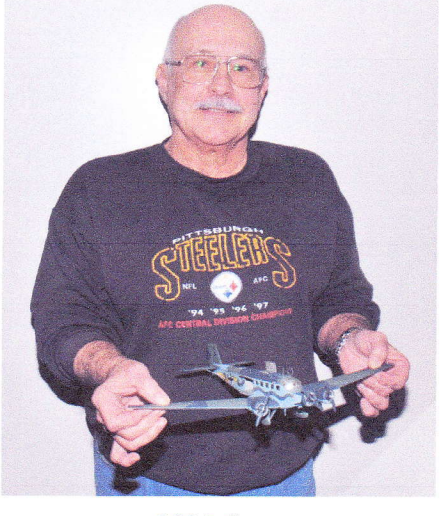
Non Theme Contest Winners

First Place

Dave Blankenship
Eduard FW-190A-8
1/48Scale

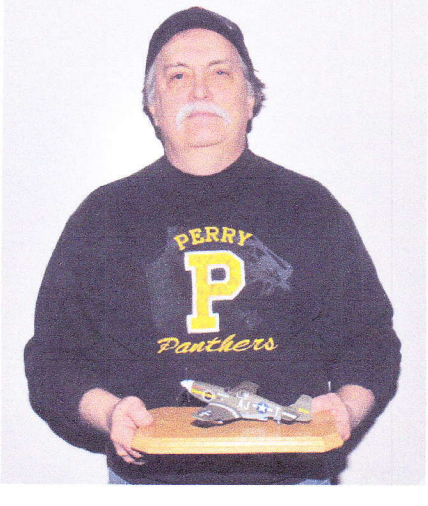
Mark Gamble
Trumpeter SA-16
1/48 Scale

Second Place



Al Hubert
Italeri JU-52
1/72 Scale

Third Place



Dave Ball
Tamiya P-51B
1/48 Scale

IPMS REGION IV CONVENTION

The contest room.

WrightCon 2015, the 2015 Region IV convention, was held April 10 and 11 at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center located at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton. Wright Scale Modelers have a lot of experience running these events, and it it shows. The facility is first class, registration, contest and all other activities run smoothly, and it is a great time for all who attend.

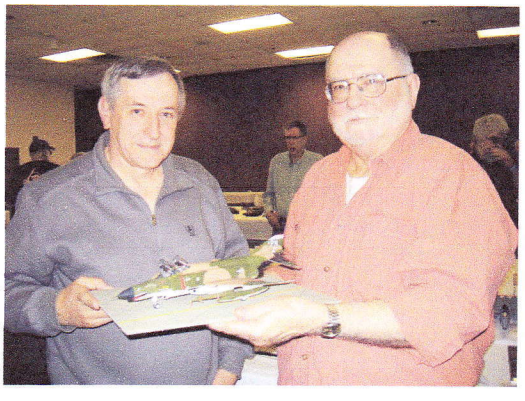
About 500 models graced the tables, with 1/48 scale jets and propeller driven aircraft the most crowded classes. Although attendance by Fame Cities was limited, the club made a good showing. Larry Davis took a gold in 1/48 jet, John Shimek took a silver in 1/72 armor and your editor took a gold in 1/32 aircraft and a special award for best USMC subject. John Shimek also cleaned up in the raffle, winning several kits and an Iwata airbrush! John had to put up with considerable ribbing about his raffle luck, but at least he made it back from this contest without mowing down any road signs.

Next year's regional convention will be held at this same venue, so you can make plans to attend with confidence it will be worth the trip.

A Regional Convention Story

By Bob Ulrich

I took two models to Dayton, a 1/32 Corsair and a 1/48 F-4E built as a 3rd TFW bird based in the Phillipines and named 'Bataan'. Late Saturday morning I entered the model room to see Larry MacMillan waving me to come over. Larry told me someone wanted to ask me about my F-4. Anticipating a typical question about paint or some other technique I introduced myself to the gentleman. To my total surprise he said "I'm Ron Thurlow and my name is on your model. That was my plane." After collecting myself we proceeded to discuss the model and it's markings, which Ron himself designed. I knew Ron had corresponded with Larry Davis for some of Larry's writing, so I mentioned Larry's name not realizing Larry was right behind me. Larry and Ron had never met face to face, so this was an event for Larry as well. Our conversation lasted about fifteen to twenty minutes and brought activity in the vicinity to a stop as people listened to Ron's memories and remarks. This was truly one of the neatest things that has ever happened to me at a contest, and was also a great honor. And the kicker - I debated about even taking that particular model to Dayton. I'm sure glad I did!



Pilot, modeler and model