

Pelikan Model Club

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Reminders:

- Pelikan Master Modeler Contest this meeting for show and tell
- We will be voting for the John Crown Spirit award at this meeting
- Turn in your choices for the Holiday dinner

DINNER WITH YOUR FRIENDS

When we first put forth the idea for moving the Holiday dinner to Angellino's, the response was great. The minimum 40 person requirement to have a room to ourselves looked easy to accomplish, as more than enough members said they would go. Unfortunately, we only have 18 people confirmed for the dinner at this time. That is less than half of the people who indicated that they would be going to the dinner earlier. This is a bummer!

I know that December is a busy time for many people and that some people are just not able to go. There is nothing that can be done about that. This is always the case and we still average at least 35 people every year, so it seems strange that we do not have at least that many people signed up at this point. Considering the change to a restaurant that is known for its great Italian food and the fact that we moved the date to very early December so conflicts with other events would be less of an issue, I am stumped. I don't get why we have such limited interest.

At this point, we are going to be seated in the back room of the restaurant, but they are going to put other people in the room with us because we do not meet the minimum requirement to have the room to ourselves.

If you are able to go, PLEASE bring your money and selections to the meeting on Tuesday if you have not already signed up. The Holiday dinner has always been a fantastic event where we get to spend time with our friends and have the opportunity to catch up with folks we don't really get to interact with that much at the meetings. Judging from the meeting attendance, I do not think there is a lack of interest in the club. I think people are holding out to the last minute. The last minute is the Tuesday meeting, so make sure to bring your cash or check so you can have a great dinner with your friends!

HOLIDAY DINNER - AGAIN

The menu choices are:

Chicken Parmigiana
Veal Parmigiana
Lasagna Napolitana

This will be a full service sit down dinner that includes Penne pasta served with your choice of sauce (marinara, alfredo, tomato cream, fra diavolo), family style garden vegetables, fresh baked Italian bread & homemade Focaccia and beverage (coffee, tea, and soft drinks).

The cost is \$19 per person. Your money has to be received by Ed Mayday no later than November 1st. **No late comers will be able to attend. You must get your payment to Ed before November 1st.** The easiest way to get you money to Ed is to bring it to the October meeting and let him know you menu choices. If you cannot make the October meeting, you can send you money and menu choices to Ed. Ed's contact information is as follows:

Ed Mayday
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Dunedin, FL 34698
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Desert will be provided by the club.

Saturday, December 3rd Angellinos 33180 US 19 Norh, Palm Harbor
Cocktails start at 6:00 Dinner starts at 7:00

ANNUAL PELIKAN AWARDS

We will vote for the John Crown Spirit Award at this Tuesday's meeting. This award is given to the person who received the most votes for having the greatest club spirit.

We will also decide who the Pelikan Master Modeler for 2005 is at this Tuesday's meeting. Everyone (except the previous winners) bring you best work to the November meeting and popular vote will decide who this years winner will be. We will suspend normal show and tell to give everyone competing for the Master Modeler Award a chance to talk about their work and win over the judges - all of us!

The winners will be announced at the Holiday Dinner. These awards are a fun tradition that I encourage everyone to participate in. You never know, you may win!

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

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FINALLY, OUT OF THE BOX
BY ROBERT RAVER

I never though the day would come, but I finally bought a 1/35 scale armor kit that I am going to build straight from the box. For those who know me, you might think this is impossible, but then you might not have seen the new Dragon Panzer IV E kit. Dragon has gone way beyond what any other kit maker has ever done in 1/35 scale by creating exceptionally detailed molds and including many of the items that armor builders buy aftermarket. After studying the Panzer IV E kit, I have come to the conclusion that the kit actually contains everything required to build an exceptionally detailed model. I often buy kits based on the wealth of after market details that are available for them. I am amazed with this kit and wondered what else Dragon has in store. After cruising through their web site and reading about what they are doing, it became apparent that they have made a substantial technology investment betting that modelers will buy new kits of subjects they already have when the new kits are far superior in detail, include everything they need, and the price is still in line with the other model companies. To me, it looks like the bet has paid off and the bar has been raised above what Tamiya, AFV Club, and others are able to do in the same price range. It remains to be seen if Dragon will propagate this new approach to their aircraft and ship models, but I bet they will in time. Next time you are surfing, check out Dragon's site at:

<http://www.dragon-models.com>

THE AMAZING WORK OF A FORMER CLUB MEMBER
FROM ED BRUT

While I never met Randy Cooper, I have heard from some long time club members just how talented he is. Randy is a Sci Fi builder who turned his passion into his career. I can only say that I am absolutely green with envy. It must be a wonderful thing to make a living pursuing your passion. Of course, making a living building models for the movie industry means that you must be a master builder. Randy is certainly a master model builder.

Ed Brut sent a link to a site with some of Randy's work and it is amazing. I instantly recognized models from movies like Terminator and The Matrix. The link to the site where you can see some of Randys work is as follows:

<http://www.pasadenamodelers.com/cooper/cooper.htm>

Thanks to Ed for passing this along.