

President's Message – September 2021

It being September means that the IPMS/USA National Convention is over. This year, it was in Las Vegas, Nevada. Held in the Rio Resort and Convention Center, there was plenty of room for the vendors and for the contest. It was a bit of a walk from the hotel/casino to the convention center, but at least it was indoors all the way. The Vegas IPMS guys did a fantastic job, putting on a fantastic event. The Awards Ceremony, held at the end of the show on Saturday night, topped everything off nicely. And they knew the Phoenix guys were in the house. By my count, our club members took at least 24 trophies, including one special award. There were also some names from Peoria, Gilbert, and Scottsdale that I didn't recognize who took home multiple awards. If you happen to be one of those guys, I'm terribly sorry I didn't know you are one of ours and note down your wins, so please come up to me at the next meeting and introduce yourself (probably for the second or third time, knowing my memory). Next year's show is in Omaha, Nebraska, and 2023's show will be held in San Marcos, Texas.

Another reminder that this is an election year. We have a one-person nomination committee, Scott Cohen. The task of the 'committee' is to find people to run for the various club offices, then carry out the voting for the election. We have a few candidates, but more are always welcome. So, give some thought to giving back to the club a bit and put your name forward for consideration.

This month, Mike McFadden will be giving a presentation on making dioramas. If you've seen Mike's dioramas, you know he knows what he's talking about. I really like his Redneck Outhouse and Redneck Houseboat builds, as well as his shadowbox displays. In October, Tim Bongard will do a demonstration on how to apply carbon fiber decals. From personal experience, I

know these can be tough to get to look right. Thanks for stepping up, guys.

Modelzona planning is going along. Remember, it's scheduled for Saturday, 6 November. Hopefully, nothing gets in the way this year. Spread the word.

See you at the meeting on the 7th.

Steve