



The Scribed Line

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Oregon Historical Modelers Society (OHMS)

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The December 2 OHMS Meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory had a full night of fun, food, and models as the club gathered to celebrate 2008.



Message from the President

Happy New Year for 2009

By Tony Roberts

Let me wish a Happy New Year to our readers and to the members and families of OHMS. Each year we hope the next one will be better....2009 certainly seems to be shaping up to be "challenging" and I hope all of us navigate safely, through the coming year.

The recent storm wreaked havoc on the city and I am amazed at the craters that appeared as the snow retreated. Driving down Sandy Blvd the other day, reminded me of a NASCAR race when the cars are weaving from side to side to keep heat in the tires....except this time it was drivers swerving around the huge holes in the road!

To get the New Year off to a great start, Patty and Mike have graciously informed me that we will receive a 20% discount for the January club meeting, due to the fact our December meeting was cancelled, so a big thank you to them and I urge you all to come down to the meeting and snap up that kit you have had your eye on, or stock up on paints and other goodies! We will also be having the White Elephant Exchange (see details on Page 4).

You will also read my annual plea for donations to the club auction that will take place in February. As I say each year, this is the most important meeting of the year for the club. The success of the auction allows us to produce the fine newsletter, put on the annual show, which is now firmly established as a premier event in the

Northwest and to support the IPMS Nationals and other hobby related events.

Earlier this week, on behalf of the club I shipped 4 boxes crammed with kits, to the Baghdad Hobby Club. Thank you to everyone who donated to the effort. As I wrote that line, off in the distance, I can hear the ANG F-15's running up their engines, which reminds me of the time a Tornado was undergoing engine runs at Coningsby, when an irate member of the public called to complain about the noise. The long suffering airmen, who took the call, asked the lady "can you see the aircraft?" "Yes" she replied. "Does it have a red star on the side madam?" "No"....."Well then, why are you complaining....?"

I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting and start digging into your collections for auction donations! Happy New Year!

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Dec. 2, 2008 Meeting Notes

By Larry Randel

- Began to gather at Old Spaghetti Station at 6:00 pm. We had 52 members and family attend.
- Dinner service started at 7:15 pm
- Dessert served at 8:00 pm
- End of the year Awards announced at 8:15 pm
- Most Prolific was Adam Cox with his 19 models (all brought in at the November meeting).
- Most Improved was Tony Roberts.
- Model/Modeler of the Year was Jon Lange for his 1/35 Panther Winter Scene (from the October meeting).



- Finished and wrapped up the meeting by 8:45 pm.

December 16 Meeting Snowed Out

Yes, we had no meeting on December 15, 2008 because of the December snow storm. I hope everyone survived



the snow, ice, and cold of December.

Here is a picture of my car buried under a foot of snow on December 24th. Now that is what I call severe weathering in 1:1 scale. (Photo and notes by Larry Randel)

Upcoming Events

- January 20, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- February 3, 2009 – OHMS Build Night
- **February 14-15, 2009 – 2009 Northwest Scale Modelers Show, Museum of Flight, Seattle WA. (See the show flyer on page 7)**
- February 17, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Annual Kit Auction. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- March 3, 2009 – OHMS Build Night
- **March 14, 2009 – IPMS Pearson Modelers 2009 Model Show, Pearson Air Museum, Vancouver, Washington (See the show flyer on page 7)**
- March 17, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- April 7, 2009 – OHMS Build Night
- **April 18, 2009 – IPMS Seattle Spring Show 2009, Renton Community Center, Renton, Washington (See the show flyer on page 7)**
- April 21, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- May 5, 2009 – OHMS Build Night
- **May 10, 2009 – IPMS/PSMA Model Car Sunday, Puyallup, Washington (more information in future newsletters)**
- May 19, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- June 2, 2009 – OHMS Build Night
- June 16, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- **June 20, 2009 – Peninsula Model Show and Contest 2009, Ft. Worden State Park, Port Townsend, Washington (more information in future newsletters)**
- July 7, 2009 – OHMS Build Night
- July 21, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- August 4, 2009 – OHMS Build Night
- August 18, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- **August 19-22, 2009, Wednesday-Saturday: IPMS National Convention, Columbus, Ohio.**
- September 1, 2009 – OHMS Build Night
- September 15, 2009 – OHMS monthly meeting. Monthly contest. 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- **September 19, 2009 – OHMS Annual Model Show and Contest at Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Oregon (more information in future newsletters)**

Customer Service Success Story

By Larry Randel

We all hear horror stories of finding damaged models and having no recourse for the replacement parts. I want to share a customer service success story.

