

MAY 2015

NEWSLETTER



IPMS Fort Worth Scale Modelers

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M4 Sherman, St. Fromand, France, Normandy, 1944.
Note sniper at left with scoped M1903 Springfield

Spring auction benefits club treasury

We all had a nice turnout for our Monday, April 20, club meeting.

Last month, we hosted our spring club auction and we had some nice pieces up for grabs. If you were looking for bargains, this was the place to be.

There is always some good-natured competitive bidding at our auctions, and some spirited bidding as well. One item that ran up an impressive final bid was the vintage Revell Lacrosse Missile with Mobile Launcher.

Visit our website at: <http://www.fortworthscalemodelers.org/>



FWSM Supercon 2015 updates

Supercon 2015 will take place Saturday, September, 12, at the Bob Duncan Community Center in Vandergriff Park, Arlington. Doors open at 9 a.m. and registration will take place 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Our theme for Supercon 2015 is "1945: The Way to the Future." Any model – aircraft, armor, ship, figure, auto, etc., - pertaining to the year 1945 will be eligible for the Theme Award.

We will also bestow several Special Awards, including Best of Show, Most Popular (voted on by those in attendance at Supercon), President's Award, "Greatest Generation" Best World War II Subject (sponsored by Mike McIlraith and Skip Rogers), Best Luftwaffe Subject 1935-present (sponsored by Bryan Tucker), best Armor Award (sponsored by Glenn Whitmire), and the Charlie Jay Memorial

Award for best in-country Vietnam War Subject.

We will gladly accept door prize donations for Supercon 2015 during our upcoming monthly meetings. We ask our members to bring a kit or two, decals sheets, books, etc., to the

meetings this summer that we can add to our Supercon 2015 door prize stack. The donations don't have to be your most cherished pieces, but we do ask that the kits be complete and unstarted. Let's give our patrons something they'll be pleased to win and that will reflect favorably on our club.

IPMS NCT to host ScaleFest 2015 on May 30



Our good friends at IPMS North Central Texas will host ScaleFest 2015 on Saturday, May 30, at the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main St., Grapevine 76051.

This year's ScaleFest will feature a double Theme Award. "V for Victory" celebrates:

Victory in War: The best model vehicle, aircraft, ship, figure, or diorama depicting victory over the Axis powers in World War II.

Victory in Peace: The best model vehicle, aircraft, ship, figure, or diorama depicting a peacetime victory of any kind, any era.

There will be lots of vendors, Make-N-Take for the kids, and door prizes

galore. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the show lasts until 5 p.m.

You can visit the IPMS NCT website at <http://www.ipmsnct.net/> for more information. There is also a .pdf contest brochure that you can print from the website which also includes a map to the convention center and a coupon for \$2 off admission.

* Squadron Mail Order will not host the annual open house this year. However, Squadron has promised a big presence at Scalefest, so watch for their display with multiple tables.

** *Ed Note: In early May, we got word of the passing of Lee Thomas on Thursday, May 7. Lee was the former president of the Dallas club, master modeler, M4 Sherman modeler extraordinaire, Navy veteran, and mentor to many. We offer our condolences from the Fort Worth Scale Modelers to his widow, Penny Thomas, and to all our friends and members at IPMS NCT.*



Squadron EagleQuest XXIV coming up Thursday-Saturday, June 18-20



Squadron EagleQuest XXIV will be coming up Thursday through Saturday, June 18-20, 2015, at the Embassy Suites in Grapevine, Texas. The theme will be "Heavy Metal." For more information, see the special promotion on the EagleQuest website at

<http://www.squadroneaglequest.com/>

The website also includes information on ordering Event Passes and information on the agenda, hotel information and Squadron Mail Order specials.

