



The Arch Scaler News

Newsletter of the Gateway Chapter of
the International Plastic Modelers' Society

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Our Next Meeting

Tuesday, 21 July 2020, 7:00 pm

Affton Elks Lodge 6235

6330 Heege Rd., Affton, MO 63123

- **SlamFest: Build a Model in 2 Hours, Then Enter It in a People's Choice Contest. Starts at 7:00 pm SHARP.**



Holding an aircraft wing, Marion Morris delivers his demo on paint shading at the club's General Meeting on 16 June 2020. Material Morris uses in painting his models was displayed on the table to his right, along with the camera used for projecting his presentation onto a side wall in the meeting hall. (Photo by Bob Delaney)

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Arch Scaler News Deadline Dates

Anyone wishing to submit articles, notices of upcoming events, wants and disposals, etc. for publication in this newsletter, please get it to the editor (314.487.3339) or rsdelaney@sbcglobal.net at least **2 weeks** before the next general meeting. All material cheerfully accepted, but copy written in Microsoft Word or similar application is even more cheerfully accepted.

June General Meeting Minutes

Vice President Bob Delaney—filling in for President Rick Keasey—called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm on 16 June 2020 at Affton Elks Lodge 6235. There were 16 total attendees, including one visitor: Steve Holtgrewe, who was a Gateway member (1976-91) getting back into the hobby.

Delaney set out the agenda, then asked for volunteer judges for the Modeler of the Year Contest. Chris Merseal and Holtgrewe volunteered to judge. Delaney announced that he earned First Place in newsletter writing for The Arch Scaler News in the National Federation of Press Women's Communications Contest. Merseal said that our Invitational this September was still on at that time, and he would contact the show venue at month's end to confirm this event's status. Gary Chambers mentioned he had sold two contest sponsorships for our show. Jim Triola talked about the SoonerCon show in Oklahoma City on 13 June. Members were reminded of SlamFest at the July meeting.

In Show & Tell: Marion Morris with his HK 1:48 B-17G (early) Work in Progress (WIP); Mike McShea with a built Airfix 1:72 P-51D Mustang (a very nice kit, he said); Dave Thomas with two award-winning models from the IPMS/Roscoe Turner show in Indianapolis earlier this month: 2nd in Out of the Box for an M4 Sherman, and 3rd in Armor for another Sherman; Gary Chambers with Italeri's 1:72 Su-34 WIP (he's gotten back into building), plus a desktop model of an F4H Phantom II he brought at an estate sale; Steve Holtgrewe with five WIPs: original Tamiya 1:35 Sherman, and Tamiya 1:35 M4A3E8 Sherman, Tamiya 1:35 StuG III Ausf B, Eduard 1:48 Fokker D.VII, and a 1:48 A6M Zero engine; Bob Delaney with Revell 1:32 MiG-21PFWIP; and, Dirk Reynolds with AMT 1:25 '71 Charger and scratch built HO scale Harvey House WIPJ.

Marion Morris presented his demo on paint shading, in which he compared and contrasted the difference between black basing and panel shading. Morris projected pictures and videos via a projector against a wall in the meeting hall. He said he used Florry Models acrylic wash and Vallejo paints on his models.

Contest Chairman Bill Wagner announced the results after the demo. Results are elsewhere in this newsletter. There were 11 entries, including two in the Special Category, Roaring 20s (1920s subjects).

Wagner appealed for donations to the kit raffle at our Invitational, then announced drew raffle tickets. Bob Delaney selected the book Thud and two 1:72 British 1991

Gulf War decal sheets. Merseal received the \$10 scalehobbyist.com gift certificate.

Delaney adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Submitted by: Marion Morris, Secretary

IPMS/USA Event Disclaimer

“In light of the current pandemic situation, please be aware that neither IPMS/USA nor its Chapters are liable for any potential transmission of illnesses. Those planning to attend this event should (a) follow existing safe social distancing recommendations and (b) abide by any local or state regulations regarding gatherings.”

