



IPMS SYRACUSE October 2004

IPMS Syracuse Business meeting: 7 PM to 9 PM, 2nd Thursday of the month.
IPMS Syracuse Builders meeting: 7 PM to 9 PM 4th Thursday of the month.

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Minutes for the Sept. 9 Meeting

Pierre opened the meeting with a reminder that we will be collecting models for the hobby clubs in Bosnia and Iraq at the October business meeting. There are no restrictions on donations, so paints, tools and glues are acceptable. Let's clean out those closets and have a nice donation for our soldiers overseas!

The business meeting was cut short so that we could vote for the Across the Pond Challenge entries from England. The results are as follows:



1st Place: 1/48 Fokker E IV by Rodger Hartill



2nd Place: 1/48 Helldiver by Roland Turner



3rd Place: 1/48 EE Lightning by John Duffield

Congratulations to our friends in Birmingham!

Agenda for October 14 Meeting

Announcements

- Get ready for Bosnia and Baghdad!! The response on possible restricted items is in from John Noack of IPMS USA. **There are no banned items.** They go through an APO box and not via commercial cabin flights.

For Baghdad: We will e-mail the club coordinator, **Charles Kalina** to let him know our package is coming at ckalina@capaccess.org.

Baghdad Hobby Club
c/o SGT Dean D. Flyte
ISG/MCT#4/ SCP-B
Camp Slayer
APO AE 09342

For Bosnia: We will e-mail Sean Hogan to let him know our package is coming at Sean.Hogan@email-tc3.5sigcmd.army.mil

CW3 Sean F. Hogan
A co. 2nd/238th AVN.
OJF Eagle Base, Tuzia
APO AE 09789

Remember the October Business Meeting is when we will be taking up the collection!!!

Raffle Donations Are Desperately Needed

Gary Haven would like all members to please take note that, following the trend noted over the last several years, donations by manufacturers and vendors of items for our raffle table are fewer than ever and barely trickling in this year. Since the raffle is a major contributor of income to run SyrCon, the lack of a good table of prizes could seriously affect our ability to host the show in the future. We need our members to dig deep and donate whatever they can in the way of kits, modeling items, hobby related books or whatever. We know this is a lot to ask, especially when we are already asking for donations for our service people overseas, but do what you can. You may bring your raffle donations to the October Meeting or to SyrCon on the morning of the show.

Club Business

- Any Last Minute Developments on SyrCon 17

Old Business/Outstanding issues

Raffle

Show and tell

Demo by Chuck Wise: Part 2 of building the Tamiya P-51B in 1/48th scale from start to finish. This session will concentrate on basic assembly, filling, sanding, and painting the cockpit.

Upcoming Events

10 October
Modelfest
IPMS Stratford
Milford CT
Doug Hamilton
Modelfest2004@aol.com

17 October
Granitecon XII
IPMS Granite State
Nashua New Hampshire
Rod Currier
ipmsgsmc@hotmail.com

17 October
SYRCON 17

30 October
IPMS Mid Hudson
Poughkeepsie New York
Doc Wiseman
docsmodels@juno.com

**Club Display at
Syracuse Train Show
November 6 & 7
State Fair Grounds**

7 November
Baycon
IPMS Bay Colony
South Attleboro Mass
John Nickerson
jjnick@lycos.com

15 November
LIARS Annual Show
Long Island NY
George Vita
Gliars@aol.com

IPMS Syracuse Meeting Dates

Business Meetings

October 14
November 11
December 8

Building Sessions

October 28
(Cancelled in November and December for
Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays)

The following is a message from Doug Hamilton, our IPMS Regional Coordinator, about a request to evaluate a new proposed program from IPMS President Dave Morrissette. Please review if possible and we will discuss it at the next business meeting.

Hi Everyone,

Attached is a request from President Dave on the MAP program (Modelers Advancement Program) that is being considered for implementation in 2005. Please share this information with the rest of your chapter, discuss it, and then please respond back to me with your chapters thoughts on the program, while answering the questions put forth. Please answer the questions honestly and fully.

This program is being set up for IPMS members, and your feedback will be most appreciated, one way or the other.

