

Tactical Notes

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So many kits... So little time...



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Editor's Notes

MMCL Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you have gotten some bench time in, along with the cold and snow. I was able to finish up a Tamiya 1/48 scale T-34-85 and a Revell 1/72 Leopard 1 A5 so that has been a plus on being stuck inside for me. If you have some Tamiya extra thin and some kits who cares about the snow?

In this issue there is a recap of our Annual Celebration Banquet, 2024 Annual Awards, and the winner of our "Airfix Out of the Box" Builds.

Stay warm and happy modeling.

Jason

Cover Image: The "AirFix OOTB Smack Down" 1st place winner a Westland Sea King in 1:48 scale. Kit number: A11006 by Andre de Lamerans.

Don't Forget to join us on our Saturday Morning Workshops. The Workshop is open most Saturdays from 6 AM to Noon.



Membership Renewal: It is a new year, so please renew your club membership as soon as you can. You can renew online (PayPal), in person at the Saturday Workshop or at a Monthly Meeting, or at Scale Reproductions (Please, NO debit or credit cards).

President's Page

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Hello MMCL Members,

We will be having our regularly scheduled meeting this Thursday, January 16, 2025. We have several items to go over, but I promise it will not take too long. We will be deciding on the 2025 April Smackdown Theme, so be thinking about a possible genre. Also, our Invitational is right around the corner and we need to have a discussion about the show theme. We will also be sharing our Show-N-Tell items, and having our monthly raffle. Be sure to bring a kit or two for the raffle.

This is a great time of year to be working on your projects. I hope that you have been productive with your modeling and I hope that you finish more models than you did in 2025.

Don't forget to RENEW your 2025 MMCL membership!

I want to briefly mention what it means to be a member of the MMCL. We are approaching our 50th year as a club and our membership is around 116 paid individuals. I think we are one of the largest clubs (if not the largest) in the Nation. We are known for having a fantastic Invitational/Regional in Region IV and our member's travel to numerous shows throughout the year. I am proud of being a member of this club and I try to help out in any manner I can. I know that my fellow club members are always willing to help and support the club. As a club, we are extremely lucky to have the best hobby shop in the Great Lakes Region at our fingertips. The support we receive from Scale Reproductions is extraordinary. When you visit Scale and you see someone looking at all that awesome styrene, start up a conversation and ask the individual if they have heard about our club. Sell it to the person – We may just get another member and contributor.

On that note, remember that when you are wearing our club shirt or hat in public or at a model show, you are representing the MMCL. Be professional, kind, and supportive. Needless to say, do not be confrontational or rude. You never know how this will affect the club. Be an Ambassador!

Thanks to all the members for their support!

Rich

2024 MMCL Annual Celebration Banquet Recap

Our Annual MMCL Celebration Banquet was held on December 19th. A big thank you to Alex Restrepo who was our MC, covering for the recovering Rich Guetig, and Victoria and Neil Mason who came in and decorated.



2024 MMCL Annual Awards

Emerging Modeler Awards



Emily O'Connor



Chilton Zuber

Achievement Awards



Evan Ellsworth



David O'Conner

Special Recognition Awards



John Dietrich (Master of the Keys)



Joe Betz (Show Master)

President's Award



Eugene Monastero



Congratulations to Byron Bowman for winning the “Best Aircraft” award at the recent River City Model Builders Show.

Airfix Out of the Box Build Smackdown Winners



1st Place Andre de Lamerans 1:48 Westland Sea King HU.5 (Cover Photo)



2nd Place Dave Philley 1:48 JUNKERS Ju87R-2/B-2 STUKA



3rd Place Rich Guetig 1:32 1914 Old Bill Bus

Military Modeling Club
Of Louisville
MMCL
December

2024

PNC Bank

Starting Cash Balance: \$11,539.21

Cash Receipts		Date	Check Receipts		Date
Workshop/Raffle		\$412.00	Item		\$0.00
			Item		\$0.00
			Item		\$0.00
			Item		\$0.00
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			Item		\$0.00
Item			Item		\$0.00
Item			Item		\$0.00
Item			Item		\$0.00
Item			Item		\$0.00
Total Cash Receipts		\$412.00	Total Reimbursements		\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS					

Cash Or Debit Expenses:		Date	Cash Or Debit Expenses:		Date
Kyana December		12/10/24	225.00	Item	
PNC Monthly Charge			6.95	Item	
Farm Bureau Membership			51.00	Item	
Kroger (Softdrinks)			116.39	Item	
Smackdown Gift Certificates			50.00	Item	
IPMS Recharter			30.00	Item	
EOY Banquet Awards			384.73	Item	
McAllisters (Potato Salad)			66.49	Item	
Mission BBQ			1,566.25	Item	
				Item	
Total Cash Expenses:			(\$2,496.82)	(\$2,496.82)	
Reimbursable Expenses:		Date	Reimbursable Expenses:		Date
Item			0.00	Item	
Total Reimbursements:				0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES				(\$2,496.82)	
NET Monthly Increase(Decrease):					

ENDING CASH BALANCE:		December	2024	\$9,454.39
				(\$2,084.82)
Notes:				