Newsletter Articles Needed

The Arch Scaler News is your newsletter. If you have any ideas for articles—modeling tips, how-to articles, site visits, museums visited, etc.—please contact the Editor, Bob Delaney. He will work with you to turn your ideas into reality. Bob is at 314.487.3339 or rsdelaney@sbcglobal.net.

Don't worry if you're not a good writer. Bob will work with you to make you *look* like a good writer. We can also use your photos and other illustrations, which will enhance your story.

Member Bios Needed

We have two Member Spotlight biographies this month. Thanks to all of you who have done bios for The Arch Scaler News and our website. It helps us to better know our members.

If you haven't done yours yet, please consider doing so. Feel free to contact Bob Delaney, Rick Keasey, or Dave Roeder for help in writing your piece and for getting your photos (especially one of yourself) to go with the piece.

Wants and Disposals

I am looking for Aurora figure kits, built or unbuilt. Items like TV heroes, monsters, animals, historical figures, etc. My phone is 314.795.0988. It is best to email me with pictures or text them to me to my phone. Thanks, Rush McAllister, rushmcallister@sbcglobal.net.

\\Summer SlamFest!!!!!!//

Hey there Gateway modelers! I hope the summer is treating everyone kindly, and that everyone from our little club is staying safe and sane throughout all the trials and tribulations of 2020. My sincere best wishes go out to anyone that might be experiencing any difficulties during these unprecedented times. I know that not everyone has been comfortable coming out to the meetings, and I encourage everyone to take the steps and precautions that you think will be best for you and your families. But I think that with our wonderful and spacious new meeting place at the Affton Elks lodge we can maintain social distancing and still have a great time sharing our hobby!

This month's meeting will be our annual SlamFest contest!

The Challenge: start and finish a model within the two-hour time limit.

The Rules: Kit must be unstarted. Box may be opened, but no assembly or other work may have begun. Prepainted kits can be used, but ANY and ALL prepainted parts must be completely painted over during the contest. Any (family friendly) subject is allowed. Any construction media of model is allowed.

Contest starts promptly at 7:00 PM and all model construction must stop when the clock strikes 9! Contest kits will be judged in whatever state they are in at 9:00 PM.

Bring something to build for the fun and exciting challenge of SLAMMMMMMFESSSSSSST!!!!!!!!!!!!

Modeler of the Year (M-O-Y) Information

You can get ready for the next M-O-Y contest in September by breaking out your Optivisors and tweezers! Pick out your smallest scale kits and give- them a go!

The special category will be "Perfect Vision." You're going to need 2020 eyesight to build kits that are smaller than what is considered the "normal" modeling scale for the subjects. For example: An Armor subject would need to be 1/72 or smaller. Aircraft would be 1/144 or smaller. Automotive would be 1/32 or smaller. Ships would be 1/700 or smaller. A figure would be 1/48 or smaller, etc. If you have any questions, please check with the contest chairman, Bill Wagner and make sure your entry will be eligible.

Before I go, here are the updated totals for the ongoing Modeler of the Year contest. We had an understandably light turnout for the last meeting, but there are a few modelers that have been consistently racking up points.

Randy K. has pulled out with a good lead, and Mike M. has moved up to second place. But, with two more contest dates still on the calendar, I would say that there is a chance for several modelers to make some moves and take the crown.

M-O-Y Standings as of June 2020

Randy Kleeshulte	38
Mike McShea	22
Dave Roeder	21
Bob Delaney	11
Dave Thomas	9
Paul Korte	4
Mark Carroll	4
Dennis Bowman	4
Henry Puckett	2
Scott Allen	2
Charles Laquet	2

2020 Modeler of the Year Special Categories

February—Out of the Box (ALL ENTRIES; kit instructions MUST be included with each entry)

May June—Roaring 20s (1920s subjects; this was also the theme for our Regional Contest in September)

September—Perfect Vision (smaller than normal scale, such as 1:72 armor, 1:144 scale aircraft, etc.)

