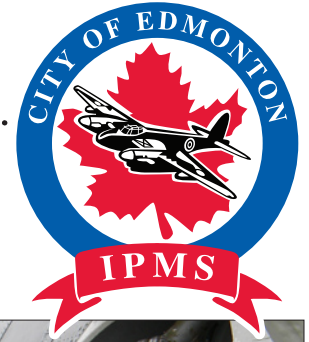


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The **BULLETIN** is a monthly publication of the International Plastic Modellers Society, Edmonton Chapter. It is distributed to all members in good standing from September to June. Articles in the Bulletin may be published in other IPMS Newsletters if credit is given to the author and IPMS Edmonton.

CLUB MEETINGS

IPMS Edmonton meets the second Tuesday of each month (September to June) from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the cafeteria of
McNally Senior High School,
8440 – 105 Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

There is no admission fee and club meetings are open to the general public. Members and non-members alike are encouraged to bring models, books, accessories, or other modelling related items for show (or sale) at the meetings. The club is run very informally and is a great opportunity to learn how others approach the hobby. There are also workshops and demonstrations – if you would like to volunteer please contact a member of the executive. Monthly meetings have a very short business portion and members who bring completed kits to show are eligible for a members-only door prize. There is usually a raffle draw open to those who purchase tickets.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

IPMS Edmonton memberships cost \$20.00 CDN annually. Membership fees are due each September and include a Bulletin subscription and IPMS membership card. A good number of local hobby shops provide discounts to customers with valid membership cards. Membership gives you access to the club's decal bank, privileges to purchase raffle tickets, privileges to enter in the members-only contests, voting rights for the club, and the option to run for the Executive.

SUBMISSIONS

The **BULLETIN** is possible because of the voluntary contributions and participation of our members. You can be part of sharing your hobby by writing about your modelling interests. That might mean an in-depth build article, a "how-to" story, a preview of a new kit, or perhaps a review of a new book. Submissions can include photographs, drawings, or illustrations but you should be the originator of the material.

We welcome your participation and have three people coordinating submissions according to theme:

Aircraft Rep > Brent Fordham > bfordham@telusplanet.net
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Or direct > Dennis Weber > shreddy@telusplanet.net

Of course we welcome submissions in other topics too, so don't be shy about sending those too. If you are not sure what is needed to make your submission into the Bulletin, contact a rep and they'll help you through the process. Views and opinions expressed by submitters are their own.

2009/2010 Event Schedule

Just a quick reminder that we do not meet in July or August. Each month we encourage you to bring a kit for show and tell. Paid-up members receive a ticket for a door prize and those with kits related to the theme receive a bonus door prize ticket. Here is a tentative list of themes for 2009/2010:

Sep 8	A Bug's Life
Oct 13	Red October (Russian)
Nov 9	Canadian Night (with voting) + Catalina Group Build show and tell
Dec 8	Oh Tanenbaum (German subjects)
Jan 12	For Queen and Country (British and Commonwealth subjects)
Feb 9	Orient Express (Eastern subjects)
Mar 9	Ides of March (Italian Subjects)
Apr 13	April Fools (Fictional / Sci-Fi) + Egg Build Group Build show and tell
May 11	Bring your wife/girlfriend/mother night
Jun 8	Swap meet (kit trades and sales)

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HOBBY SHOP DISCOUNTS

Upon presentation of your IPMS Edmonton membership card, the following offer a discount of 10% off regular priced plastic kits:

Alberta Hobby Centre
14220 Yellowhead Trail
Comex Hobby
1780 West Edmonton Mall
Comex Hobby
115 Kingsway Garden Mall
Great Hobbies
5144 – 75 St
Kites and Other Delights
10024 – 21 Ave
Kites and Other Delights
1209 West Edmonton Mall
Roundhouse Sales
9532 – 87 St
Brightside Hobbies
10130 – 100 Ave (Morinville)
Uncle Bill's Hobbies, Calgary

SEPTEMBER NEWS

The September kickoff meeting has a terrific turnout and there were a few announcements. Chris Aleong announced an Egg build scheduled for April completion, an article will appear in the October Issue of the Bulletin. The airbrush raffle was postponed until the October meeting. Tom Cockle won the \$25.00 doorprize. The September theme was a Bug's Life, so any kit with a bug's name earned double door prize tickets.

