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Reminders:

- Send your favorite modeling links to me so we can compile them for the web site links page
- Swap meet next month

LOOKING BACK ON 2004

2004 was quite a year for us. Hosting our largest and most financially successful show was a big undertaking. The holiday dinner was, again, a lot of fun with prizes, awards, and a great time spent catching up with our friends. A new venue maybe in order for 2005, which the Mayday's already have scoped out for us. You crazy folks have made me President and Robert Marquez Vice President for another term. I hope we can succeed in making the next two years just as fun for everyone. We have added a few welcome new members and the most important part - we have had a blast though it all.

It is going to be hard to top 2004 but 2005 is here already. A new year with lots of fun and exciting possibilities for us Pelikans is just beginning. This years national show will be just a few hours drive away in Atlanta. This will be a great opportunity to go to a national show and bring lots of entries with you. From the reports I see, it looks like the hotel will fill up quick so you might want to get reservations now. The regional show will be in Orlando, which should be another great show. We also have some great ideas for club activities, such as a trip to Fantasy of Flight at half price and a visit to a local armor collection. Looks like it will be a great year.

The first order of business for the new year will be an update of the roster. I will send around a copy with our most current information for corrections and then a new printing will be sent out in e-mail and hard copies will be available at the February meeting.

Also don't forget that the February meeting will be a swap meet, so we will suspend normal show and tell and just have a brief business update. That will leave more time for the shopping and swapping frenzy!

IPMS STUFF

For those who have not already seen the year end IPMS update here are a few highlights.

The Modeler Appreciation Program (MAP), which we decided not to participate in, is going to be reworked. Apparently, many others also thought it was just too complicated. A few IPMS folks are going to try to create something along the same lines that is easier to implement. When there is a new proposed program, we will evaluate it again and see if there is any interest.

Ron Bell, second Vice President, is looking for kit reviewers. IPMS members who may be interested should contact him.

There were 108 renewed IPMS chapters as of a couple of weeks before Christmas.

ARMOR COLORS WEB PAGE FROM LARRY WILLIAMS

For you tread heads out there looking for color information for your armor projects, check out <http://www.miniatures.de/englishContent.html>. Larry Williams sent me a couple of pages from this site in e-mail that list manufactures colors for different weathering effects and color references for many different eras and nationalities. There is some great information on the site, but I have not found any way to reproduce it in the newsletter without doing a ton of work. Frankly, the site is quite nice to look at, so it is best to check it out for yourself.

Thanks for the info Larry. I am going to add this one to my favorites list.

SOMETHING A LITTLE UNUSUAL
FROM HANK KRAMER

Shot from the USS HONOLULU

(Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine) at the Arctic Circle, 280 miles from the North Pole.
(No date was given, so it may have been around before.)

Looks like this shot could have been taken from any major body of water North of Florida with kind of winter the Northern states are having. Another good reason to live in Florida!



REAL IMPRESSIVE

FROM HANK KRAMER

The Largest Bucket Wheel Excavator in the world... built by Krupp, seen here crossing a federal highway in Germany en route to its destination (an open-pit coal mine) it is cheaper to move a thing like this (see how long it took to assemble) , than to construct or re-assemble on-site.

- Stands over 311 feet tall (as high as a 31 story building)
- Is over 705 feet long (2.33 football fields)
- Weighs over 45,500 tons (91 million pounds)
- Cost \$100 million USD, took 5 years to design & manufacture and 5 years to assemble
- Only Requires 5 people to operate
- The Bucket Wheel is over 70 feet in diameter with 20 buckets each of which can hold over 15 cubic metres of material. A 6-foot man can stand up inside one of the buckets.
- It moves on 12 crawlers (each is 12 feet wide, 8 feet high and 46 feet long) - 8 in front and 4 in back
- Has a maximum speed of 33 feet per minute
- It can remove over 76,455 cubic metres of dirt each day

I want to see someone build a model of this bad boy!



AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

Thanks to everyone who brought in their work for the Pelikan Master Modeler Award and cast their vote for the John Crown Spirit Award. There were many nice models in the running for the Master Modeler award and I am pleased to announce (This is where Terry yells "Fixed!") that my entry, "Gone Fishin" won the award this year. Remember that this award is only given to a single modeler each year so that means George Hecht and I can't compete again. At least that's two guys who are out of it.

I am also very pleased to announce that Mike Stanley was not only given a special club appreciation award for his outstanding work on the club web site, but he was also the recipient of the John Crown Spirit Award. I have to say the votes were overwhelmingly in Mike's favor, which just goes to show how much we all appreciate his efforts.

By the way, the votes for the Master Modeler were not so close and I won by about 4 votes, which just goes to show how difficult it is to win such an award in the company of such excellent model builders. I do feel quite fortunate. Thanks to everyone who participated.

For contributions to the newsletter, questions, or comments, contact Robert Raver

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THE DOG ATE MY...

FROM DAVE FENWICK

The Dog Ate My...

Last summer, I started a new hobby, I bought a border collie puppy dog. Hmmm. After building something like 500-600 airplanes (1/72) over the years, I only have 50 or so Russian aircraft remaining. I pulled the best four, and the last four I built, for Macdill Airshow and Pelikan 04. These were a Su-27UBK/Flanker C, Su-32IB/FLANKER E, Su-33/FLANKER D and Su-35/Super FLANKER. After the show, I put the models in my spare room. Well, apparently,... my puppy dog didn't think I needed these model airplanes anymore.