November—Under New Management (captured or repurposed equipment)

Each contest has these regular categories: Aircraft, Armor, Automotive, Ships, Space/Sci-Fi, Dioramas, Figures, Miscellaneous, and Juniors.

You receive one point for entering each model in the contest, and an additional point for entering in the Special Category. Categories winners receive three points, second place earns two points, and third place gets one point. We operate with "no sweeps" rules, so you can only earn one prize per category, no matter how many entries you have in that category.

If you have any questions regarding our contests, please contact Contest Chairman Bill Wagner.



Editor's Notebook

I hope you all are staying safe and out of the heat...and preferable working on a model. It looks like this pandemic won't end anytime soon, as Chris Merseal's statement on this page says. As much as we want to have a show, the risk to public health is not worth it to our club. We'll regroup and plan on hosting our Regional in 2021.

After holding two meetings at the Affton Elks Lodge, I feel we are in a great place as a club. There is plenty of room for us (no worries about social distancing), it's well lit, we have access to audio/visual resources (which Marion Morris used last month), and plenty of parking. If you haven't come to a meeting yet, come on over and check out this place. (I would recommend wearing a mask, to be on the safe side.)

I have a lot of fun with our annual SlamFest and look to continue that this month. You won't worry about "paralysis by analysis" here when you only have two hours to complete a model. It's a change of pace many of us appreciate. Hope to see plenty of kits worked on this month.

Take care and happy modeling!

Bob Delaney

Statement on Our Regional Contest

I am sorry to say that I have cancelled the Regional slated for this September, but we are hosting the 2021 Regional on September 11 next year. It was a tough decision but considering all the things going on this year it is understandable. We have the welfare of our club members, vendors, and guests to think about, and we usually have a good turnout. There would be almost no way to keep the social distancing, especially during the vending and judging.

The other concern is a poor turnout, which could happen, that could kill our show. The way this works is the show is self-financed by the income from the show, any extra money that is raised is transferred to the club, and seed money for the show is kept for the next year. If we had a bad show, there would be no seed money, and would be no money for the club. The health issue and the chance for a poorly attended show made it clear we had to postpone our Regional until next year.

We are not alone in cancelling, even the IPMS National has cancelled this year along with many other IPMS clubs and even our local model car club. This just gives us more time to prepare for a really kick butt show in 2021.

Cheers,

Chris Merseal, Gateway Invitational Chairman.

IPMS/Gateway Invitational And Region 14 Contest

Saturday, 11 September 2021

Holiday Inn St. Louis SW—Route 66

10709 Watson Road

St. Louis, MO 63127

<https://sites.google.com/view/ipmsgatewaychapter/contest>

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Trophy Sponsorships Available

June Meeting Photos (by Bob Delaney)



Randy Kleeschulte's Spirit of St. Louis won the Special Category: Roaring 20s.



Runner up in the Special Category was this Spirit of St. Louis by Bob Delaney.



This German Type VII U-boat by Randy Kleeschulte placed First in Ships.



Bob Delaney took Second in Ships with this USS Fletcher.



First in Armor went to Mike McShea's M1A1 Abrams.



This M4A3 Sherman earned Randy Kleeschulte Second in Armor.



The only entrant in Autos—and, thus, the winner—was Randy Kleeschulte's Ford F-100 pickup.



Mike McShea won in Aircraft with this P-51D Mustang.



This A6M3 Zero earned Randy Kleeschulte Second in Aircraft.



First in Miscellaneous was Dave Thomas' Zundapp KS 750.



These RAF Pilots earned Randy Kleeschulte Second in Miscellaneous.



Dirk Reynolds brought in a scratch built HO Harvey House in New Mexico WIP (foreground) and a '71 Charger (top of photo).



Dave Thomas brought in two M4 Sherman models that placed in the contest at the IPMS/Roscoe Turner show in Indianapolis on 7 March.



Mike McShea brought in this Airfix 1:72 P-51D Mustang he built.



