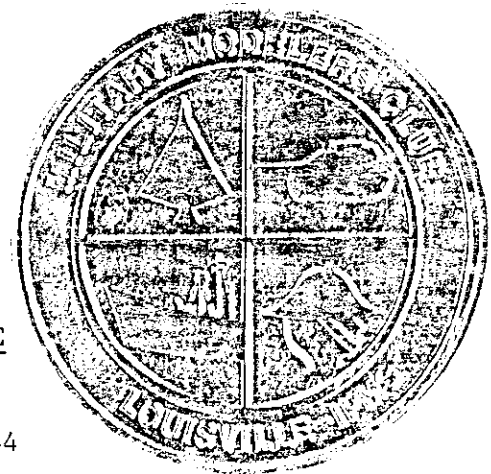


TACTICAL NOTES



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MILITARY MODELERS OF LOUISVILLE

January 24, 1984

The month of January marked the beginning of a brand new year in the history of our club. Our newly elected officers assumed their positions as a matter of course with a sense of confidence and immediately demonstrated the willingness to work hard at building our club's membership strength and guiding it to greater horizons in the future. Mike Baete returned for his third term as President, bringing a wealth of experience to the job, and has a strong right arm in the person of Herb Barbee as Vice President. Rounding out the club's leadership are two new faces who pledge the dedication and desire to help our club succeed - John Blossom as Treasurer and Brian Bunger as Secretary. The leadership is strong; the rank and file loyal. We are on our way.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: Despite George Orwell's dire predictions for 1984, this year promises some good things for our group. We have some good experience under our belt; we are now a part of the national scene; and we have some exciting events planned. We look forward to greater successes than ever before.

Our first major challenge is to increase the club's active membership. Those who have not yet sent in their dues are encouraged to do so immediately. As a reminder, the by-laws accepted by the club include the provender that any old member who doesn't renew his or her membership by the end of March will automatically be dropped from the rolls. We have a great group now and we don't want to lose touch with anyone. So let's get crackin' and get the business of dues out of the way. We also need to gather in some new troops. There are undoubtedly many modelers in and around our immediate area who share our love of the hobby, but who may not know there are prospective friends to be gained by joining us. Show this newsletter to your modeler friends and encourage them to use the membership form on the last page. They need us and we need them, so let's go out and get them. We are on a roll. Let's keep it up.

THE NATIONAL SCENE: The following excerpt from the IPMS/Region IV newsletter concerns recognition of our club at the national level and is reprinted for your information:

"Louisville-IPMS Louisville (Military Modelers of Louisville)

Mike Baete informs me that this chapter was granted its own Charter in August. Welcome to the fold! The chapter contact is not clear. Mike is the president of the club. As he was contact during the formative period (like the "Wonder Bread Years"?), and has not sent a new contact address, I will continue to so list him. Michael Baete, 9701 Palmetto Cr. # F8, Louisville, KY 40299. This group meets at Loves Hobbies, Inc. the second Thursday of each month at 7 PM. The chapter is now small, but a membership drive is being launched to gain new members. Best of luck to you guys! The club is not content to sit back and build models either...in Sept. they jumped in and hosted an invitational contest in Louisville that was

attended by people from the area. It was so successful that they have the hots to do it again this year too! It's too bad that the Region 4 Invitational is already set to be in Michigan for these guys! Now, why not organize a bid for the 1985 Invitational or even the 1986 Regional if you really want to get involved! Let me hear from you! The club is also active in modeling displays in the local shopping malls, such as Jan 13 & 14 at Southland Terrace and another in February! Keep up the enthusiasm guys!"

Upcoming events outside our area include the Fort Wayne '84 MODELCON, 27-28 April, and the '84 IPMS National in Atlanta, 12-15 July. We need strong representation at each. If you are interested, let it be known at the next meeting or get in touch with one of the club officers.

INSIDE MMCL: We are in a dilemma regarding a new place to hold our monthly meetings. The remaining hobby/toy stores in Louisville lack the facilities to host us. Therefore, we all need to canvass our respective areas of the city in search of a new "club house." Church meeting halls, meeting rooms in banks, savings & loan establishments, or the like will do. The only criteria are: (1) The place must be available to us during the same time period each month and (2) we have to be allowed to use it without charge. We can't afford to pay yet.

For the immediate future, our next meeting will occur on 1 February at 1900 (that's 7 p.m. for all you ex-Air Force, Navy, and Marines, and all lawyers) in the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Building, corner of Hurstbourne Lane and Shelbyville Road. Please use the lighted entrance as all others will be locked. Yes, 1 February is a Wednesday. Sorry, but we had to switch days to match availability of meeting site. Please be there and bring a friend. Herb Barbee and Tom Murphy of Narcoleptic Vacuform fame will present "All You Ever Wanted to Know, But Were Afraid to Ask" about Vacuform Modeling.

