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## **Our Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 6:30 pm, at HobbyTown USA! Agenda—See Note From Jeff below!!

Note—As per custom we're going to wrap up at 8 PM and go to dinner. By popular request we'll take a vote on where to go for dinner after the meeting.

Special Guest Speaker Recently in a conversation with a friend of mine, I realized he had some information that us modelers would probably be very interested in. I first met Brad Stoddard when he started coming to our church about 5 years ago. At some point back then he mentioned that he was a retired aircraft design engineer with Lockheed and had done a rather interesting job for them. I thought that was pretty cool then kind of forgot about it over time. This Summer in a conversation with Brad the

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subject came up again but this time he mentioned he mentioned he had lots of photos of the event as well. I became VERY interested and asked if he'd like to come and talk to us about what had happened. He agreed so this October club night Brad with have a screen and projector and give us some insight on being an aircraft design engineer with Lockheed. I'm fairly certain you won't be disappointed.

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### COMPARISON 1-2-3 & GSB & STRATEGY

Part 1 Comparison of Contest Judging Styles (Mike Moore)

I was recently asked what the difference is between 1-2-3 and G-S-B at a model show or contest. At first, I was a little taken aback, because I thought it was pretty clear, but then I realized that it's not especially intuitive, especially if you haven't been to many of the more traditional IPMS Model Contests, and are familiar with Gold, Silver and Bronze only in an Olympic type context where Gold, Silver and Bronze are simply synonyms for First, Second and Third.

Let's start with 1-2-3, which is the format for a traditional IPMS Contest, and the most common format still. In this format, the models are divided into Classes (Aircraft, Armor, Ship, etc.) and then subdivided into categories (1/72 single engine fighter, 1/48 Large Jet, Civil aircraft all scales, etc.). The entries within each category are then compared to each other with a first, second and third place model selected by the judges. First place is generally the model with the least flaws, second has the next fewest flaws, and third the next fewest. There are three shall we say, sub-variations of this format:

Sweeps – in the case of sweeps being allowed, a single modeler can win all three awards if he has enough models of high enough quality entered in a category.

Modified Sweeps - in this case, a single modeler is eligible to win two of the three awards in a category.

No Sweeps – in this case, each modeler is only eligible to win a single award in a category.

The best argument for sweeps and modified sweeps is that if a modeler is good enough to bring multiple models that are better than the others, he should be rewarded for that. The best argument for no sweeps is of course that it spreads the awards around more modelers, and more people therefore go home happy.

Now for G-S-B (also referred to as "open judging"). Under this system, models are not compared to one another, they are instead compared to standard, and are awarded a medal based on how well they compare to that standard. Any model that meets the standard for a Gold is awarded a Gold, same for silver and same for bronze. Models not meeting the standard for a bronze will not receive an award at all. Because models are not compared to each other, there is no need to break them into classes or categories, though most shows do divide them at least by class to help judges.

So, why use one or the other? Let's look at the pros and cons for both.

It is my opinion that most clubs use the 1-2-3 format because it's what is most common and is what is used by IPMS at the National Convention. Therefore, people are comfortable with and accustomed to it. It also makes it easier in some ways to determine best of's and best in show. To contend for a best in class, a model must have placed first in its category, thereby eliminating all other models in that category from contention for best in class. There are also folks who like knowing that, at least on a given day, their model was judged to be the "best", and not just one of several very good models. Also, because everyone is used to the system, and some models can immediately be eliminated from further consideration because of obvious flaws, judging usually goes faster than with open judging (G-S-B). Another pro to the 1-2-3 format is that aside from needing to be prepared to split a few very large categories, the organizers know exactly how many awards they need each year. Each category and possible split requires 3 awards, and unless there is a category with no entrants, there are no extra awards that go unused.

What about the cons? To me, the biggest con, is that there are almost always some very nice models that go un-recognized because the judges felt there were 3 better models. There is also the flip side where, to be brutally honest, judges find themselves rewarding the "best of the worst", in other words, none of the models is very good, but they got entered and someone must win, so a bad model (or models) gets an award. Even more unfair is the fact that in many cases just because of the popularity of a category, or lack of, some very deserving models go unrewarded while some very poor models get recognized. And yes, I realize that every model on the table represents the efforts of a modeler who is proud of his work. My intent isn't to call those models or modelers out, it's simply to point something that doesn't seem particularly fair to me.

