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Mike Miodonski - 1964-2008

Our friend Mike Miodonski passed away on December 27, 2008 when his recurring heart problems finally overtook him.

Mike was a member of Niagara Frontier IPMS for many years, going back to our days at the Harlem-Genesee VFW Post. Perhaps "member" is too bland a word to describe how Mike related to this club. Mike was never a spectator but always a participant and often a leader in club activities.

A long time E-Board member, Mike served as Vice President for many years and President for three terms, resigning in this last term because of his health. He pushed us into trying different things. Didn't always work, but he always looked forward. Mike was a late bloomer at attending contests other than BuffCon, but he made up for that over the past few years, hitting all the shows he could, even in horrendous weather. He always volunteered for the judging teams wherever he went and, at the Kansas City Nationals, he was one of the computer guru's who kept registrations on track. I know he was looking forward to the Columbus Nationals in 2009. At our shows, he captained the registration effort for as long as I can remember and so became one of our most "public" faces.

Mike was at his best working the crowd, as he did when leading the group in the discussion of the models on the display tables at our monthly meetings.

My favorite memories of Mike will always revolve around the annual Kid's Model Building Class. Although he and Katie never had children, Mike truly enjoyed working with them. He loved building models one-on-one with the kids, especially the youngest ones. Watching him coax little kids into talking about their models in front of a large group was always a highlight of the class. I didn't know that he coached for the Lovejoy T-Ball team too, but it's fun to imagine him and little kids with bats.

Old friend Frank Ciccarella summed it up pretty well, saying "For those of us who knew Mike, we will be grateful for the time we had together with him."

We'll miss you, buddy.

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Thank you  
for the generous  
donation to the  
American Heart  
Association!  
God Bless you all!  
Mike

Bob & Linda,  
IPMS members  
& Ronny at Ace,

For all the kindness you have shown.

We thank you very much.

For sympathy in sorrowing days.

For friendships' healing touch.

With gratitude our hearts are full.

Though words cannot convey

The tender thoughts and thankfulness

We hold for you today.

From the family of

Mike  
Miodonski

With Our  
Deepest  
Sympathy



Hey Guys!

To let you know

we're thinking of you

at this time

of sorrow.



So sorry to hear about  
Mike. Our thoughts and  
prayers are with you.

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## TONY'S TIDBITS

Tony Gliszczynski

Hi Everyone. It's the start of a new year, and here's hoping for a better one.

As you all know, we lost a good friend, mentor and great leader of our club. As you have all seen, Mike Miodonski was a very hard working guy. He would not take a back seat on anything and was always pitching in to any task, no matter what it was. Boy, are we really going to miss this guy.

Thank you Mike for all you did for this club!

For this next meeting, our Around the Room Question will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and/or memories of our late Prez., Mike Miodonski. Next, Paul Hines is going to do his demo on bending wood planks for wood ship building. Also, bring in some models for the center tables, either finished or under construction. We can use some new ideas for any demos or other topics you would like to take about.

Well, lets take time to think about our friends and members that we lost and all the ones that are having any problems in any way.

The next E-board meeting is on Feb 16th at Paul Hines' house.

Thank You All.

Your Prez Tony G.

## Your 2009 Dues Are Due

For most of you, your club dues for the 2009 calendar year are due by the January 2000 meeting. If you receive a mailed Dizpatch, your renewal date is listed next to your name on the address label.

If you get Dizpatch by e-mail, your dues are probably due. Either check with Dave Schwab at the meeting, or e-mail him at [davidsp51stang@aol.com](mailto:davidsp51stang@aol.com) if you're not sure.

Everyone is now on the January to January schedule. Regular memberships are still \$10.00 per year and Juniors (under 18) are still \$5.00.

You can pay the Treasurer Dave Schwab at the meetings or by mailing a check to Dave at 28 Wanda Ave., Cheektowaga, NY 14211. Please make checks (or money orders) out to Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS.

Make sure that you share any updated information like addresses and e-mail addresses with Dave as things change.

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## Notes From The December Meeting Dick Schulenberg

President Tony Gliszczynski started off the meeting with a little bit of regular business and some reminders.

The Fort Niagara diorama project is coming along nicely. The pickets are ready for planting, thanks to Tom Brown, and the substructure for the complex groundwork is well under way. Paul Kittell finished the ships and boats we need, and Dick Schulenberg is well into the buildings. A small group has been working

on the diorama at Bob Collignon's studio on the Monday evenings when the club or E-Board is not meeting. Come on down.

Tonight was our annual pizza and wings holiday celebration, which seemed to be enjoyed by all. More importantly, it was also the night for our annual US Marine Corps sponsored Toy for Tots gift donations. Looked like a lot of good, age-appropriate stuff, so thank you to everyone for your generosity..

