



A New Year; Exciting Challenges

By Ed Burgess

Survived the holidays, not without scars. Back to work. Back to what we laughingly call real life. Yay us.

The club will meet this Wednesday, 19 January, as usual at the Leavenworth Public Library.

The agenda will be to elect club officers. JW Dirske volunteered to maintain the treasurer position for another year; Mark Gerges volunteered to become

secretary and since there were no other nominations, both began their jobs immediately.

Nominations are open for VP and Pres until 18 January- contact Mark if you are interested in running. Voting will be at the 19 January meeting. You must be present to vote.

There will be a couple of other issues, too, involving our financial solvency. Which by the way is fine, but it never

hurts to review the issue. Please see the attached spreadsheet, which is forwarded to all members per IPMS rules. Thanks to JW Dirske for his work on the exchequer.

Mark had intended to meet before the meeting with anyone who wanted to help rewrite our constitution, but that is postponed to February, as the link to the IPMS constitution is broken.

Calendar

Upcoming club meetings:

19 January -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
16 February -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
16 March -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
20 April -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm

Be sure to look at the IPMS web page for a comprehensive list of upcoming IPMS contests. Our September contest is on the IPMS calendar. It is also listed in KCAMPS, thanks to Rob Feehan. Also Cybermodeler Online, thanks to Michael Benolkin.

The **AMPS International Show** will be in Fredericksburg, VA , Apr 06-09, 2011. Mecca for you armor guys. I'm tempted.

IPMS/USA NATIONAL CONVENTION **August 3-6, 2011**

IPMS Nationals will be in Omaha next year. I'd really like to see us make a good showing there. The web site is up, and I believe you can make hotel reservations now. Not totally sure about that but you are all smart enough to figure it out. I'd recommend making reservations sooner rather than later.

<http://www.ipmsusa2011.org/>

"Omaha By The Sea"

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation

That's all verrrry interesting, but bring something you're working on. I got one of the Vulcan Models motorcycles for Christmas, a 1/35 prewar Zundapp with sidecar. Fortunately I have an Optivisor, because the parts are microscopic and tend to escape on the slightest breeze. If you promise not to breathe too heavily, I'll show you where I've gotten so far.

Minutes of the December meeting, courtesy Mark Gerges:

The December 15th IPMS Prison City Modelers meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by President Ed Burgess.

First order of business was discussion to revise the current dues structure since joining IPMS. Motion was made and seconded to lower the dues to \$10 a year and remove the requirement for an unbuilt kit due to donations members have made for the club contest; motion passed by acclamation.

Nominations for the 2011 club board positions were opened. JW Dirske volunteered to maintain the treasurer position for another year; Mark Gerges volunteered to become secretary and since there were no other nominations, both began their jobs immediately. Nominations are open for VP and Pres until 18 January- contact Mark if you are interested in running. Voting will be at the 19 January meeting.

Final business was discussion of the need to revise the current club constitution to match IPMS standards. Tim Fincham volunteered to head a committee to revise and present to the members a new constitution; Mark Gerges volunteered to help. Anyone wishing to assist can come at 6:00 on 19 Jan for the revisions before the regularly schedule club meeting. The current constitution is online at <http://www.leavenworthmodelersclub.org/clubofficers.htm> and the IPMS suggested format is currently missing from their website but the USA branch constitution is at: http://www.ipmsusa.org/MemberServices/CBL_2003/CBL.htm please review both if you are coming to the 6:00 working group on 19 January.

No further new business, the formal part of the meeting was closed and Show What Ya' Brung began. Next meeting is at 7:00 P.M. on 19 January 2011.

Contest Update:

Discussion on the upcoming contest in September 2011 is a major focus of the January meeting. The basic questions that need to be addressed at this time are:

- Key roles and responsibilities.
- Advertising in IPMS Journal and deadlines for submission.
- Discussion on fees
- Discussion on categories
- Recommendations for further discussions and research.