Another con is that how a model does in a contest is, in large part, dependent on two things that the individual modeler can't control. One is, what other models show up? The second is, who is judging? Every judge and group of judges' see's things differently. What one judge sees as a major flaw, other judges might see as not such a big a deal. If a modeler takes a model to a contest and it isn't a well-attended contest, he stands a much better chance of winning only because other models don't make it. It's also very possible that the same three models can be entered in the same three contests, and each model comes away from the "season" with a first, second and third. All because the judges at each contest saw things differently. Personally, that doesn't seem much like competition.

Ok, so what about open judging (G-S-B). For many, the biggest pro is that everyone who meets a standard will be recognized and rewarded (with a byproduct being that generally, more modelers go home with a well-deserved award), and those who don't aren't. There is no struggle to determine which of 2 or 3 models is "best" and there is no finding the best of the worst. Another pro is that every model will get a look. A feature of many open judging shows is feedback, where the judges are asked to provide brief but constructive comments on what a modeler can improve on, or what really looked good. Admittedly this doesn't really help the more accomplished modelers much, but it can be of great help to the less accomplished modeler.

All that said, open judging has some cons, and they can be big. One of the worst is that it is generally more labor intensive. Because each model is supposed to get a fair evaluation against the standards, it generally takes more judges more time to get through all the models. Another problem is not knowing how many awards are needed before the show. This leaves the organizers having to estimate and means there are either left over awards, or there are folks who get their awards mailed to them after the fact. And, like 1-2-3, there are always inconsistencies between judges. Some are easy, some are tough. Making sure everyone is judged equally is difficult.

So, why did we make the decision back in 2010 to use open judging for ModelCon? A couple of reasons. First, we wanted to do things differently to set us apart from other shows in the region. There were also several of us, myself included, who had grown frustrated or disillusioned with the standard 1-2-3 competitive nature of IPMS shows. We thought we could work out a system where we could use open judging in the limited time allowed in a day or day and a half long IPMS show. To be honest, our first go wasn't pretty. We ran more than two hours long and more than a few medals short. But over the years, we feel like we've made progress towards a system that is fair to everyone, is accountable, rewards the modelers who deserve it, and encourages those who fall short. We still have plenty of room to improve and are always open to new ideas.

Part 2 – Is there a Build Strategy to use for 1-2-3 at The Nationals? (Lynn Petty)

I was recently asked "Is there a particular model or category I should build for to increase my odds of winning?" For example: "If I build a Fairey Fruitbat for the nationals will that increase my odds of winning?"

Well here are some thoughts along those lines:

First the easy answer. No. I am sure that somebody out there will look over the upcoming convention issue of the Journal and find a category where there was less than three entries. That person will build a model for that category and enter it next year

in high anticipation of winning a trophy. GOOD LUCK AND LET ME KNOW HOW THAT WORKS FOR YOU!!! I am sure a dozen "Trophy Hounds" out there will be doing the same thing. A weak category one year rarely is weak in the successive year. Besides that, building a model that your heart is not into is in a word "work." Wouldn't it be more fun to build something you are interested in and wouldn't that more likely yield a superior build?

Will a "Split Category" help me? Not Likely. Splits are unpredictable. In the more popular categories there are semi pre planned splits. Categories with historically large numbers are subdivided into smaller splits and 1-2-3 awards are given in those splits. The problem there is unpredictability. For example in single engine 1/72 aircraft splits can be on the basis of national marking, nationality of build, Brand of kit, A/c manufacturer, in-line or radial engine, or even the overall basic color. The general criteria is to split so that the sub category of the split is relatively numerically even. Again it is unpredictable. A split can happen at anytime and anywhere.

The simple truth is a well-built model is the best way of increasing your "odds" of winning a trophy at the nationals (or any contest regardless of 1-2-3 or G-S-B). And the more well built models you enter the more your chances are of getting a trophy. The following is paraphrased from a modeling magazine. There is conundrum in model contest. In a hobby that is so obsessed with obtaining accuracy, when it comes down to judging models that is the least and final factor. The common denominator that is judged is workmanship - How well the basics are done is the primary thing that is judged.

