

“BITS & PIECES”

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Attending the meeting on August 29, 2006 were Preston Berg, Chris Fontenot, Wesley Hathcock, Michael Lane, Chris Mobley, Keith Pruitt, and Jon Thompson. We now have an “official” name for our club, as you can see at the top of the page!

“SHOW AND TELL” AT THE MEETING...



ChrisM brought his “Famous” 1/35 Academy Tiger I Mid Version (the Hobbytown National Contest winner for “Best Military”).



ChrisM also brought his 1/35 Tamiya Marder III, 1/35 Italeri Marder III (this was a “review sample from IPMS”), and a 1/35 Tamiya M20 Armored Car.

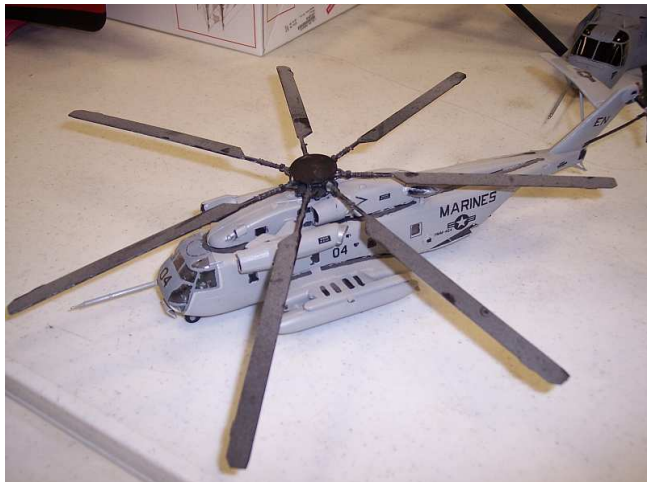


ChrisM also brought the Revell Fire Fighter fireboat, which is currently under construction.



ChrisF brought his mammoth wooden ship model that he has that he has under construction. This is the Artesania Latina 1/60 kit of the 1768 HMS Endeavor. This model is HUGE!!!

MORE "SHOW AND TELL" AT THE MEETING...



Preston brought his 1/72 Italeri CH-53E Super Stallion



Preston's 1/48 Italeri V-22 Osprey under construction



Michael brought his Galaxy-Class Starship from Star Trek: The Next Generation. He is building this one as the USS Challenger. It has TONS of decals!



Wesley



Keith conducted a short workshop for the members, demonstrating his technique for drybrushing model parts. This simple painting method is used to bring out the raised details on molded plastic or metal parts. The technique is easy to do and will improve the appearance of most models. As always, practice will improve a modeler's skill with any technique. After painting the parts with the base color, dip a paintbrush into a contrasting color of paint, then wipe almost all of the paint from the brush, and then lightly brushing over the part. The "dry" brush will deposit minute amounts of the paint on the raised detail, making it stand out in greater contrast to the base color. This was demonstrated Tuesday on an instrument panel, an interior bulkhead, and landing gear for an aircraft.



INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY



We discussed the possible “charter” as a Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society. Chris brought the information that he received from Dick Montgomery, IPMS Director of Local Chapters. We need to have five signed members of the organization to be granted a charter as an affiliated chapter. So far, our meetings have been in a relatively loose, informal, conversational format. This seems to have worked well for us, and will continue. The IPMS 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. Of course, you needn't be a member to just visit the shows, or attend the clubs. If you have the slightest interest in joining...PLEASE do so quickly, so we can complete the paperwork at the next meeting.

NEXT CLUB MEETING...



September 26, 2006

Georgia Mountain Modelers meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Hobbytown 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 with common 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...

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WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO OUR CLUB...

<http://www.gamountainmodelers.com> (or whatever TBA...LOL!)

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

<http://www.ipmsusa.org>

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

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

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