

IPMS Niagara Frontier

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TONY'S TIDBITS

Tony Gliszczynski

Hi Guys, Prez Tony here and it's that meeting time of the month again. Our next meeting will start at 7 PM on Oct. 20, at our regular "hangout", the Harlem Rd. Community Center, Basement classroom. I hope to see you all there!

We have a full slate of activities and I'll list them here...

I. Mike Miodonski will be doing the much anticipated aircraft wash demo-this will be a good one for all modelers who weather their kits.

2. The "around the room" question will be...What was the best and worst model show that you ever attended and why???

3. Club flea market night. Bring some kits and books and maybe make some cash for more kits and books so you can sell those new kits and books so you have extra money to buy more kits and books and and and.....

4. We will be cutting pickets for the Fort Niagara diorama-all 285 actual inches-13 pickets to the inch-3705 total. Bring your Exacto knife because we need the help.

5. Ace Hobby's owner Ron Shatzel's 16 year old granddaughter was paralyzed from the waist down in a tragic ATV accident. I'm going to "pass the hat" for any of you who might want to give a small donation to help defray some of the costs of getting Destiny set-up at home.

Unbelievably the new year is coming on really quickly and "Boyz" it's gonna be a big year!!! We have two BIG shows in 2009. First we have BuffCon on April 5, and then on Friday and Saturday April 24/25, we are the 2009 Region 1 sponsors of NOREASTCON 2009 (go to www.noreastcon2009.com to see the great website that Larry Osolkowski has set-up).

We want to have two GREAT shows for our public and our membership. We still have a lot of categories that need some sponsors so if you as an individual or as a company representative are interested in sponsoring some categories see Justen Hanna, he's "sponsorship man!!!". If you sponsor a category or two, Bob Collignon, as chair for both shows, may even give you some kind words and a hug, well at least some kind words.

Our annual 6 week Kids' Class begins on the 3rd Saturday in January '09. We always need volunteer mentors and we always need kits, so please consider helping or donating. Thanks to Mike Miodonski and Bob Conshafter for running the program for another year! Guys, if you don't already know, the Community Center forgives 6 months of our meeting room rent in exchange for administering the Kids' Classes. It's a great deal but it takes volunteers.

Finally, Christmas is coming and so is our annual Holiday Toys for Tots club toy donation. As a club I think we all take pride in how generous we are and how much we're able to give every year. Let's make 2008 a banner year for our "T for T" donations. Your donation should be about \$10 in value, whether 1 item or 4 items, and please don't wrap the toys. We need toys for older children, just not babies, so please consider them too. Toys for Tots buying hint-Big Lots, brand name toys for much much less!

That's it for now-I'll see everyone on the 20th! Build - build - build till then!!!

Note to EBoard members, our next meeting will be at my house, TonyG's, at 7 pm, Oct 27. We're getting close to crunch time for our show so full board participation is requested!



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Dick Schulenberg

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President Tony Gliszczynski opened the meeting with a salute and round of applause for Mike Miodonski for his service to the club as President for many years. Mike is still in harness as an E-Board member, so we have the benefit of his experience going forward. A related change is that Larry Osolkowski has moved from the E-Board to 2nd Vice President, responsible for Dizpatch and our website. Bill Sauer remains as

Dizpatch editor and publisher. Justen Hanna was added to the E-Board to fill an empty spot. These changes were made by the E-Board for the remainder of the 2008-2009 term as described in our constitution.

Lots of model shows coming up. SVASCOM on Sept. 20, ROCON on Sept. 21, Erie Scale Modelers on Sept. 27, SYRCON on October 19 and Ajax, Ontario on October 25. Flyers for most of these shows were out at the last couple of meetings. Hope you can make some of these shows. Every one is worth the drive. We did hear that the Cleveland Model Show, usually held on the first Saturday in November, will not happen this year due to the effort expended by the clubs in running the Region 4 convention earlier this year. Shame because this is always an interesting show to go to. Guess it's an opportunity to save up your money for NOREASTCON.

NOREASTCON Chair Bob Collignon and Tom Faith updated us on planning progress. The watchword right now is sponsorships. Justen Hanna is doing a fine job working toward sponsorships, but there's always room for more. See Justen if you have some leads. He'll run them down. The dinner (always an important part of the event) will be family style, with 2 entrees, which should streamline the process and allow everyone to eat at the same time, rather than standing in line.

Larry Osolkowski is keeping the NOREASTCON 2009 website up to date. Check it out at http://www.noreastcon2009.com/.

Larry still has CD's with recent BuffCon photos for sale for \$3.00 with all proceeds going to the club treasury. See him at the meeting.

Tom Faith reported that the Ft. Niagara diorama project is back on the move. The scale water problem appears to have been solved, with some tweaking of the process yet to do. The palisades are under construction and the foam groundwork base is mounted. Here we go!

The demo for the evening was to have been on aircraft weathering washes by Mike Miodonski. However, Mike was having some technical difficulties removing the wash, so we're rescheduled for next month.

We had a good number of models on the tables tonight.

Dick Schulenberg - brand new Academy 1/72 kit for the Russian II-2 single seat ground attack plane from WWII, purchased after listening to Ilya Grinberg rave about the model. Ilya's right, it looks beautiful. This one goes to the top of the pile once I finish up everything I've started.