Gary Chambers brought in Italeri's 1:72 Su-34 kit, and a F4H Phantom II desktop model obtained at an estate sale.



Visitor Steve Holtgrewe brought in five WIPs: Two Tamiya 1:35 M4 Shermans, a Tamiya 1:35 StuG III Ausf B, an Eduard 1:48 Fokker D.VII, and a 1:48 A6M Zero engine.



Marion Morris brought in this HK Models 1:48 B-17G (early) Flying Fortress WIP.



Another WIP was this Revell 1:32 MiG-21PF brought in by Bob Delaney

Member Spotlight

Gary Chambers

Gary Chambers retired from 30 years in the Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Force Reserves. He is currently a Department of Defense civilian employee in St. Louis, Missouri. Flying as an Air Force navigator in the F-4 Phantom II and C-130 Hercules as well as an airline pilot in the Boeing 757 has afforded Gary a global opportunity to photograph many genres of aviation. Many moves around the country relegated to the model building to more kit collecting but that is changing. Settling down in St Louis has rekindled an enthusiasm for plastic modeling. The many moves cut back on the modeling but increased the photography. Originally, the photography was to generate reference material but soon became the primary focus as negatives and slides were easier to pack than finished models. "The highlight of my photography was Hasegawa using my images for three of their kits: a Fort Wayne F-4E, Blue Angel TA-4J, and Minnesota ANG F-16," Gary says. "Box art motivated me to buy a lot of kits. It is a thrill to have my images on boxes.

"My photo interests are primarily aviation though I have been known to photograph ships and armor on occasion.



Joining the Commemorative Air Force opened up a lot of air to air photo opportunities in the CAF and broader warbird community."

Gary's modeling interests are F-4 Phantom IIs, DC-3/C-47s, Beech 18s, 1930s era US Army Air Corps, and Russian aircraft. "My favorite scale was always 1/72 mostly for storage, 1/48 for the detail, and then there is the 1/32nd B-25J that could easily end up being a life's work." he said.

The first three photos are the three Hasegawa boxes that feature Gary's photography. The next is of Alabama ANG RF-4Cs taken when Gary led a four-ship for the 1993 Veterans Day Fly Over. The last four were three flights at the 2016 Planes of Fame show.



Member Spotlight

Jim Bower

Jim thinks he started modeling at around age 8. “My first model was an F-4U Corsair, and I’m positive it didn’t survive the build,” he said. “It probably ended up as a ball of glue and plastic. Over the years I built models of just about everything, with a heavy emphasis on airplanes and cars. Who remembers the good old days in the 60s when AMT came out with their fall car model lineup about the same time as Detroit? I enjoyed choosing what color of rattle can spray paint I was going to use on the current model. No factory colors, for sure. Most of the time I could hardly wait for the body to dry before I started gluing parts into it. Modeling was sporadic during the high school and college years, but I remember doing a few. After I got out of Navy boot camp, I actually built models in the barracks. That’s when I got my first el-cheapo airbrush. I sure hated those cans of “Propel,” but they were the best alternative.

“I discovered IPMS Gateway in 1991 after I read an article in *FineScale [Modeler]* about a recent national held here in St. Louis. I had just completed a home remodeling project and was eager to get back into building models. The club has been a great source of camaraderie, helpful hints, and good friends I still have to this day. During the 90s I was the newsletter editor and held various offices in the club, finishing up as President in 1999, something that I will never do again. Can you say, “herding cats”?

“In 2000, I put plastic modeling away so I could build my 1:1 scale airplane. That turned into a 10-year project; much longer than I had anticipated. At least I was able to stay married to the same woman I started out with. No homebuilder widows at my house! I did take some time out to travel to several RCHTA shows in Chicago with some of the guys, and every now and then I would paw through my stash (much like Gollum...“My Precious”).

