

Pelikan Model Club

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Reminders:

- Holiday dinner December 11th at Kally K's get your money and menu choice to Ed Mayday
- Pensacola show November 26 - 28 at National Museum of Naval Aviation

GOOD STUFF

I hope everyone who attended Pelicon 04 had as good of a time as I did. The show was a record breaker with 107 contestants and 458 models (counting collections as single entries). We packed the vendor rooms and early estimates put our profits for the show between \$1700 and \$2000. This will keep the club in business for some time. All in all, it was a very successful event and everyone I talked to had a great time.

I want to thank all the members of our club who volunteered their time to help out at the show. We had many people help with a number of tasks. Without these folks there would be no show. Many members not only worked the show all day, but also stayed late into the evening to judge. This is truly an awesome effort and all I can say is that you are the reason why the show was so great and why people from all over Florida come out to the beach every time we do this.

Many of our members also brought home awards, which is a tribute to the level of talent that exists in our club. Judging was quite difficult in many categories because the work was of such high quality. If you competed and won an award, consider yourself talented and lucky, if you did not win an award, consider yourself talented and it just was not your day. I saw outstanding work by many people who did not get awards because the completion was just that tough. Personally, I think this is great because I get to set my models next to work by some of the very best in our area. I always learn a lot and have a great time talking to the other modelers and swapping tips and techniques.

I think we have the best club in Florida and this show proved that once again. To everyone involved - thank you!

THE IPMS MODELER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

IPMS would like our club to consider participating in the Modeler Achievement Program (MAP). This is a program that seeks to recognize modelers achievements outside of contests. We will bring this up at the meeting and see what kind of interest there is in the program. The following are the details about the program provided by IPMS:

IPMS/USA MODELER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM General Description of Operations

INTRODUCTION:

The IPMS/USA Modeler Achievement Program (MAP) is designed to motivate the membership and new-comers to IPMS/USA to build better models and participate in the Society. The MAP is in effect, a guide to assist the membership in learning to build better models incorporating the “basics” of modeling in everything we build. The “basics” of modeling that IPMS/USA promotes are essential techniques we as modelers use when constructing models. To learn more about the “basics of modeling, go to the IPMS/USA web site (<http://ipmsusa.org/>), go to the “Member’s Services” page, and look for the Competition Handbook icon. It is HIGHLY recommended that everyone have a copy of the Competition Handbook for reference while constructing models for the MAP. It will be used as a reference to evaluate models for Certificate of Achievement (COA) points.

The MAP recognizes model building and participation in different areas of our hobby as well as IPMS/USA with Certificates of Achievement. It is important to note that earning a Certificate of Achievement is not easy, but is within the ability of most members willing to put in the time and effort to obtain one. Points for earning a COA can be more quickly accumulated not only by building models, but by participation in IPMS/USA itself and the hobby. Both are required to earn COAs.

Writing articles for model related publications and other hobby related activities also earn points toward a COA. Participation and building models is the key to obtaining a COA. We realize since the MAP is such an all-encompassing program, that it looks a bit complicated. We would strongly suggest that you go to the IPMS/USA web site and log on to the “discussion forum”. There is an entire forum devoted to the Modeler Achievement Program where you may participate in discussions and ask questions regarding the program. You will also find a page of Frequently Asked Questions about the Program. You will probably find your question already answered there.

While IPMS/USA local, Regional, and National competitions are held in various parts of the country every year, it is *not* required that anyone compete to earn a COA. Actually, no one “competes” for COAs in the MAP. Models built for MAP evaluation will be scored to a set point standard much like the Gold, Silver, Bronze system. So you will compare your modeling skills against a set point standard, not your friend’s models. Models will be evaluated at chapter meetings in an un-intimidating, familiar, environment among friends.

M.A.P. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each chapter **MUST** have a **current** Designated Contact on file with the MAP Regional Administrators to participate.
 - Each chapter should appoint or elect a MAP Designated Contact and register the DC with the MAP.
2. The modeler **MUST** be a current member of IPMS/USA in good standing.
3. The IPMS/USA Regional Coordinators responsible for their respective regions **MUST** officially approve **all** events that qualify for Merit points. Your Regional Coordinator can verify the event, or advise you if it qualifies.
4. All models submitted for evaluation for COAs **MUST** be the sole work of the member whose name appears on the COA application and related forms.
5. Members may **NOT** participate in any way in the evaluation of their own models.

IPMS/USA MASTER MODELER CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

The IPMS/USA Master Modeler COA is literally the highest and most prestigious level of achievement one can attain in the MAP. The distinction of IPMS/USA Master Modeler will be bestowed on any member who earns an Artisan Modeler COA in **four MAP categories**. By earning an Artisan Modeler COA in four of the eight categories, not only does the member demonstrate superior skills as a modeler, but has distinguished themselves as an outstanding contributor to the hobby by participation within the Society as well as the public sector.

