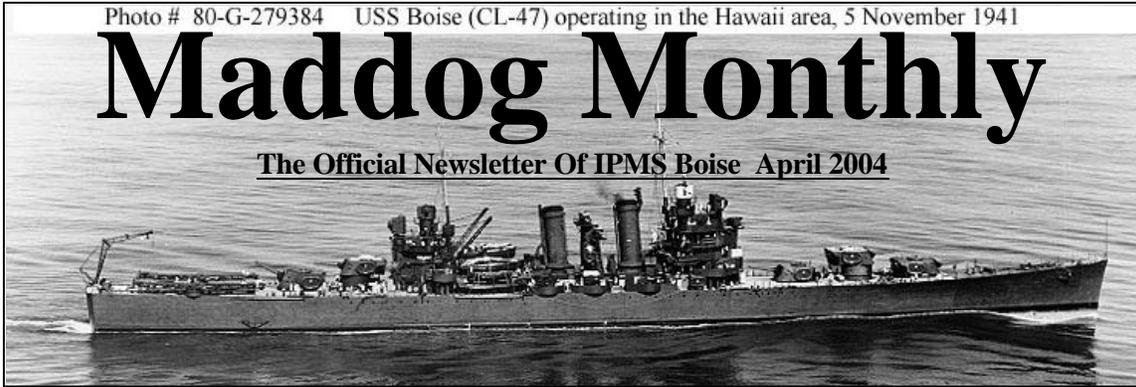


Photo # 80-G-279384 USS Boise (CL-47) operating in the Hawaii area, 5 November 1941

# Maddog Monthly

The Official Newsletter Of IPMS Boise April 2004



**G**reetings again Maddogs. I think this months meeting is going to be a little slow. A number of the membership will be traveling to Seattle for the Spring Show and the Kurt Vandervoort Auto Contest has been moved to July.

Congratulation to Brian Geiger on winning the last Modeler Of The Year contest. He had some very stiff competition.

Don Vandervoort put forward the proposition at the last meeting of rescheduling Kurt's Auto Contest until July when there wont be anything else competing for attention. All members in attendance agreed. So you all have a couple extra months to finish you projects.

Well, I'm afraid that's all I have this month. See ya in Seattle!!

Editor-recently-released-from-the-funny-farm

Randy Hall

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## ***IPMS Boise Meeting Minutes for March 2004***

Meeting convened on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
No count of members present.  
Minutes taken by Bill Miller, transcribed by R. Hall

### **Business:**

This is the last and final installment of Modeler of the Year.

Don Vandervoort talked about postponing the Curt Vandervoort Memorial Auto Contest until the July meeting. A vote was taken and the proposal passed. The award for first place will be \$50 HobbyTown gift certificate, second will be \$25.

### **Modeler of the Year 2003:**

There were six modelers represented in this contest.

Brian Gregor: a 1/35<sup>th</sup> model of a 65lb 6" cannon ball, really nice. Should do well in Ogden.

Brian Gregor: Sturmtiger on a diorama with figures and a bombed out building.

Wayne Keith: Tamyia Acura NSX Mobil race car, beautiful job.

Don Vandervoort: 1/32 Hasagawa F-18 A-C converted. Don likes the challenge of building models that no one else would touch with a ten meter cattle prod, and turning them into museum class models.

Jim Burton: 1/32 Revell Huey D great job!

Ian Robertson: 1/48 Classic Airframes SM 79 on a diorama, beautiful job again Ian, very impressive.

John Thirion: Solarwind 200mm (1/6<sup>th</sup>) resin Female fantasy figure Falconer. Beautiful job!

*The winner by popular vote was Brian Gregor for his Sturmtiger diorama. Congratulations, job well done.*

Many thanks to all of the contestants. Every model on the table deserves to be in a museum.

Meeting Adjourned to Pie around 7:45.

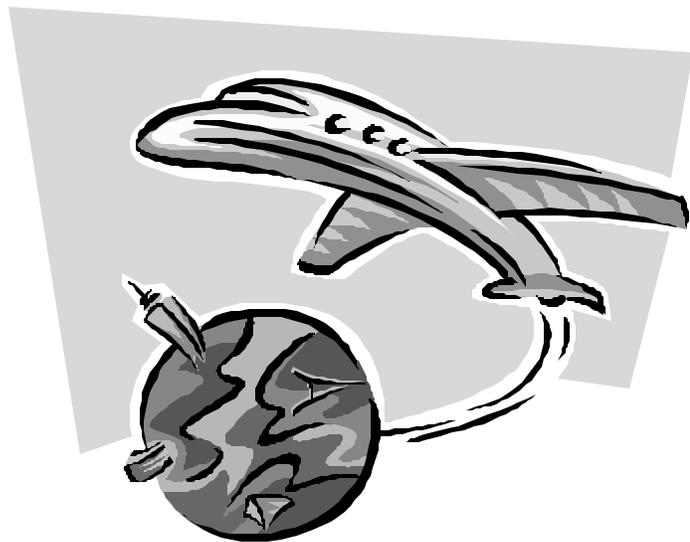
# Wayne's World

Seattle-Seattle-Seattle

Many of our members are going to the great Pacific Northwest again. From past experience I know there will be many awards earned and many more models purchased. Part of modeling involves competition and travel, as you know.