With the general Event Pass, you get the following:

- *40% Discount shopping at the Squadron Warehouse
 - *Full access to seminars
 - *Complimentary \$5 raffle ticket
 - *Complimentary food at Squadron scheduled events (excluding Awards Ceremony)
 - *Complimentary Squadron Signal book signed by artist Don Greer
 - *Member at round-table feedback session
 - *Access to the Squadron Common Room where there will be movies playing, places to repair your models, "Make and Take" for the kids and much more. You can also order a ticket which includes admission to the Awards Ceremony banquet.
- The Embassy Suites Dallas – DFW Airport North Outdoor World at 2401 Bass Pro Drive in Grapevine will be the setting for this year's event. A special room rate will be in effect. To order Event Passes and Awards Ceremony tickets by phone, call Richard Poulsen at 1-800-527-7427, ext. 1060.

Remembering the 70th Anniversary of VE Day



Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower's
Address: Victory Order of the
Day, May 8, 1945. (excerpt)

*Men and women of the Allied Expeditionary
Force: The crusade on which we embarked
in the early summer of 1944 has reached its
glorious conclusion . . . "Your*

*accomplishments at sea, in the air, on the
ground and in the field of supply, have
astonished the world. Even before the final
week of the conflict, you had put 5,000,000
of the enemy permanently out of the war.
You have taken in stride military tasks so
difficult as to be classed by many doubters
as impossible. You have confused, defeated
and destroyed your savagely fighting foe. On
the road to victory you have endured every
discomfort and privation and have
surmounted every obstacle ingenuity and
desperation could throw in your path. You
did not pause until our front was firmly joined
up with the great Red Army coming from the
East, and other Allied Forces, coming from
the South. Full victory in Europe has been
attained.*

Remember the Dead: Civilian and Military Deaths, 1939 - 1945

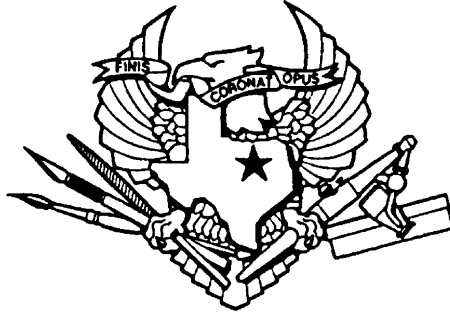
United States 418,500
United Kingdom 450,700
Canada 45,400
Soviet Union 24 million
Poland 5.6 million
France 567,600
Czechoslovakia 345,000
Latvia 227,000
Lithuania 353,000
Estonia 51,000
Germany 6.6 – 8.8 million
Italy 457,000
Austria 384,700
Finland 97,000
Greece 300,000 – 800,000
Albania 30,200
Hungary 580,000
Bulgaria 25,000
Rumania 833,000
Yugoslavia 1 million
Ethiopia 100,000

Netherlands 301,000
Belgium 86,100
Norway 9,500

China 20 million
Philippines 500,000 – 1 million
French Indochina 1 – 1.5 million
Dutch East Indies 3 – 4 million
Papua New Guinea 15,000
Korea 378,000 – 473,000
India 1.5 – 2.5 million
Japan 2.6 – 3.1 million
Australia 40,500
New Zealand 11,900
South Africa 11,900
Malaya 100,000
Singapore 50,000

Worldwide Battle Deaths 15 million
Worldwide Battle Wounded 25 million
Worldwide Civilian Deaths 45 million

** Source: *The National WW II Museum*



SUPERCON 2015

Sponsored by the IPMS Fort Worth Scale Modelers
Saturday, September 12, 2015
Bob Duncan Community Center
2800 S. Center St.
Vandergriff Park, Arlington
817-465-6661

Door Prizes!
Vendors Galore!
Make 'n' Take for the Kids!
Doors open at 9 a.m.
Registration: 9 to 11 a.m.
General Admission: \$5, with children 6 years of age and younger free

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Additional Special Awards for:
Best World War II Subject
Best Armor Subject
Best Vietnam War Subject
Best Luftwaffe Subject
Most Popular
President's Award
And BEST OF SHOW!

Vendor tables are \$20 each (one 8-foot or two 4-foot tables)
To reserve vendor tables, please contact Robert Ferrera, 817-447-7670,
4 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays