPMS Atlanta promised to have the winners up a week after the convention ends and I wish them luck. Live and Learn – the banquet presentations are running about 50/50 in success rate.

Please don't any of you readers of this diatribe get the wrong impression. I will support IPMS/USA by 112% and truly believe that national membership is a worthwhile thing. Nor, should anyone let this deter them from attending a national convention in the future. Kansas City MO in 2006 and Orange County, CA in 2007. The good times will far offset the glitches.

One last item. This was the first year for the "Premier Awards". These are designed to give a first time entrant to a National Convention a fighting chance to win an award (see the Journal for particulars). I am pleased to say that Fame Cities was well represented, with Ken Patterson's F-86F and John Keller's JU-52 both garnering these prestigious awards. Enjoy it while you can, cause you're scrappin with the big dogs now!

Ed Kinney

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