



Long Island Scale Modelers Society

January 2025 Newsletter

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From the Driver's Seat - Jim Boulukos



The January meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm

First off Happy New Year's to all our friends. As of this writing, the month of January is quickly ending. It's been cold outside, so I hope a lot of us are spending a little quality time indoors doing some model building. As you should be aware, this month's meeting along with the February meeting will be on the 4th Monday of the month due to the holidays.

As the New Year comes in, our club dues are due and remain the same as the past year at \$25.00. Please see Doug Tantillo, our club treasurer, regarding the annual dues.

The Club's annual Holiday Party was held on Monday, December 9th, 2024, at the American Legion Hall, in East Meadow. Some 32 members and spouses attended the holiday festivities. As always, it was a good time had by all. A special thanks goes out to Doug Tantillo and his wife Judy for setting this up

For the January meeting, Jim Lisa will do a presentation on ship building working with wood. In talking to Jim there's a lot of different techniques involved when working with wooden ships and I look forward to hearing his presentation this month.

Now, if anyone else wants to step up to the plate and do a presentation, that will be appreciated by the E-board and our club members. The club's only as good as the members active participation and what they provide to others.

For the April club meeting, the club modeling theme is resurrecting a model off the shelf of doom, completing it then bringing it in to display. I know we all have models in this category, and we all have different reasons why it's been lingering which would be interesting to hear reasons why from the club members at this meeting.

See you Monday night and bring your WIP or completed builds.

Best Regards

Jim Boulukos

LISMS President

In Shizuoka, plastic models are not just child's play

From: The Japan Times



A monument of a plastic model of an armor worn by Tokugawa Iyeyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa shogunate, is seen in the city of Shizuoka on Dec. 6, 2024.

Shizuoka – The city of Shizuoka's "Plastic Modeling Plan," launched by the local government in partnership with model manufacturers to highlight its local industry expertise and foster pride among its residents, is going strong despite coming to the end of its fifth year.

In the heart of the city, local authorities have installed several striking monuments of plastic models. These creations replicate plastic model parts held in frames, the kind found in boxes of model kits at hobby shops and toy stores.

The monuments feature iconic designs such as parts of a Shinkansen train and the armor worn by Tokugawa Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugawa shogunate, during the Sengoku (Warring States) period (1482-1573).

Shizuoka is home to the headquarters of model manufacturers Tamiya and Aoshima Bunka Kyozei, as well as a production facility for toymaker Bandai. In 2020, the city claimed the top spot in Japan for the shipment value of plastic models, commanding an impressive 82% share of the domestic market.

Since the Edo period (1603-1868) under the Tokugawa shogunate, the region has been renowned for its advanced woodworking industry, which capitalized on its abundant forestry resources.

The construction of landmarks such as Sumpu Castle and Kunosan Toshogu, a shrine dedicated to Ieyasu, attracted skilled craftsmen to the region. Their expertise laid the foundations for the development of a model-making industry that continues to build upon traditional technologies.

Shizuoka's plastic modeling initiative was launched in February 2020, with the city government establishing a dedicated plastic model promotion section in fiscal 2022 to accelerate collaborative efforts between the public and private sectors.

Currently, 13 monuments of various plastic model parts, which serve as symbols of the initiative, can be found in the city. The government plans to increase this number to 30 by offering subsidies to businesses in the private sector that install new ones.

The monuments are made of stainless steel with each featuring a unique design. For instance, one features parts of a mailbox as well as an actual one that allows people to drop in their mail, while another is inspired by a public payphone, offering visitors the chance to make calls.

A monument displaying the Japanese logo "Shizuoka, World's Model Capital" invites people to take commemorative photos, allowing them to pose as if they are part of a scene.

The city offers both residents and visitors the chance to take a tour of the monuments. One such monument, featuring gilded armor worn by Ieyasu, is located at Sumpu Castle, where he spent his final years.



A monument depicting seat parts and an electronic bulletin board of a Shinkansen train sit at the JR Shizuoka Station. Meanwhile, Shizuoka Saiseikai General Hospital hosts a monument that features an ambulance.

"There was no symbol that truly represents Shizuoka's identity. We want to highlight the local industries that the city is proud of," a city official said.

An official from Shizuoka Terminal Development, which installed the Shinkansen monument, said, "Many people visit (the city) to see the monuments and take photos. We hope to contribute to the local community."

Model manufacturers are also actively promoting Shizuoka as a "hobby city." The city hosts the Shizuoka Hobby Show, one of Japan's largest model exhibitions, every year, drawing tens of thousands of visitors.

On Dec. 7 and 8, the city, in collaboration with a group of manufacturers, hosted the first-ever national plastic model championship for high school students.

