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### Mike Memmo

Mike Memmo passed away at home on Monday, May 11 after battling a number of escalating health problems. He had spent the last few weeks in the ICU at Buffalo General Hospital. According to his daughter Michelle, he was glad to be home and relatively comfortable, but ready to let go.

Mike was an active member of IPMS Niagara Frontier since 1984. Many of us remember the big WWII ground warfare diorama he brought to BuffCon in the Lancaster Middle School that year. He was so proud of his model and so excited to meet other people with similar interests. Mike never lost that pride in his models or that excitement in being with other modelers.

If you met Mike, you wouldn't forget him. He loved armor models and had recently gravitated to 1/72 scale, recently becoming a dedicated dealer for a number of Eastern European manufacturers. He was a wheeler & dealer and thoroughly enjoyed buying and selling model kits. He loved turning kits over as fast as possible, always at a fair price. As much as he liked selling, I think his biggest delight at shows was giving a kit to a kid. I know he made a lot of kids happy.

Mike was the master of the art of selling raffle tickets at our shows and at the AMPS Nationals. He could convince anyone to buy an arms length of tickets and he made a lot of money for us. We will miss that booming "Get your raffle tickets here."

Mike was also a great story teller. He loved to talk and he always had an opinion. Model show road trips with Mike were always fun, even if you were the butt of one of his good natured jokes. Often, the rides there and back were more fun than the shows. I think each one of us who rode with him has a favorite story.

Mike was one of the first people I met in this club and we joined up at the same time. For many years, we carpooled to the meetings, so I was lucky to spend a lot of time with Mike. We exchanged a lot our own philosophies and Mike always impressed me with the depth of his feelings and beliefs. He was proud of his wife Pat and his daughter Michelle and felt blessed that they were his family.

Please keep Pat and Michelle in your thoughts. We will have a card at next Monday's meeting.

Dick Schulenberg

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## TONY'S TIDBITS

Tony Gliszczynski

Well this is my last "Tidbit", so let's get down to business.

First I would like to thank everyone who helped at our NOREASTCON. You guys and ladies who helped made the show a successful one. We had over 400 models on the table, which isn't one of our largest, but the quality was great. Also, I'd like to thank Frank Ciccarella for helping with the Chief Judging tasks. Our "Make and Take" went well, with Master Tom

Brown and Dave Armitage doing the babysitting. Thanks guys. The raffle went off without a hitch thanks to Andre Thierault, the "Raffle Master." Great raffle prizes too!!! We will be talking about NOREASTCON 2009 at our May meeting.

Don't forget that this is our election meeting, so be ready to vote and be ready to step in and throw your name into the ring to become a board member or officer. We could use a few new guys with new ideas to move this club forward.

Finally, thanks for letting me be your Prez this past 7 months, it was an honor. See you at the meeting.

Your Prez, Tony G.

P.S. Will the following people please bring your model to build in the 3rd annual "Travelling Tonys NOREASTCON I'm Not a Modeling Loser" \$5 Challenge Build. You need to bring the model that you bought at NOREASTCON 2009! Anyone else who would like to get in on this build please bring a new or opened unbuilt kit to show that no gets a head start in the build and you will be required to sign the contract!

The losers, I mean builders... signed up so far: Danny Marafino, Tony Gliszczynski, Wayne Dippold, Justen Hanna, Bob Collignon, Tony Bartoszek, Dave Schwab and Tom Faith.

Thanks Tony G.

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## Notes From The April Meeting

Dick Schulenberg

President Tony Gliszczynski ran us through the wrap up of our successful BuffCon 2009. Model entries were down at just over 300 entries, but the quality was really up there. We had a lot of general admissions throughout the day and both halls always seemed to be full of people. The dealers were quite varied with a lot of neat stuff at good prices. Dealers and show goers all seemed happy. For our around the room question, we shared some constructive criticisms of the show. It was obvious that the "Humor in Modeling" category was missed. Everything was recorded and goes into the show history to help make BuffCon 2010 better.

