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MAY 2005

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to all the Modelpalooza 05 winners. Several Pelikans came away with a little something for the effort. It was a great show and we all had a good time. Gil Hodges presented us with the chapter of the year award for 2004, which is a well deserved honor for all the great things we did in 2004. We were presented with a nice trophy, which I will bring to the meeting on Tuesday for everyone to see.

Reminders:

- IPMS Nationals Atlanta
July 20 –23
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The regional for 2006 will be in Titusville, which is always a great show as well. There is also a group composed of members from Titusville and Orlando who are going to start putting together a request for proposal to host the 2008 IPMS National show in Orlando. If all goes well and a suitable location can be secured, a lot of volunteers will be needed to help with this effort. It is still a long ways away, but for those who are interested in helping, keep this in mind.

A representative from IPMS Atlanta was also on hand to give us an update and this show just keeps getting bigger. They have already booked 25% more hotel rooms than any other IPMS show. There is plenty of information available on the web site and I picked up some additional flyers to hand out. I know many of our members are going, but if you intend to go, there are very few rooms left at the hotels that are giving show discounts. If you do not already have a reservation, you should go to the web site, see what may still be available, and get your room reserved immediately.

Since I just got in from business travel and great weekend in Orlando, I am keeping this newsletter very short. I have some good material for next month, but no time this month, so this month is just this one page update that I am sending out via e-mail. I hope to see you all on Tuesday.

NAVY HUMOR
FROM ALAN FRIEDLAND

Subject: The Navy Chief

The Power of the Almighty Chief Petty Officer As a crowded airliner is about to takeoff, the peace is suddenly shattered by a five-year-old boy who picks that moment to throw a wild temper tantrum. No matter what his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him down, the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him. Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, an older man in the uniform of a US Navy Chief begins to make his way up the aisle. Stopping the frustrated mother's upraised hand, the white haired, courtly, soft-spoken Chief leans down and, motioning toward his collar, whispers something into the boy's ear. Instantly, the boy calms down, gently takes his mother's hand, and quietly fastens his seat belt. All the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause. As the Chief slowly makes his way back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants touches his sleeve. "Excuse me Chief", she asks quietly, "could I ask you what magic words you used on that little boy?"

The Chief smiled serenely and gently confides, "I showed him my anchors, service stripes, and battle ribbons, and then explained to him that they entitled me to throw one passenger out of the plane."

A wise old Master Chief once said...

A young Ensign approaches the crusty old Master Chief and asked about the origin of the commissioned officer insignias.

"Well," replied the Master Chief, "the insignias for the Navy are steeped in history and tradition. First, we give you a gold bar representing that you are very valuable but also malleable.

The silver bar also represents significant value, but is less malleable.

Now, when you make Lieutenant, your value doubles, hence the two silver bars. As a Captain, you soar over the military masses, hence the eagle.

As an Admiral, you are, obviously, a star. Does that answer your question?"

"Yes Master Chief" replied the young Ensign. "But what about Lieutenant Commander and Commander?"

"That, sir, goes waaaay back in history - back to the Garden of Eden.

You see we've always covered our pricks with leaves."

"The Genie"

A Petty Officer Second Class, First Class and a Chief are off the ship together for lunch. While crossing a park they come upon an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out in a puff of smoke. The Genie says, "I usually only grant three wishes, so I'll give each of you just one." "Me first!" says the Petty Officer Second Class. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, a beautiful woman at my side and not a care in the world." Poof! He's gone. "Me next!" says the First Class. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of pina colodas and a beautiful woman." Poof! He's gone. "You're next," the Genie says to the Chief.

The Chief says, "I want those two back on the ship right after lunch."

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NAVY HUMOR CONTINUED

"The Chief and the Gunny"

An old Chief and an old Gunny were sitting at the VFW arguing about who'd had the tougher career. "I did 30 years in the Corps," the Gunny declared proudly, "and fought in three of my country's wars. Fresh out of boot camp I hit the beach at Okinawa, clawed my way up the blood soaked sand, and eventually took out an entire enemy machine gun nest with a single grenade. "As a sergeant, I fought in Korea alongside General MacArthur. We pushed back the enemy inch by bloody inch all the way up to the Chinese border, always under a barrage of artillery and small arms fire. "Finally, as a gunny sergeant, I did three consecutive combat tours in Vietnam. We humped through the mud and razor grass for 14 hours a day, plagued by rain and mosquitoes, ducking under sniper fire all day and mortar fire all night. In a fire fight, we'd fire until our arms ached and our guns were empty, then we'd charge the enemy with bayonets!"

"Ah," said the Chief with a dismissive wave of his hand, "all shore duty, huh?"