Local elementary schools have incorporated plastic model production into their career education curriculum, with some junior high schools joining the initiative in fiscal 2024. Model manufacturers support these programs by having their employees guide production at the schools.

In 2023, Takumishuku, a traditional handcraft experience facility in the city, introduced a plastic model assembly workshop to complement its offerings of bamboo crafts and indigo dyeing.

A spokesperson for Tamiya, which oversaw the project, said, "We want to energize the plastic model industry and raise awareness of the appeal of artisan manufacturing."

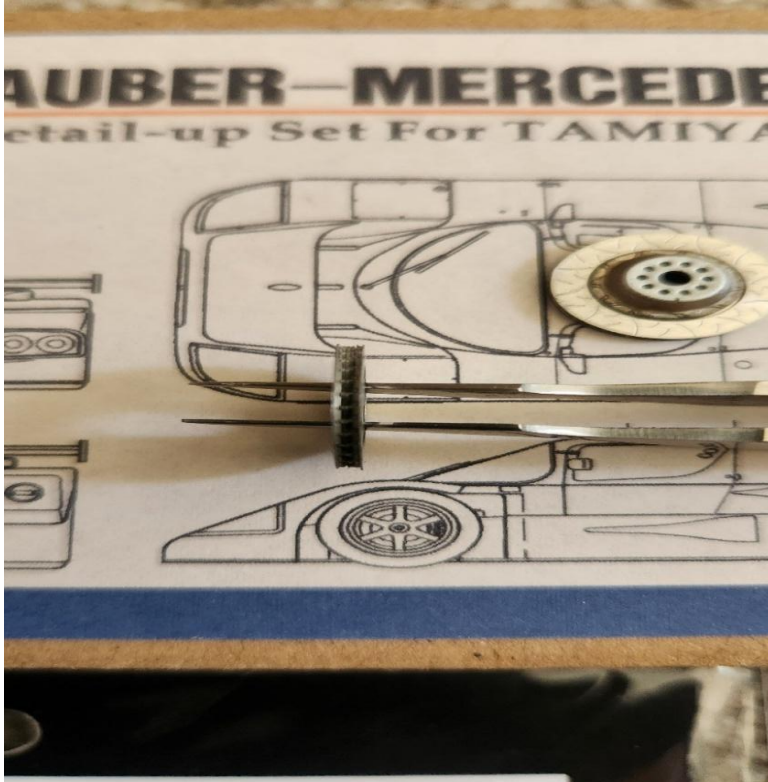
Shizuoka's private sector plans to continue its efforts to revitalize regional communities in collaboration with the city government and other organizations.

News from Bob Riviezzo (AKA – Rob Riv.) He's created a new Facebook page for modelers on working with PE parts.

Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/The Modeling Insanity Presents: PE Madness>

Rob's Intro -To get the ball rolling let's get some pics of some of everyone's recent Photo-Etch projects, no matter how good or bad you may think it is. Let's try and do this often to have some references for other people. Here is one of my recent favorites and one that hasn't been shown a lot. It's Dragon's PIII N with a full complement of Aber Photo-Etch and other aftermarket parts...





Jim's 2 cents on Nickel Silver PE parts for car brake rotors

RepLicon 32 Model Show

Freeport Recreation Center
130 E. Merrick Road
Freeport, NY 11520



Saturday, March 22, 2025
9 am to 4 pm



Event Activities

- ☐ Hundreds of Aircraft, Armor, Ships, Autos, Sci-Fi, Figures, and Diorama Displays
- ☐ 50 + Contest Categories
- ☐ 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards
- ☐ Gundam Categories
- ☐ Lots of Vendors
- ☐ Raffle



Visit our website for updates
contest rules, categories,
registration/entry forms,
vendor, and sponsor info.



ADMISSIONS:

Contest Entrants

Adults --- \$15.00 – limited to 10 model entries
(\$1.00 extra per model over 10)

Junior --- \$7.00 (Under 17 years of age)

Visitors

Adult ---\$10.00

7 to 17 years of age --- \$5.00

Seniors 65+ & Vets --- \$5.00

Current Military --- Free

Need Info? Internet site: WWW.LISMS-IPMS.ORG
or mail Jim at: jnboul19@yahoo.com

I have updated the LISMS website to reflect Replicon 32 show information including the show flyer, contest categories/rules, printable PDF files for the modeler's master form and the individual model entry forms.

The e-board has changed from 3 to 2 special themes which are the following:

1) 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII: Any scale or type of military model, figure, or diorama that represents the end of WWII in 1945.

2) 100th Anniversary of the Chrysler Corporation. This includes any product manufactured by the Chrysler Corporation including Chryslers, Dodge, Plymouth, and Jeep vehicles along with any military vehicles or tanks that were manufactured during any of war/conflicts of the last 100 years. Yes, Chrysler outboard boats would also count.



