



Mike's Memo

Mike Miodonski

Warm regards to my fellow modelers.

So much to talk about so little time, so here we go...

First and foremost, I highly encourage all of you to attend this month's meeting. There is an important decision that this club must make, as a whole, which will require a club vote. I'm not going to get into details, but I will say that the results of this decision will affect how this club is viewed

for years to come. I'm very excited about this because it has huge potential for both this club and the local hobby in general. YES, it's that important; YES, it does and will involve you; and YES, you need to be there, especially if you are a member current standing that is eligible to vote.

Next this month's discussion will revolve around an editorial I wrote about a month or two ago, regarding whether the complicated nature of today's models actually inhibits the hobby itself. As I said before, we want everyone to have a chance to speak, so keep your comments concise and on the topic. These group discussions have gotten a very favorable response from most of you, so it's important to me that they don't migrate into something else that causes people lose interest.

After the group discussion and review of models on the table we will be doing our Car and Driver photo shoot, for their model car contest. For those of you who missed the announcement at the last meeting, Car and Driver is running a photo contest for "Best Model Car Collections". Here is the link with the details:

<http://www.caranddriver.com/bestcars/13415/enter-our-10best-readers-contest.html>

Long story short, bring your best completed car models to the meeting, and we will make a group decision as to whether we want to shoot the models as a group or individually. Bob and I will shoot the photos and our esteemed e-Dizpatch editor "Wild Bill" Sauer will perform his photo editing magic, and send them off. Hopefully we can win a little money, but most of all, get a little publicity for the club. Believe me, guys, when I say that one of the things I have learned in all my years of helping to run this club as VP and Pres is that you can NEVER underestimate the value of free publicity.

Ok, now for the housekeeping. I got a lot of favorable comments regarding last month's "build-only meeting", so we will be doing it again. Thanks to those who participated. By the time we meet, "Rocon" will have come and gone and we will be reviewing the show. I know we have our usual contingent making the trek, so it should be a good time. The next show is Syracuse, which we'll talk about at the meeting. The next e-board meeting will be at Paul Hines' House. Thank you, Paul.

Lastly, now that the meetings are moving into a new busy season, and we have some new members, I feel this is a good time to review a few rules and regulations with regard to conduct at the meetings.

House Rules from the E-Board

Since we have a lot of new(ish) members, this seems to be a good time to remind everyone about the conditions of our stay at the Amherst Youth Center.

We rent "our" room on a three month basis. One of the conditions of our rental is our participation in the annual Kids' Model Building Classes. The Center also forgives half of the total rent for our efforts with the kids. The other half of the rent is earned through other activities, primarily BuffCon. Our dues cover our insurance and e-Dizpatch costs. *continued...*

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We rent the room for a 3 hour block of time on the third Monday of each month. Our meeting is automatically moved to the fourth Monday in January and February because the Center is closed on the third Mondays in January and February for legal holidays.

Our scheduled times are from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The staff at the Center sets up and tears down the tables and chairs for us, because the room is usually used before us until 6:00 PM. They ask that we not be there until 6:45 at the earliest so that we don't interfere with the stragglers from the previous group or table setup. They also ask that we don't stay later than 10:00 PM so the tables can be broken down and the staff can go home.

The Center expects us to act responsibly and treat their property with respect. While we are pretty far away from other activities going on at the same time, we still have to be considerate of others. That means we don't have the run of the building and we need to be sensitive to others. This includes minimizing crude language.

There are only a couple of "no's" involved, just those you'd expect for a place that's kid and family oriented. No alcoholic beverages and no weapons of any kind. These "no's" are really "NEVERs". One misjudgment would probably cost us this location.

As a group, we are very highly thought of by the staff at the Center, particularly for the way we work with kids. This is a great place to meet, and working with the kids is a plus. With little common sense we're there forever.

That's it for now guys, please read and digest all of this and be prepared to discuss at the meeting.

Thanks, -Mike

Attention Car Modellers!

Paul Hines will have an excellent selection of *automotive reference books* on sale at the next 2 meetings (September and October). All are carefully selected and beautifully illustrated in full color, and cover everything from great cars of the world; ultimate race cars; sports cars; the history of automobile technology; and even drawing and painting cars like a pro.

See Paul at both meetings to check out the books, all at very reasonable prices.

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Dick Schulenberg

The August meeting was a bit of an experiment. We decided to have a "build only" session; minimal or no business, no formal show and tell and no around the room question. It seems to have gone very well.

Flyers were out of a couple of the more local model shows; ROCON in Rochester, NY on September 16, SVASCOM in West Middlesex, PA on Saturday, September 22 and SYRCON in Syracuse, NY on Sunday, October 21. These are all good shows and well worth the couple of hours ride. The Erie, PA and Cleveland area model shows are also coming up soon. Flyers should be available at the next meeting for these shows too.

The E-Board committee investigating sites for a possible NOREASTCON 2009 has been very busy. They have found an interesting location near the McKinley Mall that may well fit our needs. They're continuing their contact and should have a more complete information package for the September meeting. Nice work, guys.

Prez Mike Miodonski was informed that Car and Driver Magazine has a model car photo contest coming up. We have a lot of models within the club that are contenders, so Mike and Bob Collignon will be running a photo shoot session at the meeting so that your car's picture can be submitted. Bring in your best car models and we'll see how they look in photos. Thanks for doing this, Mike and Bob.



Justen Hanna dropped in for his first visit with us. He's a friend of Steve Donacik and succumbed to the pressure. Justen is interested in 1/48 WWII aircraft and brought in two very nicely done Bf-109's that he showed at previous BuffCon. Hope to see you again, Justen.

I really enjoyed the build only session. My building consisted of cleaning up the major parts of an old Matchbox 1/72 pre-WWII RAF Sisken biplane fighter. There was lots of car building going on, others were working on airplane and armor kits, a little figure painting was happening, and Bill Sauer was cutting out balsa parts for a stick and tissue Jetex powered Sea Vixen flying model. Altogether, there was quite a nice range of activities to look in on. A number of club members brought in their projects to display and there was lots of interesting conversations going on around the display tables as well. The pictures in this issue should give you a good idea about what was happening. All in all, I think it was a really enjoyable evening.

The next club meeting is on Monday, September 19th. The around the room question will focus on Prez Mike Miodonski's recent editorial about the increasingly complicated model kits and their effect on the hobby. Remember to bring your completed projects, works in progress, new kits, or a model you'd like to show off. Feel free to bring in something to work on during the meeting if you wish.

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The Next Club Meeting:

The next meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS will be on Monday, September 17, 2007 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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