



IPMS Great Plains Newsletter

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KCCON 2026

March 14th

First Church of the Nazarene
11811 Stateline Rd, Kansas City, MO

Registration: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM • Hall Closes: 5:00 PM

Contest Details: www.ipmsgreatplains.org/KCCon2026-details.htm

About IPMS Great Plains

IPMS Great Plains meets at the Matt Ross Community Center located at 8101 Marty St. in Overland Park, Kansas. We meet the last Thursday of every month except November and December.

Our meetings are open to everyone and are free to attend. Meetings begin with a discussion of club business that is followed by the "show and tell" session where members present their latest creations and discuss any special methods they used while building the model. We also have occasional demonstrations by members of a particular modeling technique.



Upcoming Events



KC CON 2026

Sponsored by IPMS/Great Plains and KC AMPS
Saturday, March 14, 2026



KCCON 2026 Details

KCCON 2026 on March 14th 2026 at First Church of the Nazarene, 11811 Stateline Rd, Kansas City, MO. Registration from 9:00 AM until Noon. Hall closes at 5:00 PM.

Contest is in conjunction with KC Amps. All Armor entries judged by AMPS rules. All other entries judged by IPMS rules. Kit Raffle Tickets are \$1 each. Two raffles, one for each club. Vendor Tables are \$25 each.

Entry Fees

- **IPMS Great Plains:** \$15 for 1-3 models, \$2 per each additional model
- **KC Amps:** \$5 per model (Limit 2 models)
- **Juniors under 16 years:** FREE
- **Walk-ins:** \$2 per person (Children under 12 years FREE)

Contact Chris Wichman at chris_wich@yahoo.com to reserve a vendor table.

Contest Websites:

- www.ipmsgreatplains.org
- www.kcamps.org

Contest Categories

A - AIRCRAFT

- A-1: 1/32 scale Aircraft pre 1935
- A-2: 1/32 scale Aircraft single engine 1935-1947
- A-3: 1/32 scale Aircraft multi engine 1935-1947
- A-4: 1/32 scale Aircraft single engine post 1947
- A-5: 1/32 scale Aircraft multi engine post 1947

- A-6: 1/48 scale Aircraft pre 1935
- A-7: 1/48 scale Aircraft single engine 1935-1947
- A-8: 1/48 scale Aircraft multi engine 1935-1947
- A-9: 1/48 scale Aircraft single engine post 1947
- A-10: 1/48 scale Aircraft multi engine post 1947

- A-11: 1/72 scale Aircraft pre 1935
- A-12: 1/72 scale Aircraft single engine 1935-1947
- A-13: 1/72 scale Aircraft multi engine 1935-1947
- A-14: 1/72 scale Aircraft single engine post 1947
- A-15: 1/72 scale Aircraft multi engine post 1947

- A-16: 1/144 scale Aircraft (includes airliners)

- A-17: Rotary Wing, all scales

D - JUNIORS (NON ARMOR)

- D-1: All scales/All types/All eras
- Note: Armor Juniors compete in B-8 category.*

E - FIGURES

- E-1: Historic
- E-2: Fiction

F-DIORAMAS / VIGNETTES

- F-1: All dioramas/vignettes regardless of size of base
- (Excludes all armor themed dioramas) NOTE: NO POWER AVAILABLE!

B - Armor (AMPS Judging)

- B-1: Tracked vehicles to 1945 Axis based on markings
 - B-2: Tracked vehicles to 1945 Allied based on markings
 - B-3: Post 1945 (Modern) Tracked Vehicles
 - B-4: Half-tracked and Wheeled Vehicles All eras
 - B-5: Open Topped/Open Hatch with Interiors All eras
 - B-6: Ordnance (Towed only, emplaced or with prime movers all eras)
 - B-7: Dioramas and Vignettes
 - B-8: Juniors
- For AMPS definitions see:
amps-armor.org/sitemain/AMPSJudgingsystem.aspx

G-SPACE

- G-1: All scales/ All types/ All eras - Real Space
- G-2: All scales/ All types/ All eras - Sci-Fi

H-NAVAL

- H-1: Ships, all types, 1/401 and smaller
- H-2: Ships, all types, 1/400 and larger

C- AUTOMOTIVE

- C-1: Modern cars, 1975 to present
- C-2: Antique cars, pre-1975
- C-3: Race cars, all types
- C-4: Custom Vehicles
- C-5: Motorcycles/2-wheeled vehicles
- C-6: Commercial Vehicles/Misc.

I-MISCELLANEOUS

- I-1: Nature/Humor/Fictional
- I-2: Scratch Built, conversion, Kit Bash

J-MECHA

- J-1: All Scales (Juniors)
- J-2: All Scales (Stock Painted)
- J-3: All Scales (Stock Unpainted)
- J-4: All Scales (Open)

Latest Club News

At present, all the category sponsorships have been donated. We currently have only (4) 6ft vendor tables available but can come up with about 2 to 4 more in a pinch if we have the request. The remaining tables will have to be placed in the gym (contest room).

Everything is going forward with the contest. The rooms have been reserved at the Church and setup will be on Friday March 13th. I am not sure of the time and will get back to everyone when I know for sure.

I am working on building a raffle ticket drum to put in the tickets. I don't have much to do and I have some scrap wood around. Should not be hard and the club can have when I am finished. Working on my woodworking skills. Don't expect much. I only have to drag it out once a year.

The barcode scanning raffle tickets were very successful last year and we are on again for a 2nd time. Now that we have the process down, should be a streamlined operation. The tickets are \$1 each. What was not mentioned in the Flyer is that there will be premium tickets at \$5 each. My plan is to save the premium until after the judging is done, then raffle those off.

Most Recent Club Postings

Here are the last 3 club posting summaries. You can view the rest in detail on the Facebook Group Page.

Chris Wichman

Finally finished my 1/48 Tornado

Italeri kit I had on my bench since August (maybe longer). I added some resin ejection seats and some instrument panels (that didn't fit so did not use). I hand painted the instrument panels instead.

I should probably stop wasting my time with some of these mediocre kits but working to improve my skills. Swing wing aircraft with their armaments pylons always seem to break off since you need to attach them to a wing that's going to have to change with the wing position. So you use plastic pins and melt them with a heated screwdriver blade. Had to replace the elevators and pylons with metal pins. Of course the pylons didn't quite line up. But I got it to work.

The painting instructions were crap, so finally after 2 primer coats and 2 camouflage schemes, the 3rd attempt is what is left.

I had to dig up some instructions from an Eduard kit to make it look decent. Definitely not contest level. Maybe need to go for a solid kit with simple paint scheme.



Doug Robertson

Roden 1/32 Sopwith Triplane

No. 10 sqn. RNAS, Droghda France, July 1917. Lt. Col. Raymond Collishaw.

First out of the gate for 2026. Not really a contest piece, but it fills a hole on the WWI shelf.

If you've ever built a Roden kit, you know that you can make a decent model out of it, but you're going to earn it. This one was better than some since the single wing struts made it possible to attach the middle and top wings with only minimal cursing. EZ-line for the rigging.



Darren Roberts

3rd for the year: Monogram 1/48 F-18A Hornet

#3 for the year is Monogram's 1/48 F-18A Hornet converted to an A+. I combined parts from the Monogram F-18C kit along with some upgrade parts from Flying Leathernecks Creations. I also used parts from the Revell F-18E Super Hornet, mainly for the AIM-9X's and AIM-120's. I gave it some TLC and dropped the leading and trailing edge flaps. Markings are for VFMA-112 out of JRB Fort Worth.