Musings from the treasurer, Part 1

Geoff Robertson

Welcome back for another year. I trust your summer was a good one. As we begin the modeling year I would like to present the current financial status of IPMS Edmonton. In a nut shell we are in pretty good shape. Our cash balance continues to grow from its low point in 2005 where our funds were practically exhausted from the last contest we hosted. Operating expenses are almost equal the annual dues we collect with the raffle and pop and donut sales generating a nice little cushion each year. Below is a summary of the numbers.

Like previous years we have managed to add a few hundred dollars to the clubs balance. We benefit from not having to pay rent for the facility we use and from

the generous donations to the raffle prize pool by the membership. Also all those fifty cent tickets bought do add up. Thanks to all who support the raffle. As you all know the cost of the deposit on soft drink containers went up June 1st. Also there is a non refundable collection fee that Ed and the boys have stuck on to the cost of a can of Coke. We may have to up the price of the pop to \$1.00 a can. I'll have a look at that after seeing what we pay for the drinks at the September meeting. On the subject of food and drink I just want to publicly thank Chris Hewitt for picking up the pop and donuts we enjoy at the meeting. Chris also helps during the meetings with the cash box, memberships and other duties. ♦

Balance as of June 30, 2008	\$1,843.85
INCOME	
Membership Fees	\$1,620.00
Raffle	\$394.00
Pop and Donuts	\$240.00
Total Income	\$2,254.00
EXPENSES	
Newsletter	\$763.02
Door Prize	\$250.00
Pop and Donuts	\$175.04
Awards and sponsorship	\$215.00
Posters	\$29.53
Website hosting Sept 07- Sept 08	\$119.54
Miscellaneous	\$76.69
Total Expenses	\$1,628.82
Balance as of August 24, 2009	\$2,469.03

Musings from the treasurer, Part 2

Geoff Robertson

It's a common question I hear, maybe you do too. What exactly does your club do? Cast your minds back into the mists of time and remember when there were displays and contests. Displays died out due to concerns about liability insurance and contests; well we did a small one in 2005 which I thought went off all right. We do not display because we do not have liability insurance. You may ask why we need it. Venues are very conscious of a lawsuit these days. The nightmare scenario presented is somebody has a model related injury and sues all involved. As a result venues refuse to have us display because we have no liability insurance.

At the suggestion of Ron Palmer I looked into the cost of liability insurance over the summer. I got some quotes for coverage of individual events and for yearly coverage. For two million dollars coverage on an individual event basis the premium would be \$150.00 to \$250.00 per event. For a yearly coverage I received quotes between \$575.00 and \$625.00 per year. This insurance is for liability only. If some kid picks up a model off a display table and hurls it against the wall, that's tough luck. If a piece of plastic comes back and hits the kid in the eye, well it would cover the inevitable lawsuit. How could we expose the public to such a dangerous item? I don't know

what the executive thinks of this. At this writing we have not met yet. What does the membership think? Is this something of interest?

Then there is a contest. A contest is a lot of work. It involves preparation over several months to line up a venue, solicit sponsors, send out advertising, and establish contest rules and categories. It needs volunteers to set up, work concessions, take registrations and judge. We have over eighty members. Are there twenty five or thirty people who would step forward to put together a contest? As previously mentioned we had our last contest in 2005. Should we try for one in 2010? ♦

Braille Scale Part 9

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Jack Parent

Hi everyone, hope one and all had a good summer and all us modellers are ready to get back to putting those little pieces of plastic into a recognizable model.