I was reading through Hyperscale back around Thanksgiving and found a thread that said the rubber parts on the Moebius Models 1/24 Chariot kit were eating through the plastic parts. In that thread they mentioned that was a problem with early versions of that kit released in June 2008.



I had the model happily sitting in my stash since August, and when I checked the model; it was suffering from that issue. The rubber parts were packaged in the same bag as the main chassis tub. Everywhere the tires or tread were contacting the plastic, there were etch marks into the plastic.

I researched the issue further and I found a Moebius MySpace blog entry about the problem. Apparently it isn't so much a problem with the rubber tires, but it is a problem with the metallic plastic itself being reactive to the rubber in the tires and track.

I next sent off an e-mail to Moebius Models Customer Service describing the problem and asking if they had any solution. Within the next day I had a very kind response acknowledging the issue and promising to send me new replacement parts to replace the etched plastic parts.

Within a week, a small package appeared and Moebius had done exactly as promised. This was done at no cost to me and I estimate at considerable cost in time and effort on their part. Of course they had no way of tracking down who purchased their products so getting the replacement parts is entirely dependent on a customer asking for the replacement parts. If you also bought the kit, I urge you to contact Moebius Models at customerservice@moebiusmodels.com to request your replacement parts.

Members' Swap Area

Kit Collections Wanted:

Please call John Geigle at
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Bridgetown Discount for January Meeting

Our first club meeting of 2009, on January 20th will get off to a flying start thanks to Bridgetown! For the **January 20th meeting, club members will receive a 20% discount** on purchases!!

Thank you to Mike and Patty!

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OHMS Build Nights held at Bridgetown Hobbies 1st Tuesday of the month. 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

OHMS General Meetings held at Bridgetown Hobbies 3rd Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

10% Discount to OHMS Members on purchases and special orders when made at club meetings.

Scour Your Stash for Auction Items

By Tony Roberts

Time for my annual plea to you all to scour your collections, piles, stashes, for those gems that other club members will be unable to live without.....yes, the club auction is upon us.

This year the auction will take place at the February meeting, on the 17th. As in previous years, the start time of the auction will be at 7:00 pm so please plan on arriving earlier than for a regular meeting.

Each year the money raised from the auction allows the club to provide the great newsletter, put on the annual show at the Evergreen museum, support the IPMS Nationals and other Regional shows.

Our auction is for me, one of the highlights of the year. I get to wear my airplane (spell check didn't like aeroplane) shirt and to bid on some very cool stuff.

Everyone has my deepest thanks for your past support of the auction. It really does help the club and I look forward to seeing you all on February 17th at 7:00 pm.

Bring a chair if you have one!

Also, if you need to drop off donations at Bridgetown before the event I will be happy to pick them up and bring them to Bridgetown on the night of the auction.

New Wrinkle for 2009—Split the revenue with OHMS

This year, considering the worsening economy, we are offering everyone a chance to share in the auction. For up to two models per person, we will split the proceeds with you for your donation. To do this, we will need you to register the item before the auction. We will auction the item as normal, but there will have to be a special note made that it is a model being split. At the end of the night, we will divide the proceeds with the person who donated the item.

Example—you donate a Trumpeter 1/32 P-38, it sells for \$100; the club gets \$50 and you get \$50. My suggestion is that you do this with models you expect to bring in a good amount of money. I see this as a way to get bigger models into the auction and to give people a chance to make some cash for as well.

Also, getting paid for your donation will have to wait until everyone completes paying for purchases. If you do choose to try this method, please don't be expecting to leave early.

White Elephant Exchange Rules

By Larry Randel

We have decided to continue with the White Elephant Kit Exchange at the January Meeting on Jan. 20.

