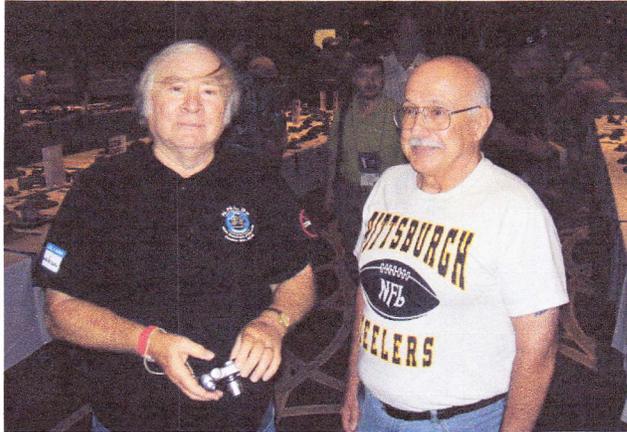


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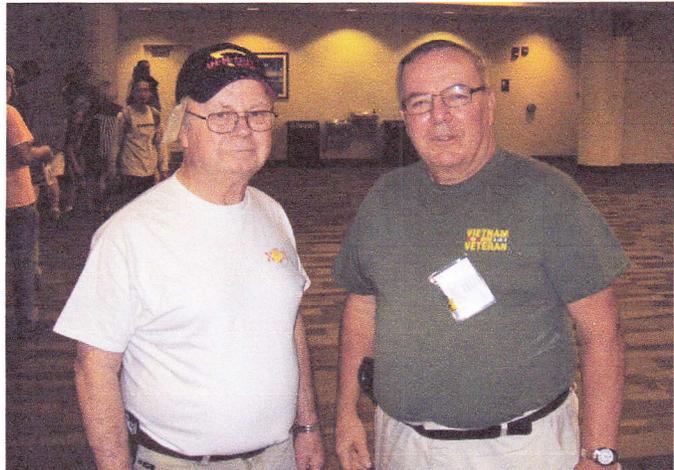
Fame Cities at the Nationals



Larry MacMillan and Al Hubert

The 2015 IPMS-USA National Convention was held in Columbus, Ohio July 22-25. The Columbus chapter has a lot of practice running a Nationals, having hosted three since 1997. The venue is the centrally located and easy to find Hyatt Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Columbus. This is a large and impressive facility, although the model room lighting is a little dim due to the very high ceiling in this huge room. Some 2748 models graced the tables, running the gamut of subjects. The Nationals is the place to go to see things that you rarely see modeled in smaller shows.

The second big attraction of the National Convention is the vendors (some might say it's the bigger attraction). This year's group of vendors was outstanding. Highlights were the spectacular display by Zoukei-Mura which featured stunning build ups of their kits, and a prototype of their upcoming F-4 Phantom in 1/48th scale. In the same room Revell-Monogram and Tamiya had displays, featuring Revell's 1/72 C-54 and Tamiya's amazing 1/32 Mosquito. That was just one room! Other major sellers were Eduard, Aires, CMK, and Vellejo, who had a demo going that almost sold this hard core solvent paint user to try acrylics.



Larry Davis and John Shimek

Fame Cities members who scored in the contest include our president John Shimek with a First and a Second, Al Hubert with a First, Ken Patterson with a First, and Mark Gamble with a Third.

Next year's National Convention is in Columbia, South Carolina.

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Acme Food Market North Canton Meeting Room

On August 11 John Shimek, Larry MacMillan, Larry Davis and myself visited the meeting room at the Acme Food Market in North Canton to assess it's suitability as a meeting location for Fame Cities.



The store is located in the strip mall just east of our old location in the Cutler Realty facility. The meeting room is right off the store floor, and has a seating capacity of 50. As the photos show, it is very well lit, and has tables and chairs which we can rearrange as needed.

Fame Cities can use this room free of charge, and it is available for meetings

beginning in 2016 on the third Monday of the month. This solves our issues with meeting on the fourth Monday at Perry. The store is open until 10:00 PM, so we would have adequate time. The room is open and visible from the store shopping floor, and entrance is through the normal store entrance. We were assured that there will be no problem with bringing in models and such.



There are some limitations, the most significant being that absolutely no food or drink can be brought in from outside. This cramps our annual Christmas party to some extent, although food for parties is available for purchase from the store.

The executive board agreed that moving to this location should be recommended to the membership for use starting in January 2016. The primary driver of this decision is geographic location, which is much more convenient for our members who live to the north and west. The store is easily accessible and just a stones throw from our old location.

This is a big change and will be a major topic of discussion at the August meeting. We urge everyone who can possibly attend to do so, so that we may set this location firmly and make plans for the next year.