Also a reminder that the six week long 2009 Amherst Youth Board Kids Model Building Class is also coming up soon, starting at 10 on the third Saturday in January. This event is very popular with the kids we teach, as well as the Youth Board. They've been heavily advertising the event and the class is filling up to the 30-35 kid level already. For our efforts in providing for and running this event, the Youth Board reduces our monthly rent by 50%, so this is as important for us as it is for them. We always need mentors, even if you can only help for one Saturday morning. Sign-up sheets went around at the November and December meetings, but you can still sign up by contacting Bob Conshafter. It's good fun, and we eat afterwards, too!

NOREASTCON Show Chairman Bob Collignon announced that things are on track. The club's website [www.noreastcon2009.com](http://www.noreastcon2009.com) is constantly updated to contain the latest info. Flyers are out with inserts containing new and updated info on events at the show. Award sponsorships are coming in and our national advertising is in place. Still lots to do, so we'll be asking for your help

I had to leave early, so Bob Conshafter agreed to pick up for me. Over to you, Bob and thanks.



## Notes From The December Meeting Bob Conshafter

First off, I'd like to thank everyone for their generous donations of mentor time, model kits, and money to support our annual Kids' Kit Building Class. Our roster of mentors looks considerably better than last year's and I know it can be tough to make Saturday meetings as many must work. Our "Buck Up for A Buck" fundraiser brought in \$118 that will go a long way towards our hobby supply expenses for the Kids' Class. I was bombarded at the December meeting with model kits of every type. We have a nice variety of very build-able kits that I know the kids will get a kick out of building. A special thanks to the following members for their generosity with this current kit haul: Dave Armitage, Frank Blonski, Tim Delventhal, Frank Del Russo, Bob Raithel, Andre Thierault, Dick Schulenberg, and John Zachritz. The kits were coming in so fast that day that I may have missed someone's name. You know who you are and our Kids' Class Mentors thank you.

Back at the August meeting, I found a 1/96 scale model ship kit of the Clermont by Lindberg next to my stuff. Whoever may own it to contact me.

Our around the room question, How do you interest young people in modeling? Brought some thought provoking responses. Many cited some of the factors that may help to explain our current challenge: competition with video games and things that bring more instant gratification, a lack of parental support and involvement necessary to make sure a modeling project gets done, and the current laws preventing the use of fireworks to blow up the models we don't like! continued...





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On the more positive side, many cited the Kids' Model Kit Building Class and Mall Shows (we haven't done one in quite some time) as a good means to stimulate interest in modeling. One member pointed out that kids do engage in modeling in school when they do a salt map or build a Long House. Bob Collignon did a quick unofficial survey of members by asking how many modelers who are parents have children that continue to model. Four said they did but 15-20 said they didn't. A sobering thought. I think the general consensus was that we are DOOMED!

The Tables



Brian McFee brought in his 48th scale Hasegawa F-4J Phantom 2 work in progress. He's building a bird that was transferred from the US. Navy to the RAF with markings for #74 Tiger Squadron. The cockpit sports True Details ejection seats and an interesting light blue exterior paint job with a black tail.

Alan Gryfe brought in two work in progress truck conversion projects that he was inspired to do from a Motorific Magazine Issue. One was an Opel Blitz chassis under a 55' Chevy pickup cab and the other was a Ford C Series cab over on top of a Monogram garbage truck hot rod. I hope I got this right Alan! Can you tell I'm not a car guy?

Larry Osolkowski brought in a kit he plans to be his NOREASTCON 2009 entry, a 1/24th scale kit from Model

Factory HIRO of the Aston Martin DBR9 that ran in the 2006 Le Mans. He managed to acquire the proper grayish green metallic paint for the car from Cobra Colors. The brake rotors have four layers of photo etch and the wheels are made of CNC'd aluminum. Larry had to use an etching primer to get the magnesium paint coating to stick to the aluminum. He used paint from a traditional spray can in an airbrush by using a straw taped to the spray can and shooting into a cup with the other end of the straw cut so that it splays in four directions to let the paint out more slowly. Neat idea Larry. It sounds like a must try.



Peter Gajowka brought in some kits from ICM and Eduard he acquired while in Poland. He said they were particularly good buys because of the exchange rate and the details were pretty good too. He had an M3 Stuart light tank kit featuring British Cavalry markings and an ICM Russian LaGG 3 fighter in 48th scale as well as an Eduard Grumman F6F-3 Hellcat fighter.