We're not looking for the greatest models in the world. Just bring an interesting or challenging model that you would like to get rid of. Value should be in the \$10-20 range. Wrap it or put it in a closed grocery bag to conceal the model.

1. We will put all of the models out. We will then assign a random picking order for each participant (probably drawing a number out of a bag).
2. Person who has #1 will pick first and unwrap their model. Don't get too attached yet because you may not have the model for long.
3. Person who has #2 can either steal #1's model or pick a new model from the pile.
4. If #2 stole the model from #1, then the #1 person will be able to choose a new model from the pile.
5. If deeper into the process, the person stolen from can steal a model from another person.
6. This process repeats until all models are gone with these caveats:
 - a. You can't steal the model back from the person that steals it from you (to prevent endless loops).
 - b. A model can only be stolen twice and then it can't be stolen again. We're on the honor system for this. Without this rule, the exchange would never end.
7. Finally, after the last person chooses, then the person who drew #1 gets one last chance to steal any item that is still eligible to be stolen (hasn't already been stolen twice). This rule is to be fair the first person who chose who did not have an opportunity to steal anything like the rest of the participants.

This is how I have seen these exchanges work (along with some suggestions from Todd Enlund). The main requirement of the model you bring is that it is complete and unstarted. Admission to the game is just to bring a model to exchange. Later in the year we will have a contest where you can bring back your exchange model and see what you did with it.

Spitfire, Hurricanes and Lancasters losing out to German foes in kit sales

By Jasper Copping
(<http://www.telegraph.co.uk>)

For decades, toy replicas of British warplanes like the Spitfire, Hurricane and Lancaster have outsold those of their Nazi foes, but now kit sales of Second World War German aircraft have overtaken those of the Allied forces.



Sales of the popular model Supermarine Spitfire are being overtaken due to the "mystique" of enemy war planes

Sales of German tanks and ships have also outstripped those of the Allies.

Analysis by the model maker Airfix has revealed that in 2008, German kits have made up around 55 per cent of the sales of all kits relating to the conflict. Around 1.4 million German replicas were sold, compared to 1.1 million Allied kits.

Experts and modelers say the rise in sales of the German war machines reflects an interest in the more experimental technologies developed by the Germans and the engineering superiority of many of their vehicles.

Luftwaffe planes now outnumber rival air forces in the top ten most popular aircraft from the conflict, with five models, compared to four RAF planes and one from the US.

The biggest selling German planes are the Messerschmitt Bf 109E, the Focke Wulf 190D, the Junkers Ju87 Stuka, the Dornier Do17 and the "Mistel", an experimental composite aircraft, in which a fighter was attached to a bomber.

The most popular RAF planes are the Supermarine Spitfire, the De Havilland Mosquito, the Hawker Hurricane and the Avro Lancaster. The P51 Mustang is the only US aircraft in the top ten.

In terms of tanks, sales of German Panther and Tiger models far outstrip those of the most popular Allied kits, the Sherman and Churchill tanks, by a ratio of three to one.

German infantry are the most popular kits of figures, followed by British Commandos and Paratroops.

The highest selling ship is a replica of the German battleship Bismarck, with around 5,500 kits sold, compared to just 3,000 kits sold by the second most popular, HMS Hood, which was sunk in a battle between the two in 1941.

Of the smaller vessels, the German E-boat sells the same numbers as British torpedo boat and an RAF rescue launch, despite being more than twice the price.

John Tapsell, vice president of the International Plastic Modelers Society (UK), said he was surprised by the revelation: "It does seem slightly odd that the German kits outsell the Allied ones. It certainly doesn't mean that lots of modelers sympathize with the German cause.

"I think it might be something to do with the typical British fascination with the loser and also an interest in German engineering. British soldiers in the war were in awe of the Tiger tank, for instance, and that sort of interest has remained. The (German) uniforms also look very smart."

Jeremy Brook, secretary of the Airfix Collectors Club, agreed. "One shouldn't say it but there is something about the German uniform and many of their machines, that makes them more attractive. Some of their warships like the Bismarck are quite beautiful.

"Certainly, the German color schemes are more exciting to paint than the British ones.

