

CMSM Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2012

The meeting started at approximately 6:45pm.

Attendance: No attendance sheet was passed due to the Secretary being out sick with the stomach flu. No details regarding the stomach flu were mentioned. Nor did any member request hearing the details.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the report were passed out for review. **Club Dues** payments were requested by the Treasurer. Club Dues for one year are \$15. For those members who have not paid, please remember to bring cash or check to the next monthly club meeting in March.

PayPal: The club discussed setting up a PayPal account which would make it easier for club members to pay dues, pay for club expenses, accept donations, and etc. No decision was made on the matter however.

More Publicity Ideas Requested: The Club President requested members please email him if they have ideas for getting the word out about the modeling club. More ideas are needed, please! Discussion included efforts to increase membership since more people naturally creates more word-of-mouth publicity. Also discussed were putting in displays at HobbyLobby, or the public library. It would be nice if the display was always set up and consistent so it could be used on short notice. Perhaps a model of the Tuskegee Airmen air-base ("that was being attacked by a Klingon battle-cruiser" [laughter]). A member volunteered to find out if the Columbia library would allow such a display case to be placed on display. Further discussion involved The Arc in Columbia, but members expressed concern about the pool humidity affecting the display. During the discussion, the club members were also reminded that the Boy Scout and Cub Scout pine-wood derby and regatta event in March was a good opportunity to have a couple tables for display to promote the club. A final suggestion was made to check out the RockBridge Career Center, and possibly the Chamber of Commerce lobby as locations for displays.

A member noted the recent acquiring of a pyramid-shaped glass skylight frame which he could donate(?) to the club. This could be used to create the cover for a potential club display case.

Members were encouraged to bring friends to the club meetings if possible. Items like the club modeling demos on various subjects serve to make coming to the meetings more attractive to potential new members.

Airbrush Technique Demo: The members agreed that a demo on airbrushing techniques would be great for the March meeting.

TigerCon 2012: Colin requested volunteers to work on the TigerCon committee. The club is going to try very hard to keep club meetings and TigerCon meetings separate so we don't consume all the club time with TigerCon business. Volunteers should note that the TigerCon committee gets really busy during the Sept-Oct-Nov time-frame.

An advertiser's packet is being assembled with information from last year's TigerCon to present to potential advertisers and sponsors for 2012. The TigerCon committee is determined to arrange sponsors and receive sponsorship payments earlier this year. This will make the con go much more smoothly and reduce the "last minute mad rush" factor.

It was also reported that the Parkade Center has expressed a definite interest in having TigerCon return to Parkade for the 2012 con. It was mentioned that there is to be some re-modeling of Parkade. Possibly TigerCon may be held in a different portion of the building, perhaps one which would be a little easier to control security and foot-traffic. It was also reported that this year's TigerCon will need to pay for the event space, but Parkade will attempt to keep the cost down.

Some discussion took place regarding possibly combining the TigerCon event with other existing events. One such event mentioned was the die-cast farm toy collector's show which is on the same day as TigerCon. It was also noted that there is a remote-control club/association which has previously expressed an interest in joining up with the CMSM Club on an event to members of the club. Several other organizations which could potentially join up for a combined event were discussed.

Club Flyers and TigerCon Flyers: It was discussed that the current flyers available are all for 2011 and need to be updated. These flyers will be updated to be more generic and less "year-specific", as appropriate.

Space and Aeronautics Classroom Teachers for Junior High: Part of their curriculum is that the students build a model airplane. Students are required to go out and buy a model airplane to build, but in many cases have not previously built a model and do not have someone to show them how to build it. They also often have no idea what kit to buy (i.e.- beginner, novice, intermediate, etc.). It was suggested that the club could help by either providing or giving suggestions as to kits to build. Further, the club could also hold a “help you build it” session (or two?) for these kids. This would also be a great outreach for the club.

Tuskegee Airmen Reception: A reminder and general call for aircraft models for the Tuskegee Airmen Reception was placed; if you are building an airplane for display at this event, please let the club know. (It would be nice if someone would build one of the bombers which the Tuskegee Airmen frequently escorted!) Jack Andrewson noted that he still has a spare P-40 airplane model available if anyone wants to build it (free!). The Tuskegee Airmen event will be held on Memorial Day... build, build, build!

Boy Scout Merit Badge: Possibly establishing or helping to establish a Boy Scout merit badge for scale modeling was discussed. However, investigation found out that the requirements for what the Boy Scouts currently consider “modeling” is much greater than what was thought. For example, the modeling badge currently available is much more complex and oriented toward architectural modeling and design.

Nominations: It was announced at the meeting that nominations have been sent in to Kelly Quirk (IPMS Region5 Coordinator) for CMSM to be considered for “IPMS Region5 Club of the Year” and “IPMS Region5 Club Web Site of the Year”.

Fine Scale Modeler Subscriptions: General discussion was noted during the meeting that although the cost of *Fine Scale Modeler Magazine* is just about (if not higher than) the over-the-counter cost, it also includes access to their web site and online forum where subscribers can post questions and get answers from other members.

Business Cards: A discussion was held regarding having a generic business cards created for the club. Any member could have a handful of these generic cards to hand out to anyone whom they meet that is interested in scale modeling. The club decided to have such cards created.

Photo-Day: It was noted that Jack Andrewson will be bringing his nice digital camera to the April meeting for those who would like really good digital photos of their models.

“Model in a Coupl’o’Months” Club Build: Next month all members who are participating in the club model build, please remember to bring your model to the March meeting... no matter how complete or not it may be.

Adjournment: Chairs and tables were put away and the meeting adjourned.