EXCELLENCE IN BASICS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

The Excellence in Basics Certificate of Achievement is geared to new-comers to IPMS/USA and junior members to encourage participation in the Society as well as model building. The requirements for this COA allow the new-comer and junior a basic introduction and understanding of the MAP.

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M.A.P. CATEGORIES:

IPMS/USA is unlike other modeling organizations in that we welcome builders of any type of model as long as the models comply with Official IPMS/USA Rules (see **Competition Handbook**). The MAP uses the same model categories/disciplines used at the National Contest. Categories for participation in the MAP are:

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| 1. Aircraft | 5. Figures |
| 2. Military Vehicles | 6. Space and Sci-Fi Vehicles |
| 3. Automotive | 7. Dioramas |
| 4. Ships | 8. Miscellaneous |

M.A.P. CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT:

IPMS/USA Certificates of Achievement (COAs) will be awarded to the member when he/she has completed all the requirements for a MAP category (see **MAP Categories**). Each category has three levels (COAs) of achievement that may be earned.

The levels of achievement (COAs) in each category are:

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| 1. Artisan Modeler | 2. Craftsman Modeler | 3. Apprentice Modeler |
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EARNING COA POINTS:

“COA Points” are earned by building models for the prescribed exercises for each Certificate of Achievement. The requirements for each COA are on the appropriate COA forms as well as the modeling “basics” for each discipline as in the **Competition Handbook**. It is important to note that all models will be evaluated by chapter members using a set point standard at a chapter meeting, so the modeler will not be “competing” against anyone for a COA.

EARNING MERIT POINTS:

“Merit Points” are earned through participation in the Society and public sector that don’t involve building models and are required to earn a COA. Members must earn a set number of “Merit Points” for each COA in addition to COA Points. Members can earn Merit Points for being active in the public eye, privately, or through participation at approved events. See **Earning Merit Points by Participation & Service** and **Publications/Submissions & Live Clinic Qualifications** for point breakdowns.

EARNING MERIT POINTS BY PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE:

This section covers earning Merit Points (MPs) and how they are disbursed by serving the Society. Merit Points for service will be awarded in Time Units (TUs). One TU will equal two (2) months of active service in the specified field.

Each TU for time served will equal one (1) Merit Point for the local/regional level (12 months = 6 TUs), (2) Merit Points per TU will be awarded for time served at the National level (6 months = 12 TUs). Service of less than 2 months (local or National) will not be awarded points, i.e. if the form submitted states three months have been served, the applicant will receive one TU for regional/local and two TUs for national service (for two months served). Merit points will be awarded at the rate of 1 MP, per person who participates in chapter model displays at malls, libraries, model conventions, etc. regardless of the length of the display.

Merit points may be earned for the following service and participation:

Voluntary Service:

- Serve as an officer of an IPMS/USA chapter.
- Serve as an elected IPMS/USA national officer.
- Serve on any approved local/regional contest committee, or IPMS/USA National Convention committee.
- Serve on any IPMS/USA Presidential appointed committee, or informal group approved by the President.
- Serve in any appointed IPMS/USA national office, capacity, or service.
- Serve as newsletter editor, web master, assistant web master for a chapter, or the IPMS/USA national organization.
- Participate in a Chapter model display.

Other Voluntary Services:

- Have a review or article published in an IPMS/USA chapter newsletter, an IPMS/USA publication, or other modeling related publication, or web site (see **Publication Submissions & Live Clinic Qualifications** for point breakdowns).
- Put on a live clinic or demonstration at an IPMS/USA approved local event, Regional or National event (see **Publication Submissions & Live Clinic Qualifications** for point breakdowns).

THE IPMS MODELER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM CONTINUED

PUBLICATION SUBMISSIONS & LIVE CLINIC QUALIFICATIONS

Participation in the hobby is essential to earn Merit Points for COAs. There is no better way to participate in our hobby than to write an article, column, or submit a gallery photo to The Journal or one of the many publications that benefit the membership. Below you will find a breakdown of publications that qualify for the MAP and the associated points one can earn for each submission. Letters to the Editor, C&BL amendments or similar political written submissions do not qualify.

The material being claimed must be the sole work of the author, photographer, artist, draftsman, etc whose name appears on the application form. If the article is a collaboration (photographer, artist, author, or any combination), then it must be noted as such on the application form specifying what was contributed and by whom. Merit Points will then be awarded to all the collaborators.

A. PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

This is material that appears in printed media, such as magazines or newsletters and may include text, photographs, drawings, etc. Material that has been published or has been accepted for publication may be claimed. Points are awarded regardless of number of features printed in any particular issue.

