



# IPMS SEATTLE

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## INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS' SOCIETY

September Meeting Date has been changed to the 24th; so everyone can enjoy the Canadian Meet on the 17th! (See details below.)

Our regular Saturday meeting, (September 24), will feature the bi-monthly contest and hopefully all of us who win hardware in Vancouver will bring it to show! Everyone is encouraged to bring a model, under construction, to display in our "Show and Tell". This is always fun and maybe we can learn some new tricks!?!

Last Meeting: Thanks to the troops for showing slides of the National Contest. I certainly would have liked to have been there, but vacations are hard to come by.

Canadian Meet: The "Scale Model Competition" will be held on Saturday, September 17 at the Mt. Pleasant Community Centre, 3161 - Ontario St., Vancouver, B.C., 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Judging by ballot --- prizes awarded at 4:00 p.m. Activities include a slide show, movie and swap meet. Categories include everything, plus a special Falklands category. Entry fee is \$3.00 (\$1.50 for Juniors) Sounds like fun, let's have a go at it!

Here is the list of winners from our last bi-monthly contest in July. (By the way, you should have gotten your ribbons by now, if not, give our Sec'y/Treas. a call: Scott Taylor - 839-1704)

	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>ARMOUR</u>
<u>First</u>	He 46c Larry Baldwin	Corvette Chris Rohde	M48 Jay Damschen
<u>Second</u>	Fokker D-VII Terry Davis	B-85 (Mack) Fire Engine Bill Hattersley	Armoured Mutt M151 Jay Damschen
<u>Third</u>	Douglas Worldcruiser Allan Day	American LaFrance Fire Engine Carl Kietske	A-1 Abrams Jay Damschen

Congratulations to all for bringing some nice looking models!

T-Shirts: Bob Doran says he hasn't done many IPMS t-shirts lately. Come on, for \$4 each a 3½" or 8" emblem looks terrific. Let's get out of our closets and wear these emblems --- it doesn't take much guts! Just bring your t-shirt (new) or wind-breaker-type jacket to the next meeting and Bob will have it for you at the following meeting.

Most of us probably wouldn't like to admit it, but the model companies are doing their best to please both the younger modelers and all of us . . . a . . . a . . . ah . . . collector modelers . . . model collectors, well, whatever fits. Anyway, if some of you "non-younger" modelers haven't had a chance to pick up and assemble some of the latest snap together kits, you might be surprised at the finished product. In particular, the '84 Vette by Monogram. This kit is beautiful. Although some details are molded on (i.e., lights, most of the engine compartment, etc.), I think the proportions are the best of any other kits on the market. The fit of the parts is superb; in fact the only flaw in this kit is the hood, which when closed lifts up slightly at the driver's side corner by the windshield. This can be taken care of by bending the hood down very carefully at this corner.

General assembly goes smoothly, the windshield-rear window assembly snaps in better than any other car kit I've built. Then the interior unit fits snugly against the glass, while the chassis snaps in, holding the whole works together. The interior is nicely detailed; the only part lacking is the bucket seat back, easily taken care of by using plastic sheet. One of the most important details of this kit are the wheels. On the 1 to 1 car, each wheel is different. Both the fronts are a different width than the rears, with the turbine fins leaning forward on each side of the car. Monogram does the Vette proud on this part. These wheels are beautiful, no other plastic or diecast kit comes close.

In summing up, this kit, with about 10 hours construction time (most of which was detail painting) is a winner. Next time you want to try something different, pick up one of these. I think you'll find that a kit doesn't have to contain 300 parts to make you feel proud!

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