Our club has always enjoyed having a group of fine modelers and having a good showing. I want our entire membership to be proud of the models our traveling members enter for judging. Although not all of us will be going, our club is being represented by those envoys of good will and talent. The logic behind our support is that our club has the finest modelers I have ever seen. The group that goes to Seattle, or any competition, takes with them our spirit and energy for a good showing. I for one look forward to seeing the results of the entries, since we all have pride in our results. In the meantime let us all continue to enjoy our fine hobby.

Wayne Keith,  
IPMS Boise President



# Polar Lights' Forbidden Planet C-57-D Starcruiser

1/72 scale  
Randy Hall

One of the greatest scifi movies of all time, Forbidden Planet starred a young Leslie Neelson, a robot named Robby and a really cool flying saucer called the C-57-D. Polar Lights released their 1/72 scale kit of the ship several years ago and I've been wanting to get it for a long time. Now's my chance. Upon opening the very colorful box, the first thing that struck me was the size of the model. 28 inches across and molded in a soft tan plastic. I have no idea where I'm going to put this thing.

The saucer section has a top and bottom subassembly. Each one is comprised of six wedged shaped pieces. The bottom subassembly has six openings for the landing ramps. Only three are used so the other three are covered over with plugs.

The center part of the ship has a dome on the bottom and a larger one on top. This cavernous area is filled with a two deck interior that gives a fair impression of the movie set.

## **Interior:**

Polar Lights decided to make each level as a single piece with decks and bulkheads molded as one solid block. To start with, each deck has very little detail and the quality of the molding is really poor. Ejector pin marks are everywhere and seam lines are in the darnedest places. It almost looks like the molds had worn out and been patched up. I only worried about filling the ejector marks that would be visible once the model was finished. For the most part I didn't worry about the seams.

The bottom level has several areas. First was the crew bunk room. The first thing you need to add are two extra bulkheads that have built-in brackets for the bunk beds. These wall off the area from the rest of the deck. In the center goes a free standing bracket holding two more rows of bunks. The bunks themselves are molded two together and have very little detail. Just a tray with a square pillow. Something I noticed, in the movie it's mentioned the captain had a crew of eighteen. I only counted sixteen bunks, so I guess somebody's hot bunking it. Tough service.

Next comes the center navigation consol. In the movie this table had a glass sphere with a miniature ship in the center. The kit gives you the sphere but no ship.

Across the way, the control room has two large instrument panels a chart table and various chairs.

The mess room contains a long table, chairs and four funny looking crew stations that look like parking meters with Indian headdresses. I almost forgot the stasis chamber. This has enough circular discs molded into the floor for all the crew to safely make it through deceleration.

The upper level is much more basic. There's just one four man consol set back in an alcove. The alcove is protected by three sections of handrail that came nicely packed in their own cardboard box. All of these parts fit into their own little predrilled holes in the decks.

There were a few other bits a pieces to finish off the interior. Some fit the space well others looked a little over scale. Like the hatch crane. The way it was pointing the head would be inside the reactor. So I cut off the locating pin and turned it the other way. Now it's knocking some poor crewman in the head as he sleeps.

## **Painting:**

I found a painting guide with photos of a finished kit on the internet site, StarShip Modeler.com. It was a real help in deciding how to finish the interior. The decks are all a dark brown color. The directions suggest leather, but I found it to be too dark. The inner walls are camouflage grey and the outer circular walls are radome tan. Instrument panels and the navigation table are red with the silver insets. All chairs are silver as well.

The outside surface of the interior is painted radome tan on the top and sides with the bottom being grey to blend in with hatch openings.

The radome tan and grey walls were masked a airbrushed. The deck would have been very difficult to mask so I broke down and used a paint brush for the brown.

The outer surface of the flying saucer will be painted chrome silver, and I think I'm going to be using spray cans for that. But that's next month. And I'll have pictures!

# Modeler of the Year Contest 2003

Brian Geiger: 1/35<sup>th</sup> Tamiya Sturmtiger diorama



John Thirion: 200mm Solarwind Falconer



Jim Burton: 1/32 Revell Huey D



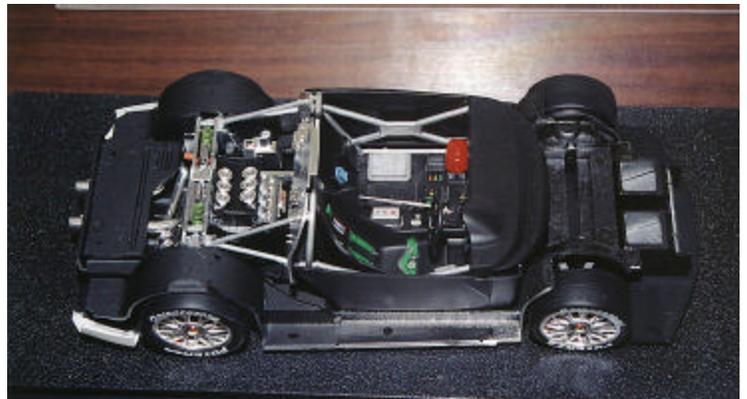
Ian Robertson: SM 79 diorama



Don Vandervoort: 1/32 Hasagawa F-18 A-C



Wayne Keith: Tomyia 1/24 Acura NSX Mobil race car



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