

IPMS SEATTLE - May 1993

MEETING DATE: May 1, 10:00 am, Bellevue Public Library

Well, the Can-Am Recon has come and gone, and was a tremendous success as far as the organizers are concerned. There were 493 models entered in the Contest, EXCLUDING those entered in the Collection category, which individually totalled a further 60 plus models. The models were entered by 153 modelers, and in total, 367 people visited the Show. We had large contingents from the Spokane and Boise IPMS Chapters, as well as one gentleman, Steve Bathy, who drove all the way from Prince George, B.C. to attend. Get a map out and check the distances!!! The Boise boys drove 500 miles one way, Mr. Bathy even further!! Now that's dedication to the hobby. Twyla says it makes them just plain crazy.....

And speaking of Twyla, the organizers of this event would like once again to thank very much two wives dedicated to allowing us boys to have a good time, my wife Twyla, and Jill Moore, wife of our illustrious Pres., Terry Moore. Jill helped run the Model Registration desk, while Twyla helped man (woman??) the Front Desk, taking in the patrons' loot, and running the Door Prize drawing. Once again ladies, many thanks!!!

Thanks also to Kevin Callahan, who designed our table top signage, model entry forms, and judges forms, as well as coordinating those who worked the model room, showing modelers where their models went, and generally keeping an eye on things. Kevin, along with Keith Laird and Nick Ferraiolo and I arrived at 7:00 am to insure all was in order for the table layout, and organized the tables for the contest. Keith and Nick both helped at the front desk, as well as offering help to the vendors in setting up their room. Finally thanks to Robert Allen, Lemar Fenstermaker, Fred Hamm, Bill Johnson, Bill Osborn and Scott Taylor for their dedication to helping at the Model Registration desk and in the Contest Room. A great effort towards a great success. Apologies if I've missed anyone, for it was rather a hectic day for me, and I have relied on others for the helper information.

Regarding the actual Contest, there were a number of surprizes, two of which staggered me. Firstly, most categories were fairly well entered, although the number of large scale (1/32nd and larger) aircraft that showed up was very impressive. Dioramas were also well represented, and our collection tables were fairly overflowing. At the opposite end of the scale, it was staggering that only ONE multi-engined prop aircraft model made it to the contest, and this in 1/72nd. Given the superb models available in 72nd (Hasegawa and Minicraft B-17's; Minicraft B-24's and B--29/50's), this was a big surprize. Then there was the utter failure of the F-4 category. Four models, total???? Are Phantoms dead in this scale, or are they just all built by those who feel their models "aren't good enough"???? Next year's topic will be Titan ICBMs in 1/249th scale. I am sure there will be more entries.....

All in all the Show went well, and we will be looking to improve on this year's success next time. Plans are to hold the show again, but at a

different venue in an effort to lower costs. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

And now a word from our President:

FROM THE PREZ' MODELLING BENCH...

Well, we did it again - 493+/- entries (over 500 models), modelers from Prince George BC to Salem OR, Boise, Spokane, Selah, and everywhere in between came with some very high calibre models. Competition was tough in most every category except, surprisingly, 72nd and 48th multi engined aircraft (damn - I wish that I had finished my Stirling!) Roger Torgerson's destroyer, Les Sundt's B-17, Ted Holowchuk's and Harry Avis' multiple entries and everyone else's made this a most enjoyable show. Everyone I talked to had a good time.

I would like to thank Andrew for pulling this entire event together and also all the members of IPMS Seattle that helped register everyone, their models, and those that showed everyone where to put their models in the contest area: Twyla, Nick, Keith, Kevin, Jill, the 2 Bills, Robert, Lamar, Fred...THANK YOU! Also, everyone who walked up and asked if there was anything they could help out with, again, our thanks. It made Recon 7 '93 a very successful, smooth running show. WELL DONE! Finally - now that our chapter won 2 awards (1st and 2nd for the B-17 and Luftwaffe collections) we should think about a trophy case, and a place to keep a trophy case...any ideas? See you at the meeting.

Terry