We are going to produce our own decals ala IPMS. We have the artistic talent and the money; all we need are ideas and research material. We need to approach this with the view of producing decals which will be popular to many people. We need your recommendations, but let's think big and stay away from ideas that will not appeal to the average modeler.

We need your input and feedback regarding the newsletter. If you would like to submit an article on modeling, a book or kit review, news on upcoming events, information concerning a great hobby shop you just discovered, or any other item concerning modeling, you are encouraged to do so. Just make it concise and informative. Let's all get involved in this.

Upcoming events include:

- MMCL model display at Bashford Manor Mall on 18-19 February. We have a lot of space available, so please bring something to display (or maybe two or three). This is our chance to do something good for our hobby, so let's make the most of it!
- Charlie Arrington's slide presentation on aircraft and armor in March.

- "Making Figures Come Alive", starring Chris and Mike (why not Jackie Hayes?) in April.
- MMCL Invitational in August. Just like last year only better. Watch for forthcoming details.

HOBBY SHOP REVIEW:

Something To Do: Greentree, Bashford Manor, and Oxmoor Malls.

Models from Tamiya, Revell, Monogram, Italaerei; paints from Testors, Polly S as well as water base artists' oils; some fantasy figures available. Wide variety of brushes, plaques, balsa, hobby knives and blades, and other nic nacs. An average hobby/toy store.

Castle Hobbies: Shelbyville Road, across from White Castle in St. Matthews.

Paints from Humbrol; models from Tanirya, Testors, Airfix, Esci, MPC, Revell, Heller, etc.; figures in Valiant, Men at Arms, D&D, I/R; Micro-Armor. Variety of Woodland scenes, X-Acto, green putty, celluclay, Testors products; Floquil brushes; toys from Airfix, L' Empire, Eastalin, Britains, Atlantic, Detail. Books, hard and soft cover, reference or subject, Squadron Signal, best selection of "Osprey Men At Arms" in Louisville.

Games Galore: Frankfort Avenue behind the Vogue in St. Matthews.

Games from Avalon Hill, GDW, Traveller, SPI, Yaquinto, Task Force, Mayfair, Eon, Nova ranging from total fantasy to fact; Dice and other associated equipment; figures from Heritage, Ral Partha, Dungeon Dwellers, Monarel, Citadel, Asgard; paints from Pactra. The gaming and fantasy figure store of Louisville.

Watch for an upcoming article on mail order modeling in the United States and overseas from Tom Murphy.

MODEL FUTURES: Monogram will release, as a part of its "Heritage" series, the F7F Tigercat, F-82 Twin Mustang, and HU-16 Albatross in 1/72 scale. In mid-summer, expect to see a new F-84F Thunderstreak in 1/48 scale.

NARCOLEPTIC NOTES: The Polish guided missile has been incorporated into the Libyan Air Defense system. So far, it's the US-2, Libya-0.

WANTS & DISPOSALS:

Wanted: Info on F-5E USAR Aggressors; pictures 3-views, cockpit detail desperately needed. Call Dave Knights, 637-6751.

Wanted: Monogram non-motorized PT-109. Call M. E. Dant, 447-4522.

Wanted: Info on PT boats; detailed photos by Ford Mutt in Vietnam. Call Bryan Bunker, 267-0993.

For Sale: Supermodel Cant Z1007 (single tail), \$10.00. Call Dave Knights, 637-6751.

FIVE PARAGRAPH FIELD ORDER: This section is a recap of the who, what, when, where, why, and how of events of interest to you:

1 February - MMCL meeting night at Lincoln Federal on Hurstbourne/Shelbyville Rd.

18-19 February - MMCL model display at Bashford Manor Mall.

March - Charlie Arrington's slide show during the scheduled meeting (site TBD).

April - Chris and Mike on figures during the scheduled meeting (site TBD).

27-28 April - Fort Wayne '84 MODELCON

12-15 July - '84 IPMS National in Atlanta.

August - MMCL Invitational.

A FINAL WORD FROM MIKE: Thanks to Ed Fernane for his diligence and perseverance in getting our newsletter on the press once again and to all who contribute news items and reviews. Above all, thanks to all you vets who returned for another year and to those new members who joined us this year. We look forward to your ideas, your contributions and, most importantly, your friendship. Once again, we welcome your suggestions and comments. With everyone's help, we'll improve and grow. Let's get to work!

The Military Modelers Club of Louisville

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
(please print clearly)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER () _____ - _____

CHECK YOUR MAIN MODELING INTEREST:

() AIRCRAFT

() ARMOR

() SHIPS

() FIGURES

() MISCELLANEOUS (any category not shown above)

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

SENIOR MEMBER \$5.00 / YEAR

JUNIOR MEMBER \$3.50 / YEAR
(16 years old and under)

DATE OF BIRTH IF APPLYING FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

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MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER OUT TO:

The Military Modelers Club of Louisville

DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL !!

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

John Blossom - Treasurer M.M.C.L.
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