

Loved Going To the Nationals

By Ed Burgess

The club will meet this Wednesday, 17 August, as usual at the Leavenworth Public Library. Be there or large men will come to your house and pelt you with Parker House rolls.

Andy Prawitz will demo vacu-form molding. See below.

There are no doubt some details to bring out about the upcoming contest. Our Contest Czar, Mark Gerges, will handle that part. I think

we're mostly good, but there's always something.

The Kansas City metro area contingent was prominent in Omaha. I ran into a bunch of folks from this club, WCMO, and Great Plains. The event was extremely well-run, with no major glitches that my inexperienced eye could detect. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, which is pretty much the point.

Winning awards is good, too, and our VP

brought home three firsts and a third, no mean feat. Kudos to Rick Brownlee. More about winning models Wednesday.

Remember: modeling is a hobby, and we all do it for fun. If it's not fun, we are doing something wrong. Courtesy, mutual help and advice, learning new techniques, meeting others with the same interests: these are the secret ingredients!

Andy Prawitz will demonstrate Vacu-forming

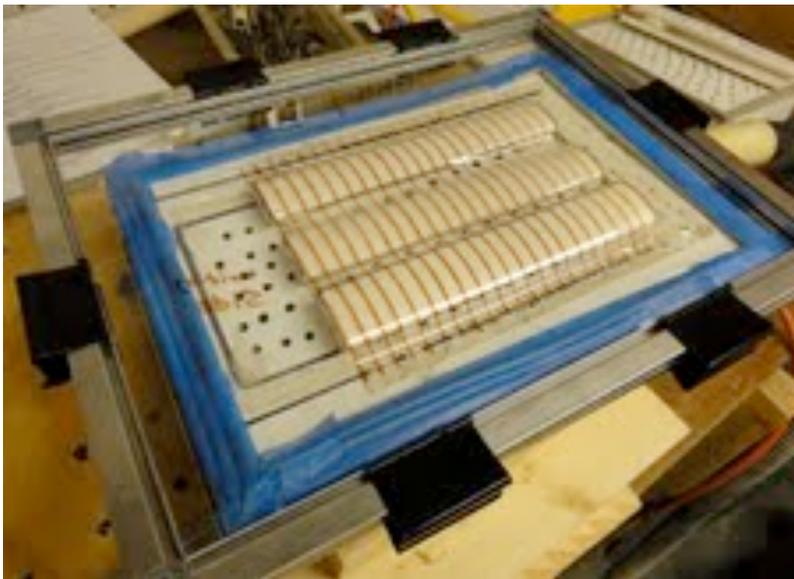
Andy Prawitz, one of our newer members from St. Joseph, Missouri is a highly skilled aircraft modeler. Andy has brought several of his highly converted aircraft models to meetings , and also brought several scratch built fuselage and wing pieces. The original aircraft model wing or fuselage was carved from wood. These wood pieces were then used as the mold and vacu-formed on a machine that Andy fabricated himself. That machine will be on display at the August meeting.

Originally scheduled to present this demonstration for the 18 May chapter meeting, an important situation arose that Andy had to respond to. So his demonstration had to be postponed until our upcoming Wednesday, 17 August meeting.

Andy will explain the basic elements of vacu-forming; a technique that many modelers would find useful once they understand the process. Thermoforming is another name for the same process. As most of the members have done at least some aircraft, it is a good bet that Andy's presentation will be interesting as well as informative.

So be sure and attend our Wednesday, 17 August chapter meeting, starting at 7pm, at the Leavenworth Public Library, at the SW corner of 4th Street and Spruce. You'll find plenty of parking on the West side of the Library. Let's have a good turnout!

by Rick Brownlee



Please Bring Kits For Our 24 September Raffle

As was decided at our last IPMS Prison City Modelers regular meeting in July, we want to remind everyone to bring those “shelf queens”, those kits that you’ll never build, to our 17 August chapter meeting to donate to the Raffle to be held at our Annual Chapter contest on Saturday, 24 September.

As those of you know who go to IPMS sanctioned contests regularly, there are three parts of each IPMS contest event that are most important to each attendee, the serious model builders. In no particular order those three things are 1) the quality of the awards given out. 2) The Raffle where they might get a great bargain for just a little cost. 3) The vendors, especially those individuals who sell from their own stash, and have some great prices on some older hard to find kits.

Naturally, since the Raffle is a big draw to our event, we want to have a great one with a lot of variety in the range of kits that will go to the winners.

So don’t forget to look through your shelves and come up with a few kits that you’re comfortable parting with, for the benefit of our chapter. We hope to see you all next Wednesday, the 17 of August.

by Rick Brownlee



Kelly Quirk got a First for this B-24. The biplane was, I think, Best Aircraft.

Calendar

Upcoming club meetings:

17 August -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
21 September -- Club Meeting at Leavenworth Library 7pm
24 September -- Our contest, at the Heritage Center in Leavenworth

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 listed in KCAMPS, thanks to Rob Feehan. Also Cybermodeler Online, thanks to Michael Benolkin. Also, thanks largely to Ron Reynolds and the highly talented Gary Ruhnke, there's an ad in the IPMS Journal.

Lee Bush, 21 August birthday.

Doug and Alice Hall, 11 August wedding anniversary

More Models from the Nationals Tables



This Canadian corvette was my pick for Best of Show, though I haven't heard the results yet. Fabulous weathering! I saw a renovated corvette, the last one floating, in Halifax this summer, not that that is relevant to anyone but your humble editor. Quite a thrill to walk through the little warship.

I just really liked this scratch built six-legged tank. Very inventive.