

THE GEORGIA MOUNTAIN MODELERS NEWS LETTER

“BITS & PIECES”

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Attending our meeting this month were Preston Berg, Chris Fontenot, Michael Lane, Tommy Logan, Chris Mobley, Keith Pruitt, and Jon Thompson. 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...



Preston brought a large scale Testors Ford 427 SOHC Engine Model that was a Christmas Gift...Great work!



ChrisF brought his M151 Mutt and Trailer Dio, that he built as part of a Group Build Project on the LEM.



Tommy brought three models that he has built...

Revell 1/24 2005 Mustang...with scratchbuilt body kit and wheels from the Revell 05 Vette kit.

The Air Racer is the 1/32 scale Williams Bros. kit of the 1938 Keith Ryder R-4 Schoenfeldt Firecracker, piloted to victory in the Greve trophy race that year by Tony LeVier.

The Helicopter is Testors 1/48 Bell OH-58A Kiowa Gunship, converted to a civilian 206B Jet Ranger.

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



ChrisM has been working on the 1/35 Dragon Sd.Kfz.164 Nashorn kit for an IPMS kit review. Good Progress, Chris!



ChrisF brought his almost completed 1/48 Monogram B-29, for the “Queens of the Skies” Group Build on the LEM!



Keith brought one completed model to the meeting...

The kit is the Revell 1/72 B-17F that he built for the “Queens of the Skies” Group Build on the LEM.

He removed the “toylike” working features of the kit (which included the ailerons, elevators, rudder, landing gear, and bomb bay doors) to build it as a more accurate model.

He also tried, for the first time, “pre-shading” the panel lines, and was happy with the effect.



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.

NEXT CLUB MEETING... **HobbyTown USA** ...January 30, 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...

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE...

A New Year is upon us! And we, as a club, have come a long way in a short period of time! We've grown in membership (official AND unofficial), and have fairly good attendance at our meetings. We have applied for, and received, IPMS chapter status. This is a really good thing for us! We may want to do more with this as time passes...sponsoring shows and contests, expanding our publicity, promoting and performing workshops, etc. We can take the fun to a new level!

And fun is what this hobby is all about...I had a brief discussion with an online modeler, who doesn't like kits that "simply fall together". He prefers, in his words, to "whip a kit into submission". Now, this guy does some spectacular work...and I do mean spectacular...HE also has fun with the extra effort he puts into his builds. Me, I kinda like those builds that come together easily...it's less stress and more fun to me. Which one of us is "right"? Well, neither...I don't think there is a right way or wrong way to build, IF the finished product is what YOU want. So, build what you want, how you want to build it, and have fun!

Until next time,

Keep your glue caps tight!
Keith

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