Tony and NOREASTCON chairman Bob Collignon went through the final details and manpower needs for NOREASTCON. No sense recapping this now. Let's see how it all comes out.

The 1/300 Fort Niagara diorama project continues to progress towards a July 1st completion date. Carving the foam terrain is done, miles of pickets are in and ground cover is going down. Lots of the buildings, ships and details are ready to install. A small group has been working on the diorama at Bob Collignon's studio on the Monday evenings at 6 when the club or E-Board is not meeting, Wednesday evenings, also at 6 and on most Saturdays from 10 to 1 or so. Come on down.

There were some really interesting models on the display tables. Here goes:

Ernie Yuhnke - A built up Aurora Superman figure. You know, the one where he's breaking through the brick wall. The model came from a former Sunday School student. Ernie also showed a very nice 54mm Historex Hussar.

Frank Blonski - A couple of works in progress. The custom pickup he's been working on was his shattered dream for a NOREASTCON



entry since he won't be done in time. His dragster is coming along nicely too.

Tony G - Very pretty T'Bird, his out of the box entry for NOREASTCON. Should do well.

Dave Armitage - A number of

items to show: A neat figure diorama of a Magdalenian era hunter with a mastodon skull and another with Mongol horsemen from an Italeri figure set; shadowboxes featuring a vintage car in front of a calendar picture of a barn and another of horses in a corral in front of a barn, both using mirrors for depth and symmetry and finally, a detailed HO scale garage diorama (from a resin livery stable) using found items for a lot of the detailing.

Paul Hines - His scratchbuilt 1/40 scale all wood plank on frame model of a modern 80 foot US Coast Guard cutter is coming along very nicely. Hull is planked and faired and the



superstructure is framed up. This is a good sized model, about 26" long.

Tom Brown - 1/300 scale footbridge made from tiny little sticks to be implanted in the Ft. Niagara diorama. This is the main entrance to the fort from the river side.



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Joe Villone - A 1/48 Monogram Mirage 2000 that Joe built when the kit came out 20 years ago. Still looks sharp in the kit's demonstrator scheme.

Eric Hillebrand - Made some more progress on his 1/24 scale WWI Mack prime mover conversion from the vintage Monogram kit. Looks real good in the short lived 5 color hard edge US Army Ordnance Department camo.

Dan Marafino - A Tamiya 1/35 Panther tank mounted on a base, ready for weathering and some interesting vintage soft metal comic book figures like Flash Gordon and Dick Tracy in something like 54mm scale.



Jim Wolf - A very interesting small diorama that earned him a gold medal at the AMPS show this year. He calls it "The Gnomes of Sinnenlager" (maybe, my notes are hard to read). It's a disabled Panther tank on a simple detailed base, with a gnome standing confidently in front. The story is that the gnomes cast spells that disabled the German tanks so the crews would surrender to the Allied soldiers, saving lives all around. If only it were true....

Steve Weller - Also had a tank diorama, this one in the snow. Steve's was a 1/72 T-34 bedded in plaster inside a margarine tub lid. Works for me.

Brian McFee - 1/48 Tamiya P-51D in Korean War marking with yellow painted napalm filled drop tanks. Brian's got to be our most prolific airplane modeler. He's won a number of awards and really enjoys the detailed research to go along with his models.

Dick Schulenberg - Brought in one of the brand new WingNutz Wings 1/32 scale SE5a kits from New Zealand that has caused quite a stir on Hyperscale. Excellent and very detailed moldings, an instruction booklet that has all the documentation you could wish for and great presentation. There's an F2b Bristol Fighter, an LVG CVI and Junkers J1 out now with some more neat stuff coming soon. Will be interesting to see how they build up.

The next meeting is Monday, May 18. It's election night for our club officers for the 2009-2010 term. If you wish to run for any office, please see Tom Faith as soon as possible.

Also, we're having our traditional post-BuffCon/post-NOREASTCON pizza party.

As always, bring you current project, a new kit to show or something off the shelf you'd like to show off. We love to see them.

