

NEXT MEETING : JANUARY 11 10:30am : General Meeting

Meeting Location: Bellevue Boys and Girls Club 209 - 100th NE, Bellevue

# INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS' SOCIETY

Jack Kline, President

Alex Tula, Sec/Treasurer

#### DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was a dinner party at Vince's Italian Restaurant in Renton. About 25 members and guests attended, and a good time was had by all. Gorden. Erickson put on a particularly interesting demonstration of strafing a pizza with his new, and as yet unassembled, F-15A kit in 1/32 scale.

For those who have not heard, Harry Avis has resigned as President for personal reasons, so Jack Kline has had the orb and scepter passed to him. We hope to see more of Harry's fine models in the future when time permits.

#### JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be the first in our new home at the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club, 209-100th NE. The meeting will be Saturday, January 11 starting at 10:30 am. Alex Tula, who not only is the club's sec/treas, but also this month's newsletter editor, will be giving a demonstration of weathering aircraft models with artists oil paints. Artists oils have many advantages for weathering. They are slow to dry, blend easily, are available in a wide range of appropriate colors, and perhaps most importantly when applied over a non-oilbased paint (eg.: acrylics like Tamiya or lacquers like Floquil) can be smeared around and generally mucked with until you're happy without damaging the underlying basic finish.

Other topics for discussion will include the upcoming RECON (see below), and plans for the February through May meetings.

#### SEATTLE MILITARY MINIATURE SOCIETY

As many of you know, the S.M.M.S. annual figure competition and show, originaly scheduled for November 30 was cancelled due to snow. It seems the little metal men just can't keep the same pace as Napoleon's troops did on the way back from Moscow. This event has now been rescheduled for February 15 at Camp Long in West Seattle. Rumor has it that the Procrastinator's class has been dropped.

#### **RECON 7/86**

We have at last sorted out a location and schedule for RECON. It will be Saturday, June 7, 1986, at the Red Lion Inn/Sea Tac, 18740 Pacific Highway South, near the Sea/Tac airport. We still need input on classes, awards, publicity, etc.. And we need HELP!!!

## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Ho, ho, ho, and a Happy New Year to all!!! The coming of the new year brings that familiar cry:

### DUES ARE DUE!

Through the ceaseless gallant efforts of your club officers, we have managed to once again hold the "thin red line" against inflation. There has been a modest restructuring of the dues to accommodate family and junior memberships, and the new rates are as follows:

Individual : \$7.00 Family : \$8.00 Junior : \$6.00

Family membership includes all family members in the same household, gives each a membership card and voting privileges. Only one newsletter will be sent to each family, however. Junior memberships are for persons under 16 years of age, but are otherwise identical to the individual membership.

Because we are sponsoring the Regional Convention this year, it is important that your dues be paid promptly, so that the organizing committee has something to work with. You can pay by check made payable to "IPMS-Seattle Chapter", or in cash at the meeting. If you prefer, you can mail your check to me: Alex Tula, 23815 45th Ave. SE, Bothell, WA 98021. But please be prompt, I do so hate to beg and grovel that I will usually resort to intimidation or otherwise become mean and nasty.

## REPUBLIC F-84F

For our special topic of the month, we choose the Republic F-84F Thunderstreak. Less well known than it's sexier contemporary (North American's F-86), the F-84 had the distinction of serving in more allied/NATO air forces than any other aircraft with the possible exception of the F-5. This allows for some very interesting color schemes, as shown on the attached pages. The aircraft is beautifully modeled by Monogram in 1/48. How about an RF-84F in Royal Danish colors as a RECON topic?

# A SELECTION OF INSIGNIA DISPLAYED BY THUNDERSTREAK / THUNDERFLASH UNITS



42 Smaldeel Belgian A.F. Red devil

JBG34 Luftwaffe Dk. blue sky Black aircraft





EC1/1 'Corse' French A.F. 'Grim Reaper'







GC2/1 'Morvan' French A.F. Fighting Cock







306 Squadron R.Neths A.F. Black/white bird yellow beak