Jeff Belling brought in a 1/144 scale Academy kit of the Consolidated B-24 Liberator he finished in the markings of its pilot, who Jeff knows. Jeff gave it an N scale crew and looks forward to presenting the model to the pilot who is still active in Jeff's local community. A wonderful and thoughtful idea Jeff. I bet we all can think of someone who would like a model of the plane or vehicle they worked on or piloted.

Tom Brown brought in some 1/300 scale cannons he made for the Fort Niagara Diorama by using a lit magnifying glass. See Tom if you would like to help.

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Dave Armitage brought in a model of Stonehenge made of resin stones on a cardboard base populated with N-scale figures. This would be a great educational tool. He also tried a new modeling venue by shifting gears and building a Medieval Dungeon shadow box with an iron maiden and pendulum from the old Mobius (Polar Lights) kits and a scratch built rack based on a drawing of one from the Tower of London Dave was able to acquire with assistance from the local library. He also scratch built the floor from quarter inch plywood as well as the walls and made a chandelier from stir sticks with candles made from straw, guitar string, and a brass washer. The individual stone look of the floor and walls was done with woodworking tools. Like many of Dave's models and dioramas, he uses simple craft paint that can be found at any craft store. Great ingenuity Dave.



Steve Weller got the modeling spirit flowing again by starting with something simple and small, a 1/76th scale Fujimi T-34 Model 1941 Tank. Steve reports that the rubber band tracks were a real nightmare to try to fasten in place. He finished it with a winter white wash scheme. Looks nice Steve.

Joe Villone brought in a neat scrap book of news clippings about Niagara Falls AFB Airshows in the 50's featuring the all new F-89 Scorpion!



Andre Thierault mentioned that there is a great web site for car and airplane images at [autohobbypage.com](http://autohobbypage.com)

Larry Osolkowski still has CD's of photos from recent BuffCons (as seen on our website [www.niagarafrontier.com](http://www.niagarafrontier.com)) for sale for \$3.00 with all proceeds going to the club treasury. See him at the meeting.

The next meeting is Monday, January 26, one week later than usual because the Youth Center is closed for Martin Luther King Day. The February meeting is also a week later than usual because of Presidents Day.. Bring something to work on. Bring your stuff to sell, new kits and projects to show, or just yourself. See you Monday.

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Dear Modeling Friends and Families,

Tony's Tidbits

My name is Bob Collignon and I'm the Show Chairman of the IPMS Region I Convention, **NOREASTCON 2009**. I'm writing to tell everyone about the great show that we, IPMS Niagara Frontier, is planning that we really want YOU, your family and friends to attend! IPMS Niagara Frontier is hoping to see faces from our own Region 1 and from our good friends in Region 2 and 4 plus our great modeling buddies from the North-Oh Canada !!!

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Our show includes some great guests and seminars, a "Make and Take" for our Junior modelers, a "Blind Build" team competition during Happy Hour on Friday (many of us remember the hilarity of our 2003 "Blind Build"), hourly raffles starting Friday, a packed vendor room, lots of room for models, great looking awards and a family style NOREASTCON banquet! Don't miss it! We've added two additional special aspects of the show; a special "entrant only" raffle for a \$50 gift certificate to Niagara Hobby and Craft Mart and, most important, we will have donation bins, for new kits, modeling supplies or cash, for our Service Men and Women in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Please go to our constantly updated web site at [www.noreastcon2009.com](http://www.noreastcon2009.com). Lots of detailed info is on the web site including photos of the show location.

As all you experienced show planners surely know, a large model show needs lots of sponsorships and we still have some available. IPMS Niagara Frontier and the NOREASTCON 2009 show committee would appreciate all sponsorships that you and/or your club might be able to do! Sponsorship information is on the web site, as is a list of current Sponsors and available categories. A "hearty HUZZAH!!!" to all those clubs and individual members who have already sent us your generous sponsorship support!

Any questions please write me at [cjltd@roadrunner.com](mailto:cjltd@roadrunner.com) or [bobdave@bobdave.com](mailto:bobdave@bobdave.com) or phone (d) 716-875-0234 or (n) 716-837-2204.

I hope to see lots of old friends and lots of soon to be friends at NOREASTCON 2009!

My Best Regards to All,

*Bob Collignon*

NOREASTCON 2009 Show Chairman,  
IPMS Niagara Frontier, Chapter Contact

Ps. don't forget a new model or modeling supply for our troops. God bless them all!

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### The Next Club Meeting:

The next meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS will be on Monday, January 26, 2009 at the Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Harlem Road (near Main Street), Amherst, New York. We meet in the basement youth room from 7:00 P.M. to about 10:00 P.M. Please do not arrive before 6:45 P.M.

### Important: All submissions to e-DIZPATCH

must be received by the Monday one week after our scheduled meeting night.

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