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November Meeting Will be Busy

The November meeting of IPMS Tidewater will begin at its regular meeting time on the first Friday of the month, November 6th. It will start at the normal time of 6:30 pm at the normal place, the Virginia Air and Space Center on Settlers Landing Road in downtown Hampton. We will hold the meeting in our normal meeting space in the first floor media room.

The meeting will begin with our usual business meeting,

where we will have a lot to discuss. The major piece of business will be nominations for Second Vice President. The election will take place at the December meeting. We will also hold our annual "Build the Same Model" contest.

We will then move on to our demo for the night. Dennis Tennant will show us techniques for molding and sculpting epoxy putty to make small parts, diorama accessories and other enhancements for

your models.

Next, we will move to our regular show 'n' tell. This is where you get to show off your latest masterpieces and award winners from the Region 2 convention in New Jersey.

Somehow, Rafflemaster Scott Bregi has yet again replenished his stock of new kits, so he will be back with lots of new stuff and extra prizes.

Finally, we move on to the ol' pizza parlor.

Don't miss it.

Tidewater Chapter of the Year at Jerseycon

IPMS Tidewater was awarded the IPMS/USA Region 2 "Chapter of the Year" award at this year's IPMS Region 2 convention held in Runnemede, NJ on Oct 16 and 17. Tidewater modelers also scored well in the contest, winning best of show and most popular model as well as numerous other awards. This was the first regional convention hosted

by IPMS New Jersey in over 20 years.

A small band of Tidewater modelers made the six-hour trip to exit three of the New Jersey Turnpike to participate in this year's convention. The venue was a Holiday Inn located only a few blocks from the New Jersey Turnpike, in a town that was

essentially a suburb of Philadelphia. This made it easy to get to even from our southern most location in the region.

The space allocated for the convention was cramped, with the vendors shoehorned into three small rooms and an adjacent hallway, while the contest was



Contest room at the 2009 region 2 Convention in Runnemeade, NJ

located in the facility ballroom, which was adequate for the number of models on display.

In spite of the limited space, the vendor turnout was excellent. A number of the smaller vendors of exotic imported items happen to be located in New Jersey or New York, so it was also an easy trip for them. Many unusual items were available at excellent prices from vendors who have only been accessible through the Internet. It is one thing to see a picture of a kit's box art on the web, but quite another to actually be able to see what it looks like. Considering the number of packages leaving the vendors areas, it seems many shoppers were persuaded.

There were 89 modelers entered in the contest, with slightly over 400 models on display. Although the room was cramped and the aisle space restricted, the contest hosts did have one excellent idea that mitigated, to a degree, the effects of the limited area – all the tables were raised. This brought the models almost to eye level and

eliminated the need to bend over to see the models. Since nobody's rear end was sticking into the aisle while they were looking at the models, there was more room for others to pass behind them. Great idea, guys.

The contest judging also incorporated another nifty idea – free lunch for the judges. Not only did that save the judges the price of a lunch in one of the nearby fast food emporiums, but it probably attracted enough extra judges to make the contest judging go more quickly. Although the category list was somewhat restricted, and there was limited availability of split trophy packages, the judging went quickly and smoothly. Again, full credit should be given to the host chapter for their organization and efficiency.

Another innovation smoothed the end of the convention. The final awards ceremony had been advertised as being part of the final banquet. At the last minute, the awards ceremony was moved to the late afternoon, eliminating the need for those who did not buy banquet tickets to wait around until late evening to hear the contest results. This worked well, but it made the banquet anticlimactic for those who bought tickets in order to get the whole story. At least the food was good.

Tidewater modelers did well in the contest, taking the two top awards and sweeping two of the airplane categories.

