

# Pelikan Model Club

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### Reminders:

- IPMS Nationals Atlanta  
July 20 –23  
[www.ipmsusa2005.org](http://www.ipmsusa2005.org)
- Pensacola West Florida Model Expo Saturday June 25th
- Jax-Con 2005 October 8th & 9th

## GETTING READY FOR THE BIG SHOW

I am excited, as I am sure many of you are. We are only a few weeks away from what may be the biggest IPMS show ever. The final touches are being made to the latest project going to the show and the anticipation is growing. Since this show is within driving distance, we can all take lots of entries with us, so that is what I am doing. Sure it will be good to see my models next to the work of the very best model builders, and just maybe, if I am lucky, I might bring home an award, but awards are not the real reason I am so excited. There will also be just about everything you can image for sale in the vendor room, which will have over 500 vendor tables, but this is not the real reason I am so excited.

I am excited because I get to take a few days to share this experience with my friends. Model building is a hobby that is typically done in solitude at strange hours when you can get a bit of time here and there. We have meetings, which only last a short time and don't really give you the opportunity to catch up with everyone, but the very best is when we just get to hang out at a show and take it all in with our friends. I have made some great friends over the years in the Pelikan club and it is always a blast to go to model shows, both big and small, and have some time to spend with them. I suspect the same is true in most every club. Of course, I am partial to our club.

With that said, I hope to see many of you in Atlanta. I have heard from several people who are going and some who are still on the fence. If you can make it, I don't think you will regret it. Who knows, 2008 may bring this monster event to Orlando, but I am taking advantage of the fact the Atlanta is so close. It is going to be an awesome event and I look forward to seeing the red shirts of my fellow Pelikans - my friends.

## IPMS VOTE NEEDED

There is an IPMS constitutional amendment up for vote and more votes are needed. This amendment will allow the IPMS e-Board to adjust the amount of chapter dues and their usage without requiring a constitutional amendment. The chapter dues currently do not provide sufficient funds to support the organization, so we can expect that chapter dues, which are currently \$10, will go up. Check out the information on the IPMS site and cast your vote.

## FLY BOYS

FROM ED BRUT (FORWARDED BY LARRY WILLIAMS)

An Army Airborne Ranger stands in the rain with a 45 lb. pack on his back, weapon in hand, after having jumped from an airplane and marched 18 miles, and says with a smile, "This is good shit!"

A Navy Seal lies in the mud, 55 lb pack on his back, weapon in hand, after swimming 10 miles to shore, crawling through a swamp and marching 25 miles at night past the enemy positions, says with a grin, "This really is great shit."

A Marine, up to his nose in the stinking, bug-infested mud of a swamp with a 65 lb pack on his back and a weapon in both hands after jumping from an aircraft at high altitude, into the ocean, swimming 12 miles to the shore, killing several alligators to enter the swamp, then crawling 30 miles through the brush to assault an enemy camp, says, "I love this shit!"

An Air Force person sits in an easy chair in his air conditioned, carpeted room and says, "The cable's out? What kind of shit is this?"

## PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE FROM HANK KRAMER

Since we just made fun of the Fly Boys, here is a tribute to the awesome machines in which they put their lives on the line to defend our freedom.

This is a really cool photo sent in by Hank Kramer that shows the best US fighter of the past (P51), the Present (F15), and the future (F22). Not only three of the coolest airplanes ever made, but airplanes that even I know!



# USAF ARMAMENTS MUSEUM

FROM DAVE FENWICK

Here is Dave's run down on what there is to see at the USAF Armaments Museum at Eglin AFB.

Last summer (Sep 2004) I once again had a chance to visit a relatively nearby museum, the USAF Armaments Museum at Eglin AFB. I have been there many times over the years. I'm sure, many of our club members have had the opportunity to visit but this time, I documented with photos of what is there for our newsletter .

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| B-52G Stratofortress | C-131 Samaritan       |
| SR-71 Blackbird      | MiG-21/FISHBED C      |
| B-47 Stratojet       | RF-4C Phantom II      |
| F-4C Phantom II      | F-111A                |
| O-2 Skymaster        | F-15A Eagle           |
| F-101B Voodoo        | F-16A Fighting Falcon |
| F-89 Scorpion        | A-10A Thunderbolt II  |
| F-86A Saber          | AC-130A Spectre       |
| F-100C Super Saber   | B-57B Intruder        |
| T-33 Shooting Start  | B-17G Flying Fortress |
| F-84F Thunderjet     | B-25G Mitchell        |
| UH-1B HUEY           | TF-104G Starfighter   |
| AC-47 Spooky         |                       |

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**SOME INTERESTING THINGS ON THE INTERNET**

Stephen Lawson was impressed with our club's web site sent us a note with a link to a very nice WWI Aircraft site. Check it out.

I am Stephen T. Lawson member and old bone of [www.theaerodrome.com](http://www.theaerodrome.com) I came across your site and was very impressed. I posted your URL at the "Drome" models forum and invite you and the membership to drop by. We are WWI aviation enthusiasts.

<http://theaerodrome.com/forum/showthread.php?=&217144#post217144>

I also have my own website for WWI aviation wingnuts and would invite you and your membership to stop by there as well.

<https://www.wwi-n-plastic.com>

**PELIKAN DROPPINGS**

**FOR SALE**

Nothing new this month. If you have something you wish to sell, send me an e-mail and I will get it into the newsletter.