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September 2012 Newsletter

In Memoriam

**Ken Robert
1942 - 2012**



On Friday, 31 August, our modeling community lost one of its most dedicated and well-known members and a great friend. Ken Robert succumbed two weeks shy of his 70th birthday after a long battle with a debilitating disease, leaving behind his wife Merry and a grieving modeling and aviation community.

Ken is well known to IPMS members as a modeler whose work was notable for its delicacy, accuracy, and exquisite finish. Ken's models were always award winners, and always represented the very highest levels of achievement in our art.

But Ken was not one to stand on the sidelines as a solitary modeler. He served two terms as president of the Washington DC Chapter of IPMS, and later volunteered his considerable writing talents as an original drafter of our Competition Handbook. His tenure on the National Contest Committee was marked by significant improvements in our rules and in the way they were evolved and interpreted. He also served for a time as Head Aircraft Judge, overseeing the largest portion of the annual National Contest.

His contributions to aviation were not only in the field of scale modeling. His professional career was spent at the National Security Agency, where his knowledge of aviation was used in direct support of the national defense. He was also well known in aviation circles as a leading docent at the National Air & Space Museum.

Ken was on the forefront of the Museum's growth and popularity. He was one of the original docents at the main Museum on the Mall in 1976, and at the world-famous Garber restoration facility in 1977, where he worked with his great friend, restoration specialist, and leading modeler Mike Lyons.

At the Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport, he was instrumental in creating the docent training program and procedures, and the Aircraft Artifact Guide still in use today. When controversy arose over the language to be used in the display of the Enola Gay, it was Ken who was asked to join the review and drafting team. His vast knowledge and love for aviation not only inspired his colleagues and infused his tours with special energy and value, but also resulted in his frequent assignment to lead tours for special dignitaries and famous aviation figures. He never failed to inform and entertain.

Ken was recognized by one and all as a friend. Ken knew more about aviation than most professional historians and acknowledged experts, but he never failed to share his knowledge in a friendly, instructive, and humorous way. He was always accessible and eager to share his knowledge, not to impose it. If asked a question to which he didn't know the answer, he wasn't afraid to say "I don't know." If it was a question about the characteristics of an airplane, a modeling technique, or the quality and accuracy of a recent or long-discontinued model kit, however, Ken would usually provide the answer. And a pun, for which he was justifiably notorious.

Ken lived a life of great passion for his hobby and avocations, but always maintained a soft-spoken demeanor and genuinely helpful approach. He was a true friend and we miss him greatly.

Northern Virginia Modelers
2012 IPMS Nationals Contest Winners
Orlando, FL August 8-11, 2012



Mike Fleckenstein's
"Beverly Hillbillies"
2nd place
Scratchbuilt Civilian Vehicles



Mike Fleckenstein's
"Charlie"
1st place
Sci-Fi Vignettes



Mike Fleckenstein's
F-4F Wildcat
3rd place
A/C Single engine Prop 1/72



Marcin Slusarz's
Tie Fighter
3rd place
OOB Space/Sci-Fi

Congratulations to All!

August 2012 Contest Results



Best of Show

Matt Shipp
P-47M



Special: "Wave Top Ops" Seaplanes, Amphibious Armor etc.

2nd Place - James Fitzgibbon
He-60 (No Photo)

1st Place - Jim Rotramel
Lun



Figures

2nd Place – Dennis Forrest
"Mina"



Figures

1st Place – William "Chinxy" Jenks
"Long Live the King"

1/72 Aircraft:

2nd Place – Walter Schleuter "A-320"
1st Place – Dick Hague "Kabaya Ramjets"

1/48 Aircraft:

2nd Place – John Stillion "Me-262"
1st Place – Vivian Watts "Mig-21"

Out of Box:

1st Place – Vivian Watts "Mig-21"

August 2012 Contest Results (continued)



Ships

**1st Place – Julian Pecquet
“U-552”**



Master

**1st Place – Jim Rotramel
“F-4D1”**



Program

**Rafe Morrissey's
Airbrush Clinic**

Great demo Rafe!

Please visit us again with Part 2

October Meeting

Program: *Vince Mankowski*

Marine Corps Aviation Part 1 (1912-Vietnam)

Contest: *Bugs & Insects*

(F-18 Hornet, Carrier Wasp, RAF Mosquito, German SP Gun “Bumblebee”)

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Upcoming Events in our area:

September 8 – National Capital Model Soldier Society Annual Show, NOVA Community College Ernst Cultural Center

www.ncmss.org

September 15 – Central Pennsylvania IPMS PENNCON 2012, Carlisle PA

www.cenpennipms.com

November 10 – IPMS Baltimore, IPMS –DC Maraudercon , Hilton Garden Inn, White Marsh MD <http://maraudercon.org>

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