Category	Place	Name	Model
1/72 SE prop	1	Bregi	Bf 109E
	OOB/2	Jean	II-2
1/72 SE prop, Radial	OOB/1	Jean	Shinden
	2	Bregi	Zero
1/72 ME prop	1	Bregi	B-26
	2	Brickhouse	Ta 154
	OOB/3	Jean	E-2C

1/72 SE jet	1	Jean	F-105
	2	Brickhouse	F-100
	3	Bregi	NF-16
	OOB	Kelly	AV-8S
1/72 ME jet	1	Bregi	Su-15
1/48 SE prop, Axis	OOB/2	Brickhouse	Ki-43
1/48 SE prop, Allied	1	Durden	Spitfire 22
	OOB/3	Jean	P-39
1/48 ME prop	2	Brickhouse	Hs 129
1/48 SE jet	1	Jean	J-35
Civil	OOB/1	Durden	Pitts
			Special
	2	Jean	DC-3
1/35 AFV	OOB	Bregi	Sturemil
1/35 AFV	2	Bregi	Jagdpanther
1/35 Softskin	3	Kelly	Berliet
	2	Bregi	Motorcycle
Submarines	2	Bregi	U Boat
Large Boats	1	Durden	S Boat
Cars, Stock	1	Bregi	Ferrari
Trifecta	1	Durden	

Best Out of The Box	Jean	P-39
Best Car	Bregi	Ferrari
Peoples' Choice	Durden	Schnellboot
Judges' Grand	Bregi	Ferrari



Scott Bregi displays his Best of Show award

Holiday Potluck - Mark Your Calendars

The traditional holiday feast continues! This is the demo to beat all demos - how to chow down in 1 easy step. To participate all you need is an appetite and a dish to share. We need club members to bring: a main course, side dish, or dessert - you are not limited to how much you can bring either. At this point we can use more main course dishes. Drinks are already covered and the club will provide the plates, utensils, condiments and ice. Charles Landrum (crlandrum@earthlink.net)

is coordinating the event. If you have not yet signed up, please email him and let him know what you want to bring. He could also use volunteers to arrive early and help set up the rooms.

Don't forget to also bring lots of cash! Raffle-master Scott Bregi is loading up for the traditional holiday raffle extraordinaire. What a better way to stretch the post potluck stupor with a cool raffle prize!"

The End of the Newsletter...

...as we know it. You may have noticed that the traditional year-end dunning for subscription renewals is missing. That is because we are going to cease mailing out the newsletter after the December issue.

That does not mean that you will be out of the loop. There will still be a newsletter, but it will not be printed and mailed to you as it has been for the last 24 years. One of the reasons we are doing this is the cost. We take in approximately \$500.00 per year on newsletter subscription, and we pay approximately \$625.00 for printing and mailing. Now, the newsletter goes only to those who pay for it and a few club exchanges. More than half of the club, for a variety of reasons, does not subscribe to the newsletter. The new system, which emails the newsletter to you each month in Adobe format, will go to every member who give us an email address.

You will still get the newsletter approximately one week before the meeting. Its primary purpose will be as a meeting notice

and a means for passing club news to all members. The new format should be even more effective in doing that as it will get to more members. We will also now be able to include longer articles and color photos, something that has been difficult in the past due to printing cost restrictions.

If you don't have email or don't want to give us your address, you can still get the newsletter. Just call the editor (phone below) or drop a note to the return address listed on the newsletter and we will print and mail a copy to you. The cost that will be determined later based on how many members select this option.

For this to be a success, it is important that we have a valid email address for you. If you have not attended a meeting lately, email Club Secretary John Kelly (address below) and update your email and other data.

Coming Events

Chapter Meeting	Nov 6
HRSM Meeting	Nov 20
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HRSM Meeting	Dec 18
Old Dominion Open Richmond	Feb 27, 2010
Mosquitocon Wayne, NJ	Apr 3
Noreastcon Farmingdale, Long Island, NY	Apr 30—May 1
IPMS/USA National Convention Phoenix, AZ	Aug 4-8
IPMS/USA Region 2 Convention Fredericksburg, VA	Oct 15-16

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WWI truck By John Kelly



Scott's Damn Ferrari again...



Chris' tank roboty thing...



A little willie special....



Can you spot the IPMS Tidewater entries?