Doug

IPMS/USA MODELER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

General Description of Operations

INTRODUCTION:

The IPMS/USA Modeler Achievement Program (MAP) is designed to motivate the membership and new-comers to IPMS/USA to build better models and participate in the Society. The MAP is in effect, a guide to assist the membership in learning to build better models incorporating the “basics” of modeling in everything we build. The “basics” of modeling that IPMS/USA promotes are essential techniques we as modelers use when constructing models. To learn more about the “basics of modeling, go to the IPMS/USA web site (<http://ipmsusa.org/>), go to the “Member’s Services” page, and look for the Competition Handbook icon. It is HIGHLY recommended that everyone have a copy of the Competition Handbook for reference while constructing models for the MAP. It will be used as a reference to evaluate models for Certificate of Achievement (COA) points.

The MAP recognizes model building and participation in different areas of our hobby as well as IPMS/USA with Certificates of Achievement. It is important to note that earning a Certificate of Achievement is not easy, but is within the ability of most members willing to put in the time and effort to obtain one. Points for earning a COA can be more quickly accumulated not only by building models, but by participation in IPMS/USA itself and the hobby. Both are required to earn COAs.

Writing articles for model related publications and other hobby related activities also earn points toward a COA. Participation and building models is the key to obtaining a COA. We realize since the MAP is such an all-encompassing program, that it looks a bit complicated. We would strongly suggest that you go to the IPMS/USA web site and log on to the “discussion forum”. There is an entire forum devoted to the Modeler Achievement Program where you may participate in discussions and ask questions regarding the program. You will also find a page of Frequently Asked Questions about the Program. You will probably find your question already answered there.

While IPMS/USA local, Regional, and National competitions are held in various parts of the country every year, it is *not* required that anyone compete to earn a COA. Actually, no one “competes” for COAs in the MAP. Models built for MAP evaluation will be scored to a set point standard much like the Gold, Silver, Bronze system. So you will compare your modeling skills against a set point standard, not your friend’s models. Models will be evaluated at chapter meetings in an un-intimidating, familiar, environment among friends.

M.A.P. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each chapter **MUST** have a **current** Designated Contact on file with the MAP Regional Administrators to participate.
 - Each chapter should appoint or elect a MAP Designated Contact and register the DC with the MAP.
2. The modeler **MUST** be a current member of IPMS/USA in good standing.
3. The IPMS/USA Regional Coordinators responsible for their respective regions **MUST** officially approve **all** events that qualify for Merit points. Your Regional Coordinator can verify the event, or advise you if it qualifies.
4. All models submitted for evaluation for COAs **MUST** be the sole work of the member whose name appears on the COA application and related forms.
5. Members may **NOT** participate in any way in the evaluation of their own models.

IPMS/USA MASTER MODELER CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

The IPMS/USA Master Modeler COA is literally the highest and most prestigious level of achievement one can attain in the MAP. The distinction of IPMS/USA Master Modeler will be bestowed on any member who earns an Artisan Modeler COA in **four MAP categories**. By earning an Artisan Modeler COA in four of the eight categories, not only does the member demonstrate superior skills as a modeler, but has distinguished themselves as an outstanding contributor to the hobby by participation within the Society as well as the public sector.

EXCELLENCE IN BASICS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

The Excellence in Basics Certificate of Achievement is geared to new-comers to IPMS/USA and junior members to encourage participation in the Society as well as model building. The requirements for this COA allow the new-comer and junior a basic introduction and understanding of the MAP.

M.A.P. CATEGORIES:

IPMS/USA is unlike other modeling organizations in that we welcome builders of any type of model as long as the models comply with Official IPMS/USA Rules (see **Competition Handbook**). The MAP uses the same model categories/disciplines used at the National Contest. Categories for participation in the MAP are:

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| 1. Aircraft | 5. Figures |
| 2. Military Vehicles | 6. Space and Sci-Fi Vehicles |
| 3. Automotive | 7. Dioramas |
| 4. Ships | 8. Miscellaneous |

M.A.P. CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT:

IPMS/USA Certificates of Achievement (COAs) will be awarded to the member when he/she has completed all the requirements for a MAP category (see **MAP Categories**). Each category has three levels (COAs) of achievement that may be earned.

The levels of achievement (COAs) in each category are: 1. Artisan Modeler, 2. Craftsman Modeler, 3. Apprentice Modeler.

EARNING COA POINTS:

“COA Points” are earned by building models for the prescribed exercises for each Certificate of Achievement. The requirements for each COA are on the appropriate COA forms as well as the modeling “basics” for each discipline as in the **Competition Handbook**. It is important to note that all models will be evaluated by chapter members using a set point standard at a chapter meeting, so the modeler will not be “competing” against anyone for a COA.