POINTS EARNED FOR PUBLISHED ARTICLES, PHOTOS & LIVE CLINICS

Item	National Pub.	IPMS/USA Journal	Chapter Web Site	IPMS/USA Website	Chapter Newsletter
Article/Column/ Review	4 pts.	1 pg or less 5 pts. 2-3 pgs 6 pts. 3+ pgs 8 pts.	3 pts. ea.	1 pg or less 5 pts. 2 pgs 6 pts. 3+ pgs 8 pts.	1 pg or less 4 pts. 2-3 pgs 5 pts. 3+ pgs 6 pts.
Photo(s) or Art Work(s)	1 pt. ea.	3 pts. ea.	2 pts. ea.	3 pts. ea.	2 pts. ea.
Scale Drawing(s) /Diagram(s)	1 pt. ea.	3 pts. ea.	2 pts. ea.	3 pts. ea.	2 pts. ea.

- A "page" (not including photos) is approximately 1200 words.
- Submission page totals that fall between the posted point awards will be moved to the level up or down at the discretion of the Regional Administrator.
- If photos are included with the article/review/column, credit cannot be given for both. The photos and text are considered one (an article) and credit will be given for the text page totals only.
- A copy of the published material or of the acceptance receipt from the publication must also be submitted as proof.

B. ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS:

This is for material published on a public electronic forum such as the Internet. This material earns points at the rates in the table above.

- Material that is published in more than one place or way (for example, both in a magazine and electronically, or in multiple electronic formats) can only earn credit once.
- The address (URL) of the material must be included with the certificate of application. If the material is published on a non-modeling related or non-publicly accessible forum (e.g. a private BBS), it is not eligible for credit.

No more than half of the total required Merit Points for a COA may be claimed for Electronic Publications

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C. *LIVE CLINICS:*

This is for live clinics at local contests/events, regional, and national conventions. In order to qualify for Merit Points, the clinic must be prepared and presented by the member(s) whose name(s) appear on the application form. In the event that more than one person collaborates on the presentation (presenter, artist, photographer or any combination) all names must appear on the application form specifying what was contributed and by whom. One half of the Merit Points will then be awarded to all the collaborators equally. The live clinic/presentation must be at least 30 min long. Official IPMS/USA sponsored meetings and presentations (Bid Proposal, IPMS/USA Business Meeting, etc.) and similar politically oriented meetings do not qualify for Merit Points. Merit Points for live clinics will be awarded at the following rate:

- National Convention - 8 points
- Regional Convention - 6 points
- Local Contest/Event - 4 points

MAP COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & OPERATION

The MAP Committee will serve at the pleasure of the President of IPMS/USA. The President will appoint a Chairman to oversee the operation of the MAP and serve as liaison to the E-board. The MAP Chairman will appoint four members in good standing as MAP Regional Administrators to coordinate MAP procedures in the regions and serve as liaison between the membership and the MAP Chairman.

For the purpose of this program, IPMS/USA regions will be grouped in East, South, Central, and West regions as follows:

EAST - Regions 1, 2 & 4 **SOUTH** - Regions 3 and 11 **CENTRAL** - Regions 5, 6 & 10 **WEST** - Regions 7, 8 & 9

In addition to the Chairman, these four Regional Administrators will constitute a standing committee of 5 members to administer the MAP. MAP Regional Administrators will be responsible for maintaining the MAP database, and assist members in the pursuit of COAs as well as answer any questions about the Program.

I know that is a lot to digest, but I thought it best to just publish the whole thing right from IPMS so all the details are here for you. We will see who is interested at the meeting and go from there.

YEARLY CLUB AWARDS

We will be doing our yearly John Crown Spirit and Pelikan Master Modeler awards again this year. Start thinking about who most exemplifies the spirit of the club. We will take the nominations at the December meeting. Also make sure to pick out your best model to bring to the December meeting. If it is still on your bench, finish it! Who knows, you may be this years winner. Remember, this like a people's choice award and everyone just votes for their favorite. Don't worry about a perfect model, just bring the coolest thing you have. We will present both awards at the holiday dinner just like last year. I know this was a lot of fun last year and I, for one, am really looking forward to doing this again.

2008 IPMS NATIONAL IN ORLANDO

IPMS Space Coast wants to put in a bid for the 2008 National show and have it in Orlando. There are several people in their club that are interested. These folks are as follows:

Rick Bellanger - Vendors
Mark Warthling- Finance
Bob Taylor- Facilities
Anthony Knific- Registration

We should think about helping out with this effort. It would be great to see a national show in Orlando again. I know several people in our club worked the 1999 show and it was a lot of work. Give this some thought and we can discuss it at the meeting.

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PENSACOLA SHOW

There will be a model show and contest in Pensacola November 26 - 28. This show will be held at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. There will be seminars, open cockpit displays of several aircraft, back area tours, etc. There will be all kinds of activities and the models will be judged on a gold, silver, bronze merit type system. The participant fees are a little steep, but considering all that is included, the \$80 fee for a competing modeler is not all that bad. This looks like it will be a fantastic event for those who can take some time out of their Thanksgiving holiday to cruise to Pensacola. I talked to John Struck, the coordinator of the event, about this at our show and he is very excited about this unique opportunity to get such access to the aircraft and the museum itself. I will bring a flyer to the meeting with me to pass around so folks will have a chance to review the show information. If you can make it to this event, it looks like you will be very glad you did.