"A Mustang's Hunting Dog"

A Mustang retired after 35 years and realized a lifelong dream of buying a bird-hunting estate in Alaska. He invited an old Admiral friend to visit for a week of pheasant shooting. The friend was in awe of the Mustang's new gun dog, "Chief". The dog could point, flush and retrieve with the very best.

The Admiral offered to buy the dog at any price. The Mustang declined, saying that Chief was the very best bird dog he had ever owned and that he couldn't part with him. Six months later the same Admiral returned for another week of hunting and was surprised to find the Mustang breaking in a new dog.

"What happened to Chief?" he asked.

"Had to shoot him," the Mustang replied. "Another old shipmate came to hunt with me and couldn't remember the dog's name. He kept calling him 'Master Chief.' After that, all the dog would do was sit on his butt and bark."

"The Five Most Dangerous Things in the US Navy"

A Seaman saying, "I learned this in Boot Camp..."

A Petty Officer saying, "Trust me, sir..."

A Lieutenant JG saying, "Based on my experience..."

A Lieutenant saying, "I was just thinking..."

A Chief chuckling, "Watch this shit..."

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NAVY HUMOR CONTINUED

In a small town near Washington, DC, a barber opened his shop for business.

A young enlisted Marine comes in to get a "high and tight". The barber asked the young Marine about his service, and a lot of small talk takes place. After the haircut is complete, the Marine opens his wallet and the barber said, "It's on the house Marine. Thanks for your service to this great nation."

The next morning as the barber goes to open his shop, there is a box on his doorstep. In the box was a note of thanks and a "SEMPER FI" bright red T-shirt. That same morning a young Army G.I. comes in for a haircut. The same sort of story happens. They talk about the Army and other small talk.

After the haircut is complete, the G.I. stands and reaches for his wallet.

The barber says, "No thanks, son. It's on the house. Thank you for your service to our country."

The next morning as the man is opening his barbershop, on the doorstep is a box with an Army ball cap and a thank you note. That same day, a Master Chief comes in for a haircut. He is decked out in his full dress blues. The barber is impressed and again, the same things happen...small talk about the service. When the Master Chief goes to pay, again the barber says, "Not required, Master Chief, it's on the house.

Thanks for your service to this great nation." You guessed it, the next morning, as the barber went to open his shop, there on his doorstep ...were three more Master Chiefs!

THE REAL NAVY!

There is segment of the US population who know too little of true Navy life. We all have friends, co-workers, and family members that think that the REAL Navy is a "TOP GUN " existence. You know those people that have watched one too many episodes of " JAG ", and think that the Navy life is glamorous.

Here are a few suggestion for those people on how they can experience Navy life, right in the comfort of their own homes.

- ◆ Buy a dumpster, paint it gray and live in it for 6 months straight.
- ◆ Run all of the piping and wires inside your house on the outside of the drywall.
- ◆ Pump 10 inches of nasty, crappy water into your basement, then pump it out, clean up, and paint the basement " deck gray. "
- ◆ Every couple of weeks, dress up in your best clothes and go to the scummiest part of town, find the most run down, trashy bar you can, pay \$10 for a beer until you are hammered, then walk home in the freezing cold.
- ◆ Perform a weekly disassembly and inspection of your lawnmower.
- ◆ On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays turn your water temperature up to 200 degrees, then on Tuesdays and Thursday turn it down to 10 degrees. on Saturdays and Sundays declare to your entire family that they used too much water during the week, so all showering is secured.
- ◆ Raise your bed to within 36 inches of the ceiling.
- ◆ Have your next door neighbor come over each day at 5am and blow a whistle so loud that Helen Keller could hear it and shout, "Reveille, reveille, all hands heave out."

