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ROANOKE VALLEY IPMS

October 2024 Keeping History Alive….One Model At A Time

Gold, Silver, Bronze…...Or 1st, 2nd, 3rd?

By: Rocky Sink

So last month I said I would do a follow up article about the Gold, Silver, Bronze method at the Appalachian Scale Modelers Club show held last month. A few of us from the club went down with curiosity about how it works and if it would work. Specifically I was wondering about time to judge since everything had to be looked at and what decides the difference between the medal designation. With this being their first show they were learning as well as they got their feet wet with it. I do think the GSB can work if everyone is on the same page. Time wise you have to have all the judges looking at each model for only the defects, not stretching the time out with discussion. I found out that the amount of mistakes or defects sets the GSB medal received. But again all the judges need to be on the same page as far as amount of defects and mistakes that sets what medal you receive. The day we judged there were some differences in what the different judges groups were looking for which slowed down the process. Also there were some class's that were only a few models got medals and some class's almost all the models got awards. Again just inconsistency in the judgeing. Another thing that I noticed was that since so many awards had to be handed out there was no awards ceremony except for best of award's given out. All the other awards were placed on the table by the model.

I can see where the GSB system may work, but I think there are a lot of things that have to be in place and a lot of people have to be on the same page for the system to really be effective for a show. We have talked about doing this for the Virginia Shoot-Out so we now have some helpful experience in figuring out if this is something we want to look into more.

**********NOTE**********

We will only have one meeting in November as usual due to Thanksgiving Holiday. We will meet for our Build/Business Meeting on Thursday, November 14th which is our normal Build Meeting night. Also our only December Meeting will be the Christmas dinner which is planned for Friday, December 6th. More information can be found on the Christmas Dinner in this newsletter.

-REMINDERS-

October
Business Meeting
October 24 @ 7pm

November
Build/Business Meeting
November 14 @ 7pm

December
Christmas Dinner
December 6 @ 6:30pm

September Club Contest:

Now You See It.....

Now You Don't.....

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, December 6th at 6:30pm at El Rodeo on Electric Road. We will be able to order from the menu and not have set meals to choose from. We will once again have Dirty Santa so make sure to bring a gift and a couple extra to auction for the club rental for our storage building. We will also have the P-39 Aircobra builds due at the dinner. I have a couple extra of the P-39's left if anyone didn't get one and needs one.

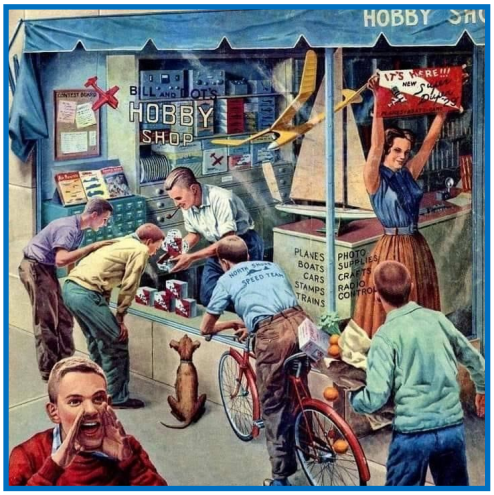
El Rodeo — 3280 Electric Road — (540-774-3735)

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Wednesday of each month.

All submissions should be emailed to Rocky Sink: snkchevcol@aol.com

along with any photos, write up and/or kit reviews pertaining to the article you wish to submit.

There is a new job opportunity in the club starting January 1st, 2025. You could be the newly hired, in charge, envied by others, important member behind the scenes with the title of News Letter Editor!! Yes, that's correct, you could be the one member that knows stuff before the others and know that the importance of your job is to keep the membership up to date! Their being on time to the meeting on a correct date or a demo depends on you. The after thought of a show or trip comes from you. The announcements of birthdays, new grand-kids, anniversaries, get wells and much, much more are the grand part of this job! Who wouldn't want to be the king pin for information to the membership? So be the first to jump on board before this amazing job is taken by another member. Contact Rocky as soon as you can to make sure you receive all the in's and out's of the job to get started. And if you want to start earlier than January 1st, I'm sure Rocky would take one for the club and give up the job early.



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WE NEED YOU!!

This year we are going to be working hard to recruit new members. Start thinking of ways we can reach out and bring new members to the club. We are going to see if we can do more demo's and other events to get our name out there more. We need new members!!

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UPCOMING DATES:		
October 19, 2024	Maraudercon 2024 Harve de Grace, MD	Bob Nowaskey juibobn1@comcast.net
October 26, 2024	ACME NNL Cartersville, GA	www.acme-ipms.com
December 6, 2024	Roanoke Valley IPMS Christmas Party	Watch Newsletter And Emails For Info
January 10, 2025	Chattanooga ModelCon Chattanooga, TN	Ben Gibby bgibby1964@outlook.com