

# “BITS & PIECES”

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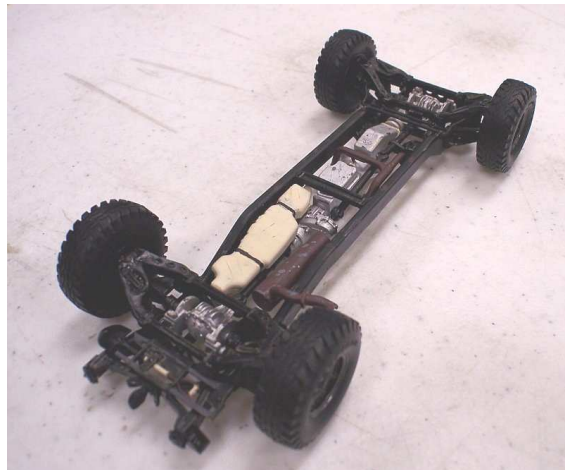
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Attending our meeting this month were Garrett Arnold (and Mom!), Preston Bergeron, Chris Fontenot, Chris Mobley, Rex Murphy, Keith Pruitt, Tim Smyrl, Jon Thompson, and Charlie Wolski. Hope I didn't miss anyone...and I hope you'll spread the word, and bring some friends with you next time!!!

## “SHOW AND TELL” AT THE MEETING...



**ChrisF** brought his nice 1/35 Dragon Wagon WIP. Nice work! Chris is planning to have the trailer loaded with a landing craft.



**Garrett** brought the chassis for a HUMVEE he's building. Good start on this, Garrett!!!



**Preston** brought some really interesting things to the meeting. These are from his Dad's USMC memorabilia collection.

One is a tail rotor blade from a Huey, and the other is a tail rotor blade from a Huey Cobra.

The top is painted in red, with a wall clock, mounted into it, with the USMC logo.

The other is a detail painted scene, with a Huey and a Cobra signed by the Squadron members as a retirement gift for Preston's Dad when he retired from the Marines.

Neat items!!! Thanks for sharing, Preston!!!

## MORE “SHOW AND TELL” AT THE MEETING...

How about a group picture???



WHAT a crew!!!... (L-R: Garrett, ChrisM, CharlieW, Keith, Preston, ChrisF, and Jon.) ...the Mighty GMM!!!



**INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY**



The Georgia Mountain Modelers is a Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS/Georgia Mountain Modelers). Our meetings are in a relatively loose, informal, conversational format...and will continue to be that way. For some history on the IPMS, the society was formed in England in the 1960s, designed as an organization “for modelers, by modelers”. IPMS/USA is an organization dedicated to the fun of Scale Modeling. It was started by Jim Sage, of Dallas, Texas, in 1963. There are now branches of IPMS all over the world. Many Local Chapters and Regions sponsor Model shows and contests every year. You do not have to be a member to just attend the shows or our local club meetings. But, you will need your IPMS Card to enter models in any of the “official” events.

## MAKE 'N' TAKE PROGRAM...

IPMS/USA maintains an active program designed to introduce new modelers to the hobby (or to recapture older modelers by rekindling a past interest). The Make 'N Take program is funded by contributions from our members and chapters, along with occasional donations or reduced-cost purchases from industry members. The Make 'N Take program is open to any currently-chartered IPMS/USA chapter and/or current individual members of IPMS/USA. **There is no charge for Make 'N Take supplies** – this activity is funded by you, the member, and your chapter, through donations. We view the Make 'N Take program as a winning opportunity for all involved. For the chapter, it's a great chance to “capture” local modelers who may not even be aware that there is a modeling club in their area. And don't just focus on the kids, while they are certainly the long-term future of our Society, there are many “baby boomers” out there that probably built a model or two in their younger days, and now have the time and disposable income to take up a hobby. These represent a great target audience and a potential for membership!

ChrisM recently did a Make 'N' Take Program for the local Cub Scout troop in Dahlenega. A great time was had by all...as you can see in these pictures:



Are these guys happy, or what???

**NEXT CLUB MEETING... HobbyTown USA® ...March 27, 2007**

Georgia Mountain Modelers regularly meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Hobbytown USA in Cumming, Georgia at 7:00pm. The meetings are informal and visitors are always welcome. We do suggest that each member join the IPMS, as there are great benefits in being a member, but it is NOT a requirement to participate in our club or its activities. We have a great group of people, with widely varied modeling interests, so it is fairly easy to find someone that will share your interests. Whenever possible, we will have workshops and guest speakers that would be of interest to modelers in every genre. Scale modeling is a fun hobby, and we wish to share that fun with our friends and neighbors...

**HobbyTown USA® MODEL CONTEST...April 14, 2007**



**The National Hobbytown USA Model Contest** will be held at Hobbytown in Cumming on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Registration will be from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Judging will begin at 2:00pm and last until the judging is completed. PLEASE bring some models to display and enter for this contest. It's a great opportunity for publicity for our club, and a chance to display your work. Prizes will be awarded (I think) for First, Second, and Third places in multiple categories.

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE...**

Bench time, bench time...where can I find some bench time??? All of you are probably in the same shape I am with that!! It seems that the harder I try to find the time to build, the less time I can find. And, with Spring and Summer coming up, it means that time may be even harder to find. There is always yard work to do (I have so many unfinished projects there, it's unbelievable!). Plus, this is my busiest time of year at the office. (Sigh!) Oh, well...find time when I can, build as much as I can, and see what happens. Maybe, I'll finish everything I need to do...and still have some time to play!!

As you can see above, our local contest for the 2007 HobbyTown USA National Model Contest is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be ribbons, and maybe plaques, for the local winning entries. Pictures of the local winners are sent to National to compete for prizes there. The National contest is sponsored by Testors (one of the largest companies for paint, supplies, and model kits). C'mon down and enter some of your stuff! It's always fun, and you never know...you might take home a prize!!

Until next time, keep your glue caps tight!  
Keith

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## **WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO OUR CLUB...**

<http://www.gamountainmodelers.com>

<http://www.ipmsusa.org>

<http://www.scalefirehouse.com/>

<http://cummingga.hobbytown.com/>

<http://www.the-lem.com/>

<http://www.lizardsworkshop.com/>