EARNING MERIT POINTS:

“Merit Points” are earned through participation in the Society and public sector that don’t involve building models and are required to earn a COA. Members must earn a set number of “Merit Points” for each COA in addition to COA Points. Members can earn Merit Points for being active in the public eye, privately, or through participation at approved events. See **Earning Merit Points by Participation & Service** and **Publications/Submissions & Live Clinic Qualifications** for point breakdowns.

EARNING MERIT POINTS BY PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE:

This section covers earning Merit Points (MPs) and how they are disbursed by serving the Society. Merit Points for service will be awarded in Time Units (TUs). One TU will equal two (2) months of active service in the specified field.

Each TU for time served will equal one (1) Merit Point for the local/regional level (12 months = 6 TUs), (2) Merit Points per TU will be awarded for time served at the National level (6 months = 12 TUs). Service of less than 2 months (local or National) will not be awarded points, i.e. if the form submitted states three months have been served, the applicant will receive one TU for regional/local and two TUs for national service (for two months served). Merit points will be awarded at the rate of 1 MP, per person who participates in chapter model displays at malls, libraries, model conventions, etc. regardless of the length of the display.

Merit points may be earned for the following service and participation:

Voluntary Service:

- Serve as an officer of an IPMS/USA chapter.
- Serve as an elected IPMS/USA national officer.
- Serve on any approved local/regional contest committee, or IPMS/USA National Convention committee.
- Serve on any IPMS/USA Presidential appointed committee, or informal group approved by the President.
- Serve in any appointed IPMS/USA national office, capacity, or service.
- Serve as newsletter editor, web master, assistant web master for a chapter, or the IPMS/USA national organization.
- Participate in a Chapter model display.

Other Voluntary Services:

- Have a review or article published in an IPMS/USA chapter newsletter, an IPMS/USA publication, or other modeling related publication, or web site (see **Publication Submissions & Live Clinic Qualifications** for point breakdowns).
- Put on a live clinic or demonstration at an IPMS/USA approved local event, Regional or National event (see **Publication Submissions & Live Clinic Qualifications** for point breakdowns)

PUBLICATION SUBMISSIONS & LIVE CLINIC QUALIFICATIONS

Participation in the hobby is essential to earn Merit Points for COAs. There is no better way to participate in our hobby than to write an article, column, or submit a gallery photo to The Journal or one the many publications that benefit the membership. Below you will find a breakdown of publications that qualify for the MAP and the associated points one can earn for each submission. Letters to the Editor, C&BL amendments or similar political written submissions do not qualify.

The material being claimed must be the sole work of the author, photographer, artist, drafts person, etc whose name appears on the application form. If the article is a collaboration (photographer, artist, author, or any combination), then it must be noted as such on the application form specifying what was contributed and by whom. Merit Points will then be awarded to all the collaborators.

A. PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

This is material that appears in printed media, such as magazines or newsletters and may include text, photographs, drawings, etc. Material that has been published or has been accepted for publication may be claimed. Points are awarded regardless of number of features printed in any particular issue.

POINTS EARNED FOR PUBLISHED ARTICLES, PHOTOS & LIVE CLINICS

Item	National Pub.	IPMS/USA Journal			Chapter Web Site	IPMS/USA Website			Chapter Newsletter		
		1 pg or less 5 pts.	2-3 pgs. 6 pts.	3 pgs + 8 pts.		3 pts. ea.	1 pg or less 5 pts.	2 pgs. 6 pts.	3 pgs. + 8 pts.	1 pg. or less 4 pts.	2-3 pgs. 5 pts.
Article/Column/ Review	4 pts.				3 pts. ea.						
Photo(s) or Art Work(s)	1 pt. ea.	3 pts. ea.			2 pts. ea.	3 pts. ea.			2 pts. ea.		
Scale Drawing(s) /Diagram(s)	1 pt. ea.	3 pts. ea.			2 pts. ea.	3 pts. ea.			2 pts. ea.		

- A “page” (not including photos) is approximately 1200 words.
- Submission page totals that fall between the posted point awards will be moved to the level up or down at the discretion of the Regional Administrator.
- If photos are included with the article/review/column, credit cannot be given for both. The photos and text are considered one (an article) and credit will be given for the text page totals only.
- A copy of the published material or of the acceptance receipt from the publication must also be submitted as proof.

B. ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS:

This is for material published on a public electronic forum such as the Internet. This material earns points at the rates in the table above.

- Material that is published in more than one place or way (for example, both in a magazine and electronically, or in multiple electronic formats) can only earn credit once.
- The address (URL) of the material must be included with the certificate of application. If the material is published on a non-modeling related or non-publicly accessible forum (e.g. a private BBS), it is not eligible for credit.
- *No more than half of the total required Merit Points for a COA may be claimed for Electronic Publications.*

C. LIVE CLINICS:

This is for live clinics at local contests/events, regional, and national conventions. In order to qualify for Merit Points, the clinic must be prepared and presented by the member(s) whose name(s) appear on the application form. In the event that more than one person collaborates on the presentation (presenter, artist, photographer or any combination) all names must appear on the application form specifying what was contributed and by whom. One half of the Merit Points will then be awarded to all the collaborators equally. The live clinic/presentation must be at least 30 min long. Official IPMS/USA sponsored meetings and presentations (Bid Proposal, IPMS/USA Business Meeting, etc.) and similar politically oriented meetings do not qualify for Merit Points. Merit Points for live clinics will be awarded at the following rate:

- National Convention - 8 points
- Regional Convention - 6 points
- Local Contest/Event - 4 points

MAP COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & OPERATION

The MAP Committee will serve at the pleasure of the President of IPMS/USA. The President will appoint a Chairman to oversee the operation of the MAP and serve as liaison to the E-board. The MAP Chairman will appoint four members in good standing as MAP Regional Administrators to coordinate MAP procedures in the regions and serve as liaison between the membership and the MAP Chairman.

For the purpose of this program, IPMS/USA regions will be grouped in East, South, Central, and West regions as follows:

EAST - Regions 1, 2 & 4 **SOUTH** - Regions 3 and 11 **CENTRAL** - Regions 5, 6 & 10 **WEST** - Regions 7, 8 & 9

In addition to the Chairman, these four Regional Administrators will constitute a standing committee of 5 members to administer the MAP. MAP Regional Administrators will be responsible for maintaining the MAP database, and assist members in the pursuit of COAs as well as answer any questions about the Program.



Here is a shot of an aircraft (a converted Grumman F7F Tigercat) fighting fires out west last year. These guys really put it all on the line!

Dragon's T-34/76 Model 1940 in 1/35th Scale (Kit # 6092) By Chuck Wise

- Molding and parts breakdown is good.
- Separate link tracks are provided in kit.
- Tool boxes, jacks, tow cable ends and nylon cord for cables are provided.
- Two color schemes are shown in full color instruction sheet. Instructions are easy to follow.
- Good quality, thin decals are provided with a selection of tactical numerals (all in white).
- Clear lenses provided for twin headlights.
- Full Christie suspension and detailed underside provided.
- Sponsons are blocked off.
- Basic gun breech is provided, no other interior details.

Pros:

1. Very accurate kit of significant version that was only available in the past by doing extensive conversion or using a resin conversion kit.
2. Accurate dimensions when compared to older Tamiya T-34/76 kits.
3. Has correct accessories and track type correct for early version of T-34.

Cons:

1. Separate link track quite difficult for most modelers, will require significant level of skill to work in sags without problems in alignment and so forth.
2. Limited marking options and color schemes for this version.

Recommendations:

This is an excellent kit that is well worth buying. Because of the difficulties in dealing with separate link track, I can only recommend this kit to experienced armor modelers. Advanced modelers will probably want to replace the rear deck grills with PE parts as this would improve the look of this area greatly. There are a number of resin interior and engine kits available that should be readily adaptable to allow open hatches. Friulmodel produces a pinned separate link track of the early type used in this kit that should be much easier to deal with than the tracks that come with the kit. Overall an excellent kit as is that can be the basis of a show stopper. *CW*

IPMS Syracuse is the newsletter of the Syracuse Chapter of IPMS USA. Contributions of articles, hints and tips, reviews, photos, drawings, and editorials are welcome. Submissions may be mailed or e-mailed to Joe Dillman at shaytar123@usadatanet.net. All submissions will be acknowledged and all copyrights respected. Deadline for submission is two Sundays before the first monthly meeting (that being the second Thursday of each month).



YF-22A *By Joe Dillman*