"When I was a child in the 1950s, I always wanted German aircraft, tanks and soldiers, but they were so much harder to come by then. Perhaps all the German children wanted Spitfires and Hurricanes."

Although German kits are dominant in total global sales, in the UK – which makes up more than 60 per cent of the company's market – the Allies maintain a small advantage over the Germans, because of the enduring popularity of the Spitfire.

It is the first time the company has conducted this sort of analysis. Darrell Burge, from Airfix, said the surge in popularity of German models, particularly tanks and figures, had started within the last ten years.

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"Across the hobby, there is no doubt that the German models now sell more than the Allied ones. German subjects are far, far more popular and that is increasing.

"Sales of German kits have really started to grow in the last ten years. In the UK, sales of the Spitfire – with around 45,000 kits sold – only just tip the scales in the favor of the Allies.

"German tanks are much better sellers than Allied ones. They are iconic as the biggest and most brutal of the war. They were virtually unstoppable. They were much better machines than the Allied ones.

"And a lot of the German aircraft were more experimental. There is a mystique about so many of their war machines that has translated into increased sales.

"The other factor in their favor is that in terms of kits, the Germans are really the only Axis power. So if someone is building a battlefield, they need Germans, whereas the Allies can be represented by the British or Americans."

The company is now planning to bring out new German models, to meet demand, including the Me 110 aircraft, a new version of the Me 109, the Junkers Ju88 plane, and a U-boat.

The firm sells 3.5 million kits a year and up to 15 per cent of its sales are in Germany.

In 2006, the manufacturer was saved from going out of business by train set maker Hornby, which bought the firm for £2.6 million.

Top ten most popular aircraft:

Supermarine Spitfire	45,000 kits sold
Messerschmitt Bf 109E	25,000 kits sold
De Havilland Mosquito	17,000 kits sold
Focke Wulf 190D	15,000 kits sold
Avro Lancaster	
Junkers Ju87 Stuka	
Hawker Hurricane	
P51 Mustang	
Dornier Do17	
Mistel	

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopping/howaboutthat/3868129/Spitfire-Hurricanes-and-Lancasters-losing-out-to-Nazi-foes-in-kit-toy-sales.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk>

It's coming - Another Uniform Display

By Bruce McKinney

I think we all enjoyed Paul Stanley's uniform display at the November meeting. I am hoping you all found it as informative as I did with a bit of insight into the world of uniform collectibles. I think Paul had a lot of valuable information to share with us and he said he really enjoyed our group. In fact, he enjoyed our group so much, Paul said he would arrange for his friend Frank to bring his Luftwaffe uniforms to one of our meetings.

I have personally never met Frank, and have never seen his collection, but Paul said that Frank's collection is "the most incredible Luftwaffe uniform collection he has ever seen". Frank has been collecting for many years and has secured some incredible pieces - ALL authentic. Paul informed me that he just secured a complete SS Panzer uniform complete with headphones and throat mic. I know - not Luftwaffe stuff that he specializes in, but I guess when a very rare item comes along, as a collector you jump at obtaining it. Since our group has a lot of interest in armor, I will ask that Frank include that piece in this display. Paul also tells me that Frank is a walking encyclopedia when it comes to German WW2 uniforms, knowing dates and timelines of equipment and color changes and just about any other trivial fact about German uniforms.

So, mark your calendars early. I have asked that Frank bring his items to our March meeting (March 17).

Some more bit of good news is that both Paul and Frank have expressed some interest in showing off their collections at our September contest at Evergreen Air Museum. This arrangement is still being talked about, but hopefully they will both commit. I would hope you all would agree, this display, along with all the incredible models, would be a fantastic addition to the event.