So, I flew the big plane for many years until I started losing interest. (I **STILL** can’t believe I said that.) I sold it in 2019, after a catastrophic flood. A couple years before that, I decided I wanted to start modeling again. After a pilgrimage to CRM Hobbies to fortify myself with tools and supplies, I built a cat-proof cage for myself in the basement. Then I divested myself of kits I knew I would never build and added higher end kits of the same subjects. Now, I am mostly doing 1/48 scale airplanes and support vehicles. For some reason, my stash has grown! Does anybody know how that happens? I do have a few 1/72



scale kits of aircraft from my old Navy Air Wing. Also a few cars, but just a few!

“I confess to a bad case of AMS, which manifests itself in two ways: One, I can’t resist resin and/or photoetch detail sets for just about every kit I have. And two, it takes me a LONG time to complete a model. Some of that time is used by those damnable aftermarket parts and some of it is a paranoid fixation on accuracy and seam removal. I’m starting to cure myself of worrying about the exact shade of chromate green to use in wheel wells, but it’s an ongoing process. Sometimes I think back on those good old days when I could complete a model in a couple of days and have it on my shelf. For some reason, seams didn’t bother me back then.

“These days I’m retired and building, as the recent entries in my gallery will attest. I am hoping to complete many more kits, but I don’t think I will live long enough to finish my stash unless I start building OOB and spend more hours doing it.



My world and welcome to it.



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Upcoming Modeling Dates

(NOTE: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events listed here may be cancelled or postponed. Please check ahead before attending.)

July 2020

- 21 **IPMS/Gateway General Meeting**
SLAM FEST
Affton Elks Lodge 6235

August 2020

- 2 **Summer NNL**
IPMS/GTR
Algonquin Township Administration Building
Crystal Lake, IL
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/143683585779781>
- 18 **IPMS/Gateway General Meeting**
Contest Judging Seminar
Affton Elks Lodge 6235
- 22 **Route 66 Model Expo**
IPMS/Tulsa Modelers Forum
Bixby Community Center
Bixby, OK
<https://www.ipmstulsa.org>
(NOTE: Rescheduled from 18 April)

September 2020

- 15 **IPMS/Gateway Meeting**
Modeler of the Year: Perfect Vision
Affton Elks Lodge 6235
- 19 **Leavenworth Model Show**
IPMS/Prison City Modelers
The Heritage Center
Leavenworth, KS
<http://leavenworthmodelersclub.org>

October 2020

- 17 **Trail Con**
IPMS/Chisolm Trail Scale Modelers
Midway Baptist Church
Wichita, KS
<https://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/trail-con>
- 20 **IPMS/Gateway Meeting**
Demo TBA
Affton Elks Lodge 6235

- 25 **Fall Contest & Swap Meet**
Midwest Model Vehicle Association—St. Louis
Kirkwood Community Center
Kirkwood, MO
<https://sites.google.com/prod/view/ipmsgatewaychapter/mmva-page>

November 2020

- 7 **TigerCon 2020—10th Annual**
IPMS/Central Missouri Scale Modelers
Hickman High School
Columbia, MO
<http://www.cmsm-ipms.org/tigercon>
- 7 **38th Annual Model Show**
IPMS/Butch O'Hare
Holiday Inn Itasca
Itasca, IL
<http://butchoharemodelers.com>
- 13 **WrightCon & IPMS Region IV Convention**
IPMS/Wright Field Scale Modelers
Hope Hotel and Conference Center
Dayton, OH
<http://wrightcon.com/>
- 17 **IPMS/Gateway General Meeting**
Modeler of the Year: Under New Management
E-Board & Stroup Award Nominations
Affton Elks Lodge 6235

December 2020

- 15 **IPMS/Gateway General Meeting**
Christmas Party
E-Board & Stroup Award Voting
Affton Elks Lodge 6235

January 2021

- 19 **IPMS/Gateway General Meeting**
Swap & Sell & Kit Auction
Affton Elks Lodge 6235

February 2021

- 16 **IPMS/Gateway General Meeting**
Modeler of the Year: Out of the Box
Affton Elks Lodge 6235

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