If you are a "Causal Modeler is there an Alternate Strategy to "Win"? Yes!! Change your approach – Change your view of what a "Win" is. Some of the very best displays of models I've ever seen did not win a trophy. Those models were memorable in other ways. They depicted an event, an unusual little known scheme, depicted a lesser known variant, or the like. In short they taught me something. Remember the phrase "Learning is Fun." Think of it as a display room and not a contest room. The idea is to make an impression. Teach somebody something.

Many years ago a couple of modelers with only moderate skills made an impression by doing a combined collection of a particular type of aircraft. They rarely won an award for their mass entry. But it was a hoot to see a crowd gathered and looking at the collection. Through the process they learned a lot about model making and gradually improved their skills.

What ever the style of judging I like to boil it down to the Con that is in ModelCon, MiniCon or whatever the name of the gathering. The whole point is it a "Contest" or is it a "Convention." I believe it is a Convention. A gathering of Modelers enjoying each other's company and appreciating the work on display.

Ben BonVillain	1/32 Tamiya F-4J VF103 W.I.P.
Dave Blackwell	Oshkosh 2017 Slide Show
John Brooks	
James Burton	1/35 M46 Patton (Tamiya, Dragon, Hobby Boss, Italeri – Combo) W.I.P.
Phil Chandler	1/1 Star Wars Thermal Detonator 3D W.I.P.
Bob Colbert	
Qorozco Cuahutemoc (aka Q)	1/72 Aoshima TA-152H-1 W.I.P.; 1/1 Star Wars Red Leader Helmet W.I.P.
George Fugett	1/72 Airfix Short Sunderland Mk.III 243 Sq Coastal Com- mand (Canadian)
Tom Gaston	
Gary Haars	1/48 Hasegawa P-38J ETO W.I.P.
Horton Herrin	1/72 Academy B-17D Far East Air Force (Philippines)
Chris Lowrance	
Clayton Lowrance	
Jeff Mattheiss	
Mike Moore	1/72 FineMolds Bf109G-6 US Markings; 1/72 Tamiya P-47 56 <sup>th</sup> FG Penguin 2
Emanuel Roland	Photos
Dave Scott	
Tim Simmons	
Ed Sunder	30mm D & D Mini Figurines





Photos from the last meeting













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## From Emanuel's Roving Lens



Emanuel caught this unusual KC-135 visitor at the Chattanooga Airport

He also caught this B-17G. You'll see more of this next month!!!



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Model Contest starts at 9:00 AM

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The model contest this year will feature a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place award in each category. We will also be giving the following special awards:

**Best Aircraft** Best Armor Best Car Best Ship Best Sci-Fi / Figure

Most Popular (based on attendee votes) Best of Show (Judges Choice)

#### The categories for this year's show are as follows:

Aircraft:

1/48 WWII & Before 1/48 After WWII Small Scale WWII & Before Small Scale After WWII Large Scale WWII & Before Large Scale After WWII

Armor:

1/35 WWII & Before 1/35 After WWII 1/72 Scale Other Scales

#### The categories continued:

Cars:

**Competition Closed Wheel** Competition Open Wheel Hot Rods, Street Rods & Customs Factory Stock Street Cars Trucks (Commercial)

Ships:

1/350 or Similar 1/700 & Smaller Large Scale Other Ships

Sci-Fi / Figures

Large Scale Figures Small Scale Figures Vehicles from Movies or TV

Other: All Other Models



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### Friday, February 16th

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### Saturday, February 17th

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Registration, General Admission, Display and Vendor Rooms open. Silent Auction Begins 11:00 A.M. Registration Closes 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Silent Auction Ends 7:00 P.M. Show Closes for the night. ALL rooms Closed

### Sunday, February 18th

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. General Admission, Display and Vendor Rooms open. 11:00 A.M. Armor Awards 12:00 A.M. AMFS Awards SHOW ENDS

### HOTEL INFORMATION

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As in past years, we will be offering a special room night rate for all who are guests of the hotel during the Show. The special rate for 2018 is \$96 a night. Reservations may be made by contacting the hotel via phone at 800.228.9290 (be sure and mention the AMFS Show) "Information subject to change"



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Enter your models in the competition and get the feedback and reinforcement from your peers. You may even be rewarded with a Gold medal or be among the recipients of 14+ special awards.

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