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ASMS Christmas Party



- Where: **Marc Hobbs' house** (see map below)
- When: **Friday, December 12, 2008 6:00pm**
- Who: ASMS members and their families.
- What to Bring: Bring your favorite snack, dessert, and something to drink. ASMS will furnish a cheese/meat tray, etc.



Also, bring a wrapped "**white elephant**" gift. This is usually a model that we bought in a weak moment and will never build or one that didn't live up to our expectations. **Note to the Ladies:** please bring a gift not to exceed \$10 for a separate gift exchange.

WARNING! Map is absolutely NOT to scale.



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In support of the initiative to provide model kits, supplies and reference materials to our servicemen and women serving in combat zones in Iraq, IPMS/USA has elected to have **SFC Steven DeLong** as the point of contact for **The Iraq Model Network**. Any individual, IPMS chapter, or industry supporter who wishes to make a donation, please send it to:

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Editor's Notes...

So many things had happened in 2008, and I'm afraid most of them were not so good. Here's a recap of the year:


- King's Hobby, the pride and joy of our local modeling community, will be closing down on December 31st.
- We lost Ed Liscomb, one of our long-time members in November (see obituary sent to us from Milton).
- We hosted yet another successful annual show at the Crockett Center. While we received many praises, the event still ended in the red financially for the club. But at least the hemorrhaging was not as bad as last year.
- We moved from the Yarborough Branch Library to Austin History Center (AHC) for our monthly meetings. Despite efforts to stay at AHC, we were unable to secure the meeting room for next year. A new meeting venue awaits us in 2009.
- ASMS was featured on the award-winning series "DOWNTOWN" on KLRU-Austin, our local PBS station. Several members got to talk in front of the camera, and we all enjoyed our two minutes (literally) of fame on television.

Not exactly a disastrous year, but I daresay it matches the mood of our current economy. Like everyone else, I'm still recovering from the shock of King's closing. Let's hope and pray there'll be a "bailout" of some sort between now and the end of the year. Modeling will not be the same without the presence of King's.

Enough of the bad news. Here's what's happening in December. Due to a scheduling mix-up, we still have one more reservation left at AHC in 2008. At our last meeting, we decided to make it a build night as part of our pre-Christmas celebration. So pack your model and tools and come on down to AHC on **December 9th at 7pm** for a fun and joyful night.

Our Christmas party this year is back in the Austin city limit. Thanks to Marc Hobb's hospitality, we'll be terrorizing his house on **Friday December 12th from 6pm to whenever**. Bring your family along for this annual gathering and don't forget to have a wrapped "**white elephant**" gift ready with you. For our significant others and lady friends accompanying us, there'll be a separate exchange of gifts not to exceed \$10. Please let them know so no one attending will go home empty-handed.

Finally, my thanks to everyone (especially **Bondo, Dennis, Floyd, Kenny, Milton, Tim, and IPMS/Seattle**) who contributed articles and photos throughout the year. As usual, I can never thank **Martha Bell** enough for her editorial advice.

If I miss you at the build night and the Christmas party, have a wonderful holiday, and I'll see you in 2009. 

Eric

Farewell to Our Friend Ed Liscomb


by Milton Bell



On November 10th, 2008, long-time ASMS member Ed Liscomb lost his year-long battle with lung cancer.

In case you don't remember Ed, he was the representative from CAF who often gave us updates on which airplanes were flying, their status, and what shows were coming up. He was a modeler and had a good collection of early plastic kits and models. He had not been active in modeling in some time but kept his interest alive through ASMS.

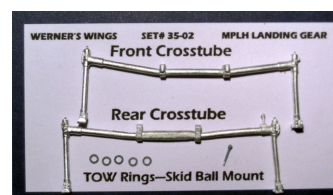
Aside from his interest in aircraft, Ed was active in the Wimberly Democrats, the Lutheran church, and in the Wimberly Community Chorus. He was the vice president of WimDems for the past two years.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to the Liscomb family. Ed will be missed by all of us. 

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MPLH Landing Gear for MRC 1/35th OH-58D

from Floyd S. Werner



Werner's Wings has a new product — MPLH Landing Gear for the 1/35th scale MRC OH-58D Kiowa Warrior. Made of pewter, they allow the modeler to build the deployment landing gear that

the Warriors frequently use. These will also make a nice addition to the model, especially since the release of Fireball Modelworks decal sheet for the OH-58D.

The cost is \$12 USD plus shipping, and you can contact me at fwernerjr@comcast.net. I accept payment by Paypal (to the same email address), check, money order, or cash. I'll provide my address for those wanting to use anything other than Paypal.

Thanks to everyone for the help and support. Happy holidays to you all. 

Floyd

Merry Christmas!



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