Over the summer months I got a couple of items from overseas that might be of interest to modellers of all scales. The first item is more ground cover from the Czech producer Model Scene. This sheet is turfs in four colors. The four colors come in individual sheets approximately six by three inches and are about 3/4 of an inch high, or about knee high in 1/72 scale. As said there are four different colors, one to match each season. They would do quite nicely as long grass for the 1/35 modellers.

The other cross scale product is from Archer Fine Transfers. These are resin cast rivet and bolt heads. There are a number of sets available with different head sizes. Another sheet available are cast number and manufactures signs for tank turrets and hulls. Unfortunately for the small scale modeller this item is not available... maybe down the line. I guess I forgot to mention that these decals are water slide so for fumble fingers like me setting them up is somewhat easier. The sheet I have contains double rows of rivets that range from approximately 1/4 mm to about 1 mm. The package it came in says no specific scale.

That's the news from the small scale side of modelling. So hope to everyone at the next meeting. Till then, remember guys it's just a hobby.◆

Get Your Goat Contest

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Dave Andersen

The guys who do cars decided that our summer project was to build a GTO since this is the last year for Pontiac we thought it would only be fitting and with the demise of this legend so goes the much sought after GTO. Anyhow we will have a small contest to see which one the rest of the club liked (people's choice) and there will be a prize of a kit or some thing. We are calling it the "Get Your Goat Contest" (GTO is affectionately called the Goat) and its open to anyone and everyone who has a goat or anything called a Goat (no livestock please).

We also had a seminar or demo on Saturday June 27th in the shop at the McNally High school. This was hosted by Jeff Turlock and Roy Marko. There were eleven of us there and Jeff brought out his air brush and his bottles of the clear coat. We brought out our models to "practice on" and I must say we were all very pleasantly surprised and pleased with the results. What we got was an education on the do's and don'ts, safety procedures, where to spray and when as well as keeping the gun at the right proper distance and keeping it in line with the model or subject you are spraying.

Jeff carefully used the gun to blow off any dust particles and then used a tack cloth to wipe off anything that may have stuck to the model before spraying before adding the clear coat. Everyone was impressed with the finish of their models and some of us brought more than one model to experiment on as all were very pleased with the results. I am sure some of you saw some of these models at the September meeting.

Jeff said we could arrange to do this one of the meeting nights as demo and Roy agreed that we could use the shop again. Thanks again to Jeff for putting this on as it was a very productive morning. If we get a chance and can arrange it Jeff said he would do a demo on polishing out a finish to make it a show room shine.

Attendees; Grant Symons, Ian Adams, Roy Marko, Jeff Turlock, Bill Vandermeer, Denis Desrochers, Duane Overn, Gord Busse, Les Ptzeke, Fred Bramhoff, Dave Andersen.◆

Other News

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Dennis Weber

Just a reminder that if you are one of the people who is part of the Catalina/Canso group build you have only a few more weeks before it is showtime! November is when all the Catalina kits need to be brought out. Special thanks to Mike Taylor for the cover photos this issue – these shots were taken in Botwood, Newfoundland over the summer. Botwood was the largest seaplane base during World War II.

IPMS Canada seems to be having a bit of a rebirth of sorts. Steve Sauvé has taken the helm of Random Thoughts (RT) and the publication is returning to a much more predictable and regular delivery schedule under his watch. The IPMS Canada website has also received a bit of a makeover and has a wonderful new internet forum, replacing the clunky Yahoo forum that was used by a small contingent of members. I strongly encourage IPMS Edmonton members to visit the new forum and request access to the board. The new forum board is located at www.ipmscanada.com/forum and is much more user friendly. Mention you are part of IPMS Edmonton if you are not yet an IPMS Canada member.

Personally, this summer was an especially busy one. My little room under the stairs was finally remodelled. This area was out of commission for close to a year and most free time I had was devoted to learning how to frame, rewire, or rerun copper water lines in the basement. But now that the model room is redone I can now place some spare energy into kit making.

I'm in desperate need of more content from more members and that is why this issue is rather bare. I am making a special plea to the armor makers to start sending more stuff. I want more armour stuff in the Bulletin. Cheers.◆