Bob Collignon - 1/35 Alby resin WWII Laffley-Hotchkiss antitank truck. This is a work in progress with quite a bit done. The truck is 6 wheeled with a front roller, mounting a 47mm Hotchkiss gun, which was relatively powerful for the time. continued...





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Bob's adding scratch and photoetched details based on references.

Joe Villone - Built up the Monogram HO scale Union Pacific Railroad 4-8-8-4 Big Boy articulated locomotive for a fun project. Pretty nicely cast model. Joe's looking for information to build a model of the Griffon, the first European ship to sail on the Great Lakes. He found a nice book in the Lockport



library that has a color profile drawing for inspiration. He's hoping to find a plastic kit that he can tweak into something that looks reasonable, rather than a full blown, accurate model.



Any ideas?

Paul Kittle - His HMS Ontario (Great lakes sailing warship) hull is almost done. It's scratch built wood plank on bulkhead with plastic used where Paul couldn't get wood to work. Jere Brubaker found some newly reconstructed plans that showed differences from Paul's model, so some rework is planned. Some very nice work here.

German Flakpanzer 38 from a Tamiya Marter III chassis and a Tristar late model Flak 37,

combining the parts with scratch built structures and details. Quite the project that requires careful work and good references.

Dave Armitage - Finished up a large 1/35 WWII Eastern Front urban fighting diorama based on some vac-formed wall sections with scratch interiors, street and exterior details. Dave found some appropriately sized park benches and street lights at a Christmas store closeout and populated the street



scene with a Russian BT-5 and BT-7 tank and some nice figures.



Ron Pawelski - He's rebuilding and redetailing his 1/35Tamiya PBR MK II to match those used by SEAL teams in very shallow waters during the Vietnam riverine war. He's shortened the radar mast, added a pool ladder for

new racks and tissue paper over the plastic "tarp" for a better canvas texture. More to come.

Eric Hillebrand - Modifying a Monogram 1/24 Mack Bulldog stake truck into a 1917 US Army prime mover, the kind that carries a light tank piggy back style. This is not so easy. Lots of cutting away and rebuilding of the bed. He's working from photos. Eric also showed more progress on his pair of fighting gladiators, now in painting. Will be mounted on a raised base by Dave Armitage.



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Ilya Grinberg - New build of a Russian WWII 45mm antitank gun from the 1/72 ACE limited run kit. Accurate kit that includes a photoetched shield, but needs lots of cleanup and refinement. New turned barrel, brass rod for trails, wheels to be replaced with smaller, finer versions.

Bob Raithel - Finished up the 1/72 scale Tamiya FW-190D he bought at the last meeting. He did a nice build and experimented to get the late war

Luftwaffe JV44 scheme looking pretty good. Whole bottom is a big decal. Not so easy in this small scale but he's having lots of fun.

Justen Hanna - Hobbycraft 1/48 scale P-36 in progress, with added photoetched details. Plan is to paint this one up on the colorful "camouflage" colors of the 27th PS, 1st PG, USAAC at the 1939 Cleveland Air Races, as exhibited at the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB.

The next meeting is Monday, October 20th. The around the room question will be: What

was the best modeling show you've attended, and what made it the best?" We'll also have the rescheduled aircraft wash demonstration. Bring something to work on, your stuff to sell, new kits and projects to show, or just yourself. See you Monday.

RECHARTERING WITH IPMS-USA

It's the time of year when this club renews its charter with IPMS-USA, the national umbrella organization.

The chartering allows us to be a part of a strong organization that really works to support the hobby we love and get the word out to other interested modelers. A major benefit to belonging to IPMS-USA is the group insurance coverage we get that allows us to meet and have shows and contests while being secure in the knowledge that we are covered by a good policy that minimizes any liability to us. The cost of insurance would be staggering if we were not part of this group plan.

Chartering requires that we have a minimum number of IPMS-USA national memberships. You have seen the application blank in every issue of Dizpatch forever. We are always above that minimum number, but we would like to account for everyone who is a current national member.

Those of you who are current national members, please give your IPMS membership number and expiration date to Dave Schwab or Dick Schulenberg so that we can be sure our records are up to date.

If you are not a national member, please consider signing up. The Journal is a first class magazine and you get a cool membership card too. We'll have some copies of the Journal at the meeting so you can get an idea of what's happening. To aid you in making this decision, IPMS Niagara Frontier will rebate \$10.00 to first time members of IPMS-USA when you present your national membership card.



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YOUR VOTES WILL COUNT! All 10 Model Category Awards will be People's Choice!

Modeling fun for all the family! Pick-up seasonal gifts!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence OH 44131 — At the junction of I-480 and I-77, only 8 miles from downtown Cleveland!

- All show visitors can vote on their favorite models!
- A fun model contest for all ages and modeling skills!
- FREE Make & Take program for kids!

- FREE modeling skill demos by experts!
- Kit and model accessory vendors with great holiday deals!
- Fantastic raffle with cheap tickets!

Show Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors: Only \$5 each Kids 12 and under FREE! Contest Entry Fee: \$5 per kit or \$20 unlimited!

> Model entries close at noon. Voting ends at 2 p.m.

CONTEST CATEGORIES*

(All Scales & Types) Aircraft Automotive Armor Ships & Subs Figures Sci-Fi Collections Dioramas Miscellaneous Young Modeler (under 18)

*Category winners get cool, limited edition t-shirts!



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The Next Club Meeting:

The next meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter IPMS will be on Monday, October 20, 2008 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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