

Hello Modelers,

Just a note to let everyone know what's been happening at Mid Michigan Model Makers this summer;

First, If you will forgive us for bragging a little bit, our Group Build project that received a first in the regional's in Dayton also took a Third place trophy in the national's in Colorado. Jim Church took home a third place trophy for his Duel in the Desert figures and another third for his small scale diorama Calm Before The Storm. Also former 4M member and good friend of the club Dana Mathes took first place honors for his Stanly Steamer in miscellaneous.

Now the real news. Everyone at the 4M Club is excited about our upcoming **30th Annual Model Contest on Saturday, February 1, 2014** and the new class that we have added. It's a takeoff of the IPMS out of the box category but with a twist so we're calling it **Box Build All Types** and it will work like this. All models built to box build rules will be entered into their own class, wither they're aircraft, tanks, cars or whatever, and will compete for a **Best of Box Build Class** trophy as well as our Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. In the future if interest is strong we well add the obvious categories to Box Build and have Best of Category medals also. The goal of the class is to give new modelers, modelers returning to the hobby, and modelers with limited time to work on projects a class where they can compete on a more equal playing field. Also we hope this will help bring more modelers to the hobby and to our contest. Because of these goals Box Build will be judged on a **Quality of Build Criteria only** and the limited amount of detail work that is allowed (so models can compete at IPMS events) will not be considered. The full rules and Judging Criteria Guide are attached to this letter. If you know of someone who fits this class let them know about it and if you have questions or comments, please contact us, we are glad to hear from you. Because of adding our new class we have made a few changes to our Class and Category list and have also added that to this mailing.

The other important item to tell you about is our Judges Criteria Guide (that is attached). This came out of a conversation several 4M members had with other modelers at the Dayton show, and how some classes at a show can be judged more harshly than others. We felt that this was an important enough issue that we should address it, and came up with this guide to help our judges to look at models with the same order of priority in the judging. With this and the other judging materials we have, we hope to narrow any differences we may have had in our judging.

Also inclosed is the flyer for our upcoming show. It's sent as a reminder but feel free to print a copy and hang it up in your work space, give it to a friend, or hang it up some place where people will see it.

Thanks for reading, check out our face book page and our web site, and we'll see you at the show.

The Guys at 4M

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