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# *Mid-Michigan Model Makers*

## Are Looking for some Exceptional Modelers!

The IPMS Mid-Michigan Model Makers (4M Club) are thrilled to announce the inception of a new mentoring program in the world of **Scale Modeling!** If you're someone who would love to be part of the hobby of plastic scale modeling but, feel that the small detail work is beyond your ability...we're here to tell you that we believe that isn't the truth!

There is a large community, of exceptional people, that live their lives with challenges many people do not have to contend with day to day. These challenges can be evident or hidden beneath the terrific smiles of awesome people. It is these challenges that make you an exceptional person, and the folks at the 4M Club want you to know that Scale Modeling is a hobby that can be enjoyed by everyone!

### The Back-story

At our most recent show our club President, Jim Church, was approached by a lady who inquired why couldn't we create a category at our show for individuals with challenges that may prevent them from competing in our standard categories? She went on to describe how her husband loves modeling and would be thrilled to share his work with others (like on the display tables at our contest), but due to a physical limitation of his fingers he feels that he wouldn't be competitive with other modelers. It's exciting to announce that the 4M Club not only took her suggestion to heart, we're taking it to the next level!

### The 4Me! Program

Starting with our 2016 Contest, the 4M Club will include a brand new category; the **4Me!** (“e” for “exceptional”) Category! This category is being created for individuals who live with challenges that would limit them from competition in any of the standard categories. Our intention is to create a category that would provide a venue for these exceptional modelers to display their work and compete on a “peer” level. We're ecstatic about the new category, but that's just the “cherry on top” for us. Our ultimate goal has always been to introduce people to modeling and the enjoyment it brings to those who share the same interest. With that thought in mind, we have created a mentoring program to involve anyone who chooses, to be part of the hobby and a member of our club. We will help you establish what your modeling goals are, help

you assess your individual abilities, and partner you with an experienced modeling “Mentor” that will help you learn the techniques and skills you will need to enjoy this fun hobby! We recognize the individuals who choose to participate in this exciting new program face challenges every day that they must overcome to live and thrive in their daily lives, and the 4M Club wants to enable you to enjoy scale modeling to the fullest! The members of the Mid-Michigan Model Makers are committed to your enjoyment in the world of scale modeling!

### **About the 4M Club**

The Mid-Michigan Model Makers is a proud member of the International Plastic Modeling Society (IPMS), Region 4 Chapter 8. With over 3 decades of service to the modeling community, we pride ourselves on providing a place for all persons to enjoy the hobby we love. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, at Roger’s Hobby Center, 5618 State St. – Saginaw, MI 48603, (989) 790-0080. You can find us on the web at [www.midmichiganmodelmakers.com](http://www.midmichiganmodelmakers.com) and on Facebook at **Mid – Michigan Model Makers**. We hold an annual contest every year in February, several Make ‘n Take events for kids, community projects that have included an exhibits at the **Zaul Library** in Saginaw, MI, **Midland Center for the Arts** in Midland, MI, and a just completed battle diorama on permanent display on board the **USS Edson DD-946** at the **Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum**, in Bay City, MI.

Above all, the 4M Club is one of the most fun and accepting groups of people you will ever encounter! The members and their families enjoy working together at the show and Make ‘n Take events, as well as our annual Holiday Party and the occasional Club Picnic! We invite you to join this very talented and genuine club, and enjoy scale modeling the way we have for many years!

If you have any questions, feel free to Contact us through our website, our President, Jim Church at (989) 799-1705 and [jecdiamond3@aol.com](mailto:jecdiamond3@aol.com), or our IPMS Representative, John Martin at (989) 980-5277 and [ktjmartinsr1@gmail.com](mailto:ktjmartinsr1@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you and sharing with you this great hobby and even more awesome club!

# **4Me Mission Statement**

The Mission of the 4Me Initiative is to introduce individuals with exceptional challenges into the hobby of Scale Modeling. The Mid-Michigan Model Makers are committed to providing mentorship for individuals to learn about modeling, developing their skills, and providing a venue to display their work.