Please note that we can no longer use the basement door we've used forever. The Youth Center is keeping it locked for security purposes. Please use the door nearest the parking lot, take the elevator to the basement and turn right down the corridor. The room is on the right. The alternate is the door farthest from the parking lot. It's marked "Youth Center" and leads directly into the pool table part of our meeting room.

See you Monday.



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## The 2009 Kids' Kit Building Class

Bob Conshafter

I can't really talk about our class this year without first recognizing that this will be the first year that the Kids' Class happened without Mike Miodonski. Mike led the Kids' Class effort every year for as long as anyone can remember and it was obvious that he really enjoyed doing it. During last year's class, Mike indicated to me that he would like to see me ultimately assume responsibility for leading the class and, sadly, this has come to pass.

Mike was always very accommodating when it came to my ideas on improving the class and he always gave even handed feed back as some of my ideas weren't always so great. Perhaps you can visualize Mike's facial expression when responding to something that was too wacky!

Mike always had a good feel for people and what was needed in any situation and, as past President, had the necessary diplomacy and tact that the position inherently needed. He was always willing to lend his time and attention and I remember him helping me with an online job application for Ingram and tearing apart my airbrush. Mike truly lent his spirit to the hobby and the club and I hope I will be able to maintain some of that spirit as I lead the Kids' Class. God bless you Mike.

We started this year's class with 28 kids and I made a plug for our Buffcon Show while emphasizing that our builders could enter their model in the show. You may recall that we had an around the room question in December, How can we bring the joy of modeling to a new generation? Now was definitely the time to try. I showed some examples of show awards to the kids and we had plenty of Buffcon flyers available. It was nice to over hear one builder say, "That's what I want to do", when I mentioned awards.

This year I introduced 2 oz condiment cups which I thought would be a little smaller and easier to use for glue and paint and could be stowed easily in the totes. Not so! At least not for plastic glue, apparently any accumulation will melt right through the bottom! Back to the Jello cups for the glue with a disclaimer for paint only for the small cups.

Every year we usually have some attrition with our builders. When the awards ceremony comes around, we typically will have a few no shows and this year was no exception. We had four and a few of those either started the 2nd week or the 1st and then were missing or on and off for the rest of the meetings. I'd thought I would bring this up as I've always thought that our goal with the Kids' Class was to have every kid come away with a completed model and a positive experience with modeling and as much as I would like to see this, I've had to accept that it simply will not happen for a few and take solace in the fact that at least 24 of our builders did complete their projects. 24 out of 28 ain't bad.

Of course, there are any number of reasons why some kids don't finish and I thought I would take a moment to look at that. Perhaps the builders are a bit young and simply don't have the desire to follow through on a model. This isn't uncommon with some of my own projects that I've started in the past. More likely, it seems to me like kids today lead very busy lives and our class competes with already scheduled family trips, birthdays, Lasertron, school related events, and the always unpredictable illness and Saturday snow day. I'm sure there are a few more things to add that I haven't thought of.

This is my eighth year with the Kids' Class, (I'm the new guy among our mentors) and I learn something every year. If you're anything like me, when you start out working with a kid on a model, you probably have an idea in your head about what you think that model to look like when it's finished. Over the years, I've learned that this is totally irrelevant! It's all about what our young builders want! With this said, I always mention that they can paint and decal the model any way they want and the model doesn't have to look like the box art. I've learned to be careful and not help out so much that I end up being the builder and defeating the purpose of our endeavor. Having motivated builders at my table allowed me to do the x-acto knife prep work and feed parts to the kid for sanding and assembly with some time left for painting, even with one absence. It's nice when that happens but, at other tables, the situation may not be so rosey.

I try to focus on the basics like demonstrating which side of the nippers to use and some techniques for sanding with the emery boards or the sanding plate with round parts and putting parts together in, more or less, parallel or perpendicular fashion as needed. At my table, we built two tanks, a ship, and a bat boat. The boat came with figures and I brought in some figures out of the spares box for the kids with the tanks and they had fun working them into their model. I think something as little as a few figures stimulated their imagination and added to the fun and motivation to finish a project and, perhaps, think about the next model to build.