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature (required by _____)

 Adult: **\$25** Junior (17 years old or younger): **\$12** Trade Member: **\$25** Canada & Mexico: **\$30** Other Foreign: **\$32** Family (Adult dues plus \$5, one set of magazines, # of membership cards required: _____) If recommended by an IPMS Member, _____

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2009 Invitational
"The Joy of Modeling 4"
 Saturday, March 14, 2009

at the Pearson Air Museum
 in Vancouver, Washington

Times

09:00 AM	Vendor Setup
10:00 AM	Show Opens. Entrants may start placing their fruits of labor
11:00 AM	Raffle Begins- continues hourly
12:00 PM	Last entry taken. Judging begins
3:00 PM	Awards Presented

Contest Fees

Contest Entry: Adult: \$5 for 3 models/dioramas, \$1 each for each additional model/diorama
 Juniors 11-17: \$1 model/diorama entry -Juniors 10 and Under: Free

Vendor information

Tables: \$35.00 each + 1 Raffle prizes per table.

Museum Admission

\$8: Adults, \$5: Seniors & Active Military with ID, \$3: Ages 6-12, children under 6 free. *If you are just coming to see the show, there is no charge for the contest.*

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Categories

- Best of Show: People's Choice
- Best Junior Model Subject (13 and below)
- Best Junior Model Subject (14 to 18)
- Best Armor Subject
- Best Aircraft Subject
- Best Single Figure
- Best Automotive, non-military subject
- Best Ship Subject
- Best Space/ Sci-Fi Subject
- Best Diorama Subject
- Best Miscellaneous

IPMS Seattle Presents

Spring Show 2009

Scale Model Contest

Same great place—more great space!

Model entries for prizes!
 Special awards sponsored by local merchants, individuals, and local organizations!
 Seminars and tutorials during the day!
 Raffle tickets for all model entries, also available for purchase separately!

Every Junior entry gets an award!

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Saturday, April 18, 2009
 Doors open 9:00am
 Awards at 4:00pm

Adult entries	\$10
Junior entries	\$5
Spectators	\$5
Seminar entries	Free

Highlights

- Vendor tables
- Special Awards
- Awards presented at 4:00

Renton Community Center
 1715 Maple Valley Highway
 Renton, WA

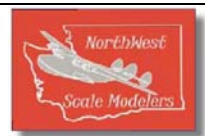
From Interstate 405, take exit #4, Renton-Enumclaw exit. Turn east towards Maple Valley/Enumclaw. At the first light past 405, turn right into the Renton Community

Contact Terry Moore: (425) 774-6343
 Or visit <http://www.ipms-seattle.org>



Learn about The Mighty Eighth Air Force at the

2009 NorthWest Scale Modelers Show



Flying B-17 Flying Fortresses, P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustangs, the men of the Eighth Air Force fought and died high in the sky above western Europe during World War II. Learn about their heritage of valor during the 2009 NorthWest Scale Modelers Show at the Seattle Museum of Flight.

February 14-15, 2009 ■ 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 The Museum of Flight

→ **MODEL DISPLAY:** See hundreds of detailed scale model aircraft, cars, tanks, trucks, spacecraft and more at the largest model show in the Pacific Northwest.

→ **The Mighty Eighth:** This year's show will feature a special display of aircraft flown by the Eighth Air Force during World War II. Veterans of the conflict will be on hand to answer questions and talk about their experience as part of the greatest air armada in history. Hosting the veterans will be members of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society.



→ **"MAKE AND TAKE":** Children age 6 and up are invited to learn the art of modeling during free "Make & Take" model building workshops on Saturday and Sunday sponsored by Galaxy Hobby and the Skyway Model Shop. Experts from the NorthWest Scale Modelers will be on hand to help children build a scale aircraft model to take home. Workshops are first-come, first-serve. Each child should have an adult helper.



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For information about the show and Northwest Scale Modelers visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/northwestscalemodelers>.
 Questions? Contact Tim Nelson (timndebn@comcast.net) or Stephen Tonton (tonton@comcast.net)



The Museum of Flight

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January 20, 2009 OHMS Meeting

When: Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Bridgetown Hobbies, 3350 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR

Planned Activities:

- Monthly Contest
- White Elephant Kit Exchange

Next OHMS "Build Night": Feb. 3, 2009, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Bridgetown Hobbies

OHMS/IPMS
c/o Larry Randel
22710 SW Orcutt Place
Sherwood, OR 97140



Next Meeting:

February 17, 2009 Meeting at Bridgetown

When: Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Bridgetown Hobbies, 3350 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR

Planned Activities:

- Annual Kit Auction