

Springtime at last By Ed Burgess

This month's question is whether or not the club wishes to affiliate with IPMS. Several of you have suggested doing so. I got in touch with IPMS membership and found out what we need to do. It's not complicated.

IPMS affiliation is something that has been kicking around for a while. I favor it, mainly because I think it will improve our contests and give us greater visibility.

We need a decision this month. If you have strong feelings either way, be there. If you are an IPMS member, please bring

your membership number.

First, we need at least five members of IPMS. Second, all the officers must be IPMS members. Since we have very few officers, that's pretty easy.

Third, I need to send an application form that basically says, "Here we are, please accept us." There's a \$20 charter fee. We would be in Region 6.

There are several virtues to affiliating. To me, the biggest one is that we automatically get insurance coverage for our events.

We also get visibility for our events. One thing we struggled with was getting the word out about the contest. IPMS affiliation would give us an excellent forum.

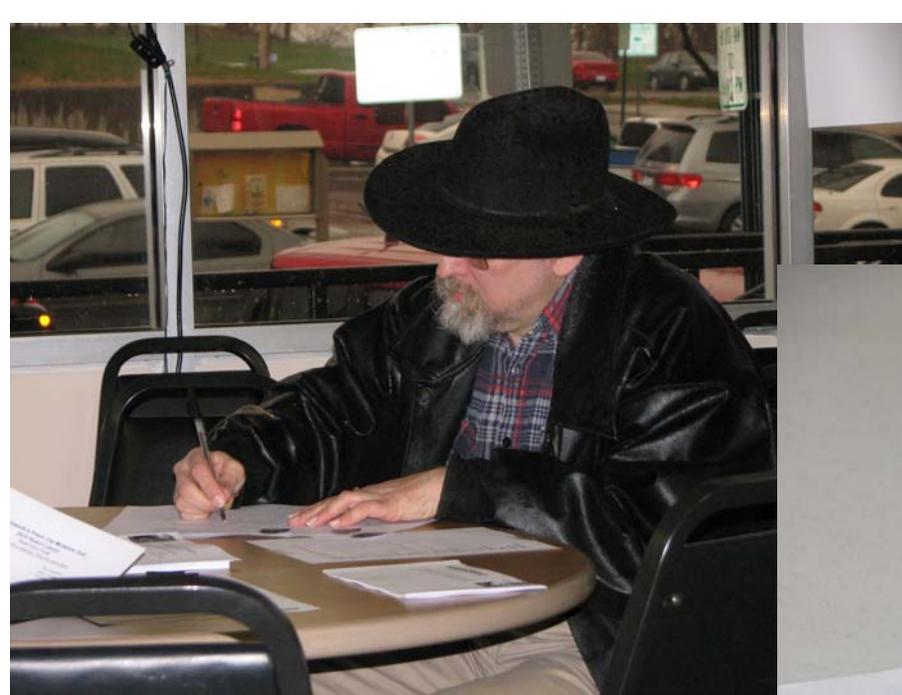
We also need a decision on when to hold our contest so as to lock in the date. People should come with specific dates of contests from this year; I'll bring a calendar that we can place them on and figure out our date.

Change in venue this month. The Leavenworth Public Library is laying carpet on our usual day, so the meeting will be at the spectacular and widely praised Combined Arms Research Library on Fort Leavenworth. Directions are below on a separate sheet for convenience in printing. **Don't be fooled:** Google maps will get you to the wrong point, about two blocks off.

Gary Runke took photos of all the entries in the March contest. I include a few of them here. Mark is going to add them to the website eventually,







Calendar

Upcoming club meetings:

19 May -- Club Meeting at Combined Arms Research Library, Fort Leavenworth, 7pm
16 June -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
21 July -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm

Interesting 2010 Events in our area:

22-24 April 2010 – Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS) 2010 International Show, Auburn, IN

12 – 13 June 2010 – KC Slammers 19th Heartland Model Car Nationals, Overland Park Convention Center, KS

8 -11 July 2010 – “Historicon” war gaming convention, new location Valley Forge Convention center in King of Prussia, PA. (This is a late change sent in by Bernard.)

9-10 July 2010 -- KC AMPS 2010 in conjunction with the Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Topeka Expocentre. Real vehicles, model vehicles, \$5 admission.

24 July 2010 – KC Slammers 5th Annual Elden Titus National Model Kemp Spectacular, Salina, KS

Those out there desperate enough for reading material to get this far, please send me regional events. I need your help!

Directions to Combined Arms Research Library

From Topeka:

Take the Turnpike east, past the last tollbooth. Use the Bonner Springs exit, and upon leaving the interchange turn right (north) on Highway 73. Follow 73 for about 15 miles, through Lansing and Leavenworth, until you come to Metropolitan. To your right is a large blue bridge over the Missouri, but turn left. At the next light, turn right into Fort Leavenworth. Go straight through two lights; then make the first available right turn, onto Sedgewick. After one block, turn right into a large parking lot. Eisenhower Hall is the large, new, three-story building to the east of the lot, and CARL is the south wing.

From Kansas City and environs:

Take I-70 west. Exit at the Bonner Springs/Sandstone ramp. Proceed as above.

From the north: Go to Atchison. From there take K-7 south. Eventually you will make a sharp turn to the east, and go past the Federal Prison. You are now on Metropolitan, so watch for the gate to the Fort, and turn left into the Fort.

The Combined Arms Research Library is in Eisenhower Hall, close to the large, new, and imposing Lewis & Clark Center, the home of CGSC. Eisenhower Hall is a three-story red-brick building with a green roof. You'll see Eisenhower Hall, off to your right, across the lake, as you drive into the Fort. Or ask anyone you see.

Please note: All you need to get through the security check at the gate is a photo ID. Driver's license is most common. However, **ONLY** the right lane, of about six lanes, is available to those who do not have a DOD sticker on their windshield. This line is often long and you may have to get out and open up your trunk, etc. Give yourself some extra time; ten of fifteen minutes depending on the traffic.