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**Coming in March:  
The Vandervoort  
Memorial Car Contest**



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## Minutes for December

Due to weather and the holidays, turn out for December's meeting was quite low. Though a big att a boy goes to the intrepid souls who were there.

Because of the weather, the Vandervoort has been postponed to March meeting. I highly recommend everyone try to enter something wheeled because the trophy plaques that Don has had made are quite impressive! The Kit-bash theme will be the first theme for 2010.

Some themes that are being thought of include-  
Movies and TV  
Battle of Britain

Models for the Vandervoort at the meeting were-

Cameron C – 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale Tamiya Honda City Turbo Modified and a 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale T-72 Street Tank.



Brad N – 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Tamiya T-34/85 and 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Tamiya BMW motorcycle and sidecar diorama



Tom - AMT 1/25<sup>th</sup> 62 Pontiac Catalina 429SD



Bob O – 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale Monogram Green Hornet hot rod



Theme kitbash models were-  
Bob O – 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Phantom



Brad N – 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Tamiya T-34/88



## IPMS Boise 2009 Financial Report

We currently have a total of 49 members on the record.

We had 31 Members that paid dues.

29 paying full dues of \$15.00

2 New members 1@ \$7.00 / 1@ \$5.00

### **Total Revenue from Dues = \$447.00**

Starting Bank balance	\$ 72.54
Dues Deposited	\$ 447.00
Money left in till	\$ 8.00
Reimbursement from Bank for fees paid	\$ 35.00

**TOTAL \$ 562.54**

### **Expenses**

IPMS Chapter committee Memberships	\$ 98.00
IPMS Nationals Award Sponsorship	\$ 75.00
New Internet Site setup and fee	\$ 50.00
News letter printings and Mailings	\$ 91.27
News letter supplies (Paper/Envelopes/stamps)	\$ 30.59
Gift Certificates for Drawing	\$ 30.00
½ Sponsorship of Curt Vandervoort Show	\$ 27.00
Bank Charges (Checks, Mailed Statement)	\$ 5.50

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 407.36**

Check 1004 for IPMS Charter renewal \$ 20.00  
(Still out standing)

**Balance available \$ 135.18**

# A Note From The Office Of The President

It's the start of a brand new decade, I hope everyone had a great New Year and is beginning off the year in good spirits and expectations. Was Santa good to you this year? This year will bring new friends, opportunities, and new possibilities. May you make new acquaintances, seize upon the day, stretch your horizons, and keep your health and fortune.

If you are building a kit, write a review of the model, write a blog about a tip. Submit and share a technique you do or discovered in a paragraph to the newsletter. Upload photos of your trip to a museum or show. If you need a kit or part or are having trouble with a kit, ask for help in the newsletter. Don't be afraid to step forward instead of letting someone else do the work in our group. I must commend John for all the articles he writes even though he isn't present. He has a wealth of history in his articles and lets us know what's new in the hobby that I wouldn't have known about otherwise. Put some effort forth for everyone to read, it really doesn't take much time and look how rewarding the result is.

It's also most important you build all the kits you can handle, obtain the ones you want, and create dazzling new models. After all, we aren't going to live until we are 187 years old to finish the collections we already have. Build something you haven't done before or are afraid to do. So what if you screw up, it means the next one will be even better. Remember, "For everything there is a first time".

Which brings up some of the topics to discuss at the meeting, creating a list of themes for next year. Maybe it's something that would be a modeling subject you might not have done before or easy for everyone to do. So, think of some great ideas, last year there were so many ideas that would be good to do now. It has been noted that we were off track last year, but this year we will fix the timing. The months for the themes will be February, May, August, and November. Starting with February, the theme will be KITBASHED. Wait a minute, wasn't that the December theme? Yes it was, however, the Christmas holiday, timing, and especially the weather conspired to limit the number of members attending the meeting. With a low turnout of diehards and entries, our members agreed to extend the event 2 more months. So, it gives you some breathing room to finish your project.

Another postponement caused by the low attendance was the CURT VANDERVOOT car contest. There were only 3 entries for 3 awards. It was also decided to reschedule the contest till March. There were several in progress displays that promise to be terrific when finished. This also is some extra breathing room to finish your entry and create some completion. If you haven't started a car, now would be a good time to begin and have something to enter. Don brought in the 3 trophies, and everyone thought they were outstanding. So, let's make this an event to remember Curt.

January's meeting will have a model of the month, back of the room yard sale, and photographing of any models you want to bring in. See you then.



Bill

# The Scuttlebutt

John Thirion

Hasegawa has announced the future release of the USS Casablanca in 1/350. This is a good news for those modelers who are interested in building an aircraft carrier but do not have the \$\$ or room for a fleet carrier. After all a fleet carrier was a mere 512 feet long, the size of a light cruiser.

The Casablanca was launched in 1943 by the Kaiser Ship Yards, and could easily be used to represent any escort carrier of her class. The ship had a crew of 860 men, could carry 28 aircrafts and had a speed of 20 knots. It was the first of a new class of escort carrier who had a larger capacity hangar deck than the previous Bogue Class. As usual with US carrier, protection was at a minimal. Almost 1/3 of all the escort carriers built in the US during WWII were of the Casablanca Class. Some of the most famous were the USS St Lo, USS Guadalcanal, and of course the USS Gambier Bay.

Anyone who is a reader of FSM should have noticed the 1/144 scale of the USS Arizona. A news greeting with some suspicion being a Lindberg kit, a company not known for their accuracy. Nevertheless it should make a great platform for a RC model.

Being an avid sailor (I have two sailboats of my own) I have always been interested in new development in the yachting world (this is what sailing is called by rich people).

The last decade has seen some truly revolutionary designs in sailboat manufacturing. First was the lateral side keels that could be lowered and raised as needed, not a truly new idea but an adaptation of the Dutch rotating side keels so familiar on the old Dutch period paintings. Then it was the pivoting keel, a long dagger keel that could be angled one either side with the help of a hydraulic system. Finally the French launched a sailboat that has two keels, its mainmast and shrouds attached to a steel ring that fits around the boat's hull like a girdle (remember it is a French idea) and rotates 35 degrees on either side of the vertical centerline. A gas filled piston and spring system keeps the rig upright until the boat heels 10 degrees, then it lets the ring rotate to leeward. As the mast cants to leeward, the keels move to windward. The windward keel weight adds stability while the leeward keel provided directional stability. The sail area presented to the wind decreases as the rig heels. The advantage is that full sail can be carried at all time and under increasing wind (reefing is not necessary). Also the ride is more comfortable, difficult to savor your wine and cheese when the boat is heeling 35 degrees !

Book Review ; "The First Destroyers" by David Lyon, Naval Institute Press.

This book deals with the first TBD or torpedo boat destroyers in the Royal Navy at the turn of the 20th century. The early boats were armed versions of fast river launch built by Thornycroft, practically useless except in the confines of harbors. To counteract the superiority in battleships by the RN the French had the idea of launching sea-going torpedo boats, from this point on the race was on and a new type of warship was born. The new class of boat would itself give birth to the destroyer which initially was a larger torpedo boat designed to protect the fleet from the enemies torpedo boats.

The book deals mostly with the boats built by the famous British builders such as Thornycroft, Yarrow, Laird, Hanna Donald & Wilson, Palmer, Armstrong, etc.. The strength of the book is with the numerous period photos of great quality and large size. For the modeler, it also provides plans and drawings with amazing amounts of details. It does not deal with any foreign designs and only offers a very limited amount of pages when comparing the British designs to the designs from countries such as Germany, Russia, US, and France.