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Editor's 'Short' Message

Happy New Year! Just wanted to say thanks again to Jim (and Karen) Allen for hosting RPM Tonite in January. The weather wasn't cooperative but for those that braved the roads it was a fun evening! See you at the Southdale Library on the 17th.

Jim

CLUB MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2009

- 17 RPM Meeting, Southdale Library @ 1:00
- 31 10th Annual 'Hope it don't snow, show', Rochester, MN.

FEBRUARY 2009

- 6-8 Modelmania Model Contest, World of Wheels, St. Paul
- 7 RPM Tonight, Scott Harvieux's home
- 21 RPM Monthly Meeting, Edina Library @ 1:00 - RPM Painter's Touch Challenge!
- 21 Model Show 21st Annual Black Hills Scale Modelers Contest - Rapid City, SD
- 21-22 Model Show 24th Annual Model Car Contest - Monticello, IA

MARCH 2009

- 7 RPM Tonight, OPEN
- 13-14 Model Show Mad City Modelers 14th Annual Model Show - Middleton, WI
- 13-14 Model Show IPMS - Region 5 (R5) - Madison, WI
- 21 RPM Monthly Meeting, Edina Library @ 1:00
- 28 Model Show 5th Annual IPMS Model Show and Contest - Fairmont, MN



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Welcome to the January Newsletter – Happy New Year!

The December meeting brought out an amazing 23 members considering the weather. It was great to see Chris Brown back after a long, but understandable hiatus. I'm very anxious to see what he does with that Nova (both the kit and the 1:1). I was happy to hear that Ralph Fredlund of Ralph's models, has decided to join our ranks.

The December meeting was our White Elephant/Gift Exchange. There were a lot of great models going around and I had a hard time deciding what to steal when it came to my turn. I hope that most of you were pleased with what you ended up with.

We also started the Torben Challenge. Those that wanted to participate choose five kits that they wanted to build (but have put on hold) and wrote them on a piece of paper to be handed around and chosen by the club members. I have already started bastardizing building my Ferrari Daytona. Mr. Kampmann brought up a great suggestion by having this due to same month of the club contest. I think we should make that a standing tradition. Each November, we will decide if and what challenge to participate in and we will have a separate entry and gift certificate on the Club Contest month (November). This gives one full year for the challenge models to be built.

The January RPM Tonight was hosted at Jim Allen's house. This is one I really did not want to miss, but unfortunately had too. I heard that Jim was a most gracious host, which is exactly what you'd expect from such a generous guy. Thanks for opening your house to the club.

The Painter's Touch Challenge models are due at the February meeting for judging by Jim Mulligan. I will bring mine even if it's still in pieces.

Remember, January is election month. If you should decide that you would like to be one of the officers of the club, please make your opinion known. If there are multiple candidates for a position, we will vote on that position at the January meeting.

Let's try to think of some other special events or themes that we can have for the meetings early in the year. If anyone has suggestions, we are always open to listen.

Thanks,
Don



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On The Table by Bob Maderich

Even though the December meeting was a busy one, 15 models showed up on the table. Here they are:

Dennis Kimbrough graced us with his White Elephant from last year, a very clean '66 Mustang that he used automotive paint on. Now embracing the cult of "Painters Touch", Dennis had three cars, a '36 Ford, a '32 Ford, and a resin '48 Ford adorned with this paint. Nicely done.



Torben Rothgeb, looking visibly more relaxed now that school is out, brought his white elephant from '07, a 1955 Chevy Pro-Mod built from the Revell kit. He also had a '57 Chevy, mildly customized, from the AMT kit. He lowered it and added Shelby wheels to this sleek street machine.



Jim Allen had his white elephant on display as well. It was the Honda NSX that ran in the Japanese Touring Car Series. A very cool car, Jim like everything about it, except the decals. It looked great, even with Good-year markings on the tires. (sic) Also on display, was a '63 Cobra done up in Tamiya red with new tires. Jim built this from the AMT kit.



Brad Knight gave us a 1982 Buick Regal done up in the blue and red scheme of Ron Bouchard. He used Tamiya paints and Dupont clear on this very clean stocker. Lots of detail abounds on this nice model.



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Andy Martin had one of Barry Sheene's bikes on display. It was his Suzuki 500 GP in a striking black, red and yellow paint scheme. Andy used a set of Studio 27 decals to complete this fine replica.



Eric Zabel brought his white elephant from '07, but WAIT!!, where was the Telefonica bike he got??? He wisely decided to get some aftermarket markings and dump the Tamiya decals, which are nasty to say the least. (Bitter personal experience) So, he created this Honda Moto GP with Fortuna markings and a very colorful paint scheme.



Chris Vick gave us his one week project, the 1970 Polar Lights Mustang Funny Car. He painted it with rattle can blue, and used Slix decal to finish it off. Some of Chris' observations/complaints about the kit, mainly centered around the instructions. Vague in part placement was his comment. But overall, very nice, Chris.



Bill Read continues to update us on his (I'm assuming contest-winning) super detailed Yamaha Moto GP bike. He is using the Crazy Modeler super detail set, and Zero paints on his Rossi bike from 2004. Keep going, Bill, the Nationals are in August!

Bob Maderich brought the last of his Fisher kits to be built, the McLaren M6-a from the 1967 Can-Am series. Built box stock, with only a Parts by Parks Magneto, this championship car was finished with MCW paint. Also, his Penske PC-17 of Rick Mears was on display, almost done. (Next month for sure)