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## 2009 Kids' Class...

Of course, there are no guarantees on finishing; I had an eight-year old tank builder return from a week off from school for Winter Break with everything he needed and I asked him why he didn't finish painting everything and he replied in a carefree way that only eight-year olds can, "I didn't have time". That's my plan for explaining why I don't finish my own projects! I'll just gleefully explain to myself, I didn't have time!

I'll mention a few things our mentors did to stimulate interest in modeling for young people. Last year, we had 35 kids, the maximum, and no empty tables were available. This year, we had 2 tables available and were able to have a model show for the kids made up of models that our mentors brought in. The kids loved it. There were tanks, planes, cars, and even Frankenstein. A friend of mine had airplane and car posters from wall calendars and we gave each child a choice of 3 to have. It looks like they really liked those posters and I'll work towards finding more for next year.

I took care to emphasize that everyone should check with mom and dad first before putting anything on a wall at home. I no sooner finished when I was asked, Can I put this up with crazy glue? Remember guys, no good deed shall go unpunished! I'm waiting to hear from an irate parent somewhere.

Brian McFee really had the right idea when he brought in old issues of Finescale Modeler to give away. Great idea Brian! I can't think of a more enduring way to stimulate interest in the hobby when not engaged in building. I'll have more on this shortly.

Finally, Bob Collignon had all of the kids display their models on a table for a photo shoot and it was obvious that everyone was having a good time milling around the table and marveling at each other's accomplishments. We concluded with our awards ceremony where each child received a certificate of accomplishment signed by our President, Tony Gliszczynski, with the IPMS seal and a five dollar gift certificate from Niagara Hobby and Craft Mart. One of our unsung heroes of the Kids' Class is actually Paul Hines. Every year, for as long as I can remember, Paul has made all of our awards and they look really top notch. Thanks Paul.

When I host the awards, I usually have the builder tell everyone what they built, what was hard or challenging, what was the most fun part, and what they would like to build next year. It's always nice to hear kids have an idea like, "I want to build another Russian tank". This year we had a number of TFOM's or Things Falling Off Models! At least one car wheel and hood came off during the ceremony and we have reports of at least 6 or 7 machine guns falling off of tanks during the build. A good time was had by all thanks to the following mentors who volunteered their time: Bob Collignon, Frank Blonski, Tom Faith, Stan Keysa, Matt Keysa, Brian McFee, Chuck Nichter, Dick Schulenberg, Tony Gliszczynski, and Dave Schwab.

### Initiatives for 2009

Operation Finescale: Brian McFee had the right idea of getting modeling magazines into kids' hands. Please bring in your old modeling magazines (of any type) and give them to me, Bob Conshafter, or our President, Tony Gliszczynski and we'll hand them out at the next Kids' Class. Those old Tamiya brochures work as well.

Calendar Photos: Bring in any photos of cars, ships, tanks, or planes and we'll get those to the kids.

The Box O' Guys: Let's say you've got some figures (any scale) sitting in the spares box that you know you'll never use - bring' em in and I will have them available at the next Kids' Class. The kids have a lot of fun integrating them with their model.

Decals: I'm building a decal book to create some options for our builders and to compensate for donated models that may have decals missing. The old star and bar is always handy. Perhaps you've got some old decals sitting about that you can get rid of. We could use'em.

Models and a Parting Gift: We will accept any and all models and channel them accordingly to support the class. We are currently low on tanks, and ships. Next year, we will take smaller models from our current inventory that would be built too quickly for a six week class and have each child choose one to take home at the awards presentation. This may be a good way to keep the interest going beyond our class. The gift certificates from Niagara Hobby would certainly help for needed supplies. With that said, your model donations will find a new purpose with those intended in the first place. Keep those donations coming, large or small.

Mentors: Last but not least, we could use you! We realize that many guys have to work on Saturdays and even if you could make just a few sessions, you'll have a blast working with the kids. We did okay on mentor numbers this year but it's always nice to have some new mentors.

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### The Next Club Meeting:

The next meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS will be on Monday, May 18, 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.

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

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