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NAVY HUMOR CONTINUED

- ◆ Have you mother-in-law write down everything she's going to do the next day and read it to you.
- ◆ Eat the raunchiest Mexican food you can find for 3 days straight, then lock the bathroom door for 12 hours, and hang a sign on it that reads "secured, contact OA DIV at X-3053."
- ◆ Submit a written request form to your father-in-law, asking if it's o.k. for you to leave your house before 3pm.
- ◆ Invite 200 of your not-so-closest friends to come over, then board up all the windows and doors to your house for 6 months. After 6 months is up, take down the boards, and since you're on duty, wave at your friends and family through the front window of your home.... you can't leave until the next day.
- ◆ Shower with above mentioned friends.
- ◆ Make your family qualify to operate all the appliances in your home, for example, become a dishwasher operator, blender technician etc...
- ◆ Walk around your car for 4 hours and checking the tires pressure every 15 minutes.
- ◆ Sit in your car and let it run for 4 hours before going anywhere. This is to ensure your engine is properly " lit off "
- ◆ Empty all the garbage bins in your house, and sweep your driveway 3 times a day, whether they need it or not.
- ◆ Repaint your entire house once a month.
- ◆ Cook all of your food blindfolded, grabbing for any spice and seasoning you can get your hands on. Now, chow down! you have 5 minutes....
- ◆ Have your neighbor collect all your mail for a month. losing every 5th item.
- ◆ Spend \$20,000 on a satellite system for your TV, but only watch CNN and the weather channel.
- ◆ Have your 5 year old cousin give you a haircut with goat shears.
- ◆ Sew back pockets to the front of your pants.
- ◆ Spend 2 weeks in the red-light districts of Europe and call it "world travel ."
- ◆ " Needle gun " the aluminum siding on your house after your neighbors have gone to bed.
- ◆ When your children are in bed, run into their room with a megaphone, and shout at the top of your lungs that your home is under attack and order them to man their battle stations.
- ◆ Post a menu on the refrigerator door informing your family that you are having steak for dinner. then make them wait in line for at least an hour, when they finally get to the kitchen, tell them that you are out of steak, but you have dried ham and hot dogs. repeat daily until they don't pay attention to the menu anymore and they just ask for hot dogs.
- ◆ In the middle of January, place a podium at the end of your driveway. Have your family stand watches at the podium, rotating at 4 hour intervals.
- ◆ Lock yourself and your family in your house for 6 weeks. then tell them that at the end of the 6th week, you're going to take them to Disneyland for " weekend liberty ". when the end of the 6th week rolls around, inform them that Disneyland has been canceled due to the fact that they need to get ready for E-cert, and that it will be another week before they can leave the house.

THIS SHOULD CLEAR IT UP!

FROM HANK KRAMER

British bureaucracy strikes again.

I thought you would like to see the notice that British Airways sent to its pilots explaining what we in the US refer to as the "monitored approach" method where during an approach in very low visibility and ceiling one pilot flies the approach and if the other pilots finally sees the runway he takes control of the plane and performs the landing.

This removes the problem of the pilot having to make the transition from flying instruments and, at the last minute, look outside and "get his bearings," because the other pilot is already looking outside.

If the pilot not flying says nothing by the time they reach "minimums", the pilot flying automatically starts the "go-around" procedure as he is still on the instruments.

Now try this actual explanation of this procedure from the British Airways manual:

*** British Airways! Flight Operations Department Notice ***

There appears to be some confusion over the new pilot role titles. This notice will hopefully clear up any misunderstandings. The titles P1,

P2 and Co-Pilot will now cease to have any meaning, within the BA operations manuals. They are to be replaced by Handling Pilot, Non-handling Pilot, Handling Landing Pilot, Non-Handling Landing Pilot, Handling Non-Landing Pilot, and Non Handling Non-Landing Pilot. The Landing Pilot, is initially the Handling Pilot and will handle the take-off and landing except in role reversal when he is the Non-Handling Pilot for taxi until the Handling Non-Landing Pilot, hands the handling to the Landing Pilot at eighty knots. The Non-Landing (Non-Handling, since the Landing Pilot is handling) Pilot reads the checklist to the Handling Pilot until after Before Descent Checklist completion, when the Handling Landing Pilot hands the handling to the Non-Handling Non-Landing Pilot who then becomes the Handling Non-Landing Pilot.

The Landing Pilot is the Non-Handling Pilot until the "decision altitude" call, when the Handling Non-Landing Pilot hands the handling to the Non-Handling Landing Pilot, unless the latter calls "go-around", as appropriate.

In view of the recent confusion over these rules, it was deemed necessary to restate them clearly.

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

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SHOW AND TELL SIGN IN

Mike has been trying to photograph and identify all the models that are brought in for show and tell at each meeting, but most people are not providing their information on the sign up sheet for show and tell. Realizing that we are unlikely to get folks to remember to sign up, we would like to have modelers bring a note with them to put with their model at show and tell. The information on the note should be your name, scale of the model, subject, and any comments about the model. If you do not provide any information with your model, Mike will not be able to give you credit for it when the picture is put on the web site. Unidentified models might not make it to the Web site, so if you want your work displayed, so make sure you make a quick note to go with your model.

PELIKAN DROPPINGS

FOR SALE

1/350 Tamiya USS Enterprise with Gold Medal Models PE, additional aircraft set, and Micro Scale air wing decals \$140 - Robert Raver

1/32 Hasagawa P51 D Mustang Nose Art special edition \$20 - Robert Raver

1/32 Revell F14 with Waldron cockpit placard update set \$25 - Robert Raver

Tamiya RC "Blackfoot" (hardly used, never raced); Futaba Controller (digital proportional); Prostech charger (Model 702 AC/DC); \$175.00 (Cost \$300.00 when new) - George Feher

Tamiya RC "Lunchbox" (very good condition); Futaba Controller (digital proportional); Prostech charger (Model 702 AC/DC); \$125.00 (Cost \$250.00 when new) - George Feher

Misc. parts for above will be included in package purchase - George Feher