Who hasn't knocked over a bottle of liquid cement or Micro Set/Sol decal solution? I was installing curtain rods which came in this white flexible foam that's the perfect size for putting in the Micro Set/Sol bottles. You can always find modeling items in the most unusual places.

The black foam for the Tamiya extra thin cement is manufactured by them and is perfect for all their 40 ml bottles. I'm hoping this will eliminate any future spills.

LISMS Meeting Dates for 2024

February 24, 2025, in meeting room 1 & 2 starting at 7:30 pm (4th Monday)

March 17, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm

April 21, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm

May 19, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm

June 17, 2025, in meeting room A starting at 7:30 pm

July to November TBA

IPMS National Information with Hotel and Contest Reservations

A) The Hotel room blocks for all seven hotels will be released on February 1, 2025, at 12:00 Noon, (Eastern Time).

2025 IPMS/USA National Convention Contracted Hotels

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Number of Rooms</u>	<u>Contracted Rates</u>
Embassy Suites (Flagship)	250	\$159.00 plus tax per night
Comfort Inn	20	\$159.00 plus tax per night
Courtyard by Marriott	55	\$159.00 plus tax per night
Holiday Inn Express	30	\$149.00 plus tax per night
Hyatt Place	30	\$159.00 plus tax per night
Red Roof Inn	25	\$119.00 plus tax per night
Springhill Suites	20	\$169.00 plus tax per night

The hotel Room Blocks for all seven hotels will be released on February 1, 2025, at 12:00 Noon, (Eastern Time).

We will provide reservation links and hotel contact information at that time on the 2025 National Convention website.

2025 IPMS/USA National Convention Flagship Hotel (Embassy Suites) Reservation Policy

IPMS/USA contracted for a 250-room block with the flagship hotel (Embassy Suites) and negotiated a special IPMS/USA convention room rate for that block. Each year, the

host chapter faces the challenge of ensuring an equitable flagship hotel registration process for members. In past conventions, the room block has sold out within 30-minutes, and many of our members never had the opportunity to reserve a room in the flagship hotel. IPMS Tidewater took the lead to develop new policies focused on accountability in the reservation process with the goal of making the process more equitable and accessible to our members. These policies only apply to our flagship convention hotel, the Embassy Suites, which is co-located with the Hampton Roads Convention Center. In addition to our flagship hotel, our attendees also have the option to reserve rooms at one of our six other contracted hotels. Five of our contracted hotels are within walking distance of the convention hall site. We will also have a regular shuttle service between our contracted hotels.

These following policies were coordinated and approved by the IPMS National E-Board.

The following registration policies are in effect for the Embassy Suites Hotel, the 2025 IPMS/USA National Convention hotel:

A three-night minimum reservation is required for a room reserved within the IPMS/USA National Convention block. Members also have the option to expand their reservations to four or more nights to afford the greatest travel plan flexibility.

Rationale: Reservations less than three-nights at the flagship convention hotel impact IPMS/USA's room block availability. That issue could affect the national organization's ability to meet the established room night quota agreed to in the hotel contract. This places a potentially significant financial burden on the national organization.

Nonrefundable first night's room rate including tax, will be charged for each room reserved by the member (\$180.00) on the credit card used to make the reservation. For example, if you reserve two rooms, that would be a \$360.00, nonrefundable charge applied to the card used for the reservation. The charge will be applied toward the balance for the entire reservation stay. If the room(s) is/are canceled at any time before the convention, the card holder incurs a non-refundable charge of \$180.00 for each room canceled. The non-refundable first night rate is charged immediately at the **time of** the reservation. If the card is declined, the reservation may be canceled. Please ensure your credit card has the available credit limit for the room(s) you wish to reserve. In the event of illness or death in the family, the member must work directly with the Embassy Suites staff to receive a cancellation, in accordance with established hotel policies.

Rationale: In the past, multiple rooms were reserved by individual members, which limited other members' access to rooms at the flagship hotel. Often, the rooms at the flagship hotel were sold out within 15 to 30 minutes. Before any cancellation penalty

was incurred, usually 2-3 weeks before the convention, the flagship hotel experienced several room cancellations within the IPMS/USA National Convention-designated block. Those vacancies can negatively impact IPMS/USA's contractual obligations with respect to occupancy. More important, other members who would have made and kept their reservations, never had that opportunity because the rooms were sold-out during a compressed time frame. This measure has been implemented to improve fairness and access to the flagship hotel for all our members and provides "up front" accountability. This action does not prevent an individual member from reserving a block of rooms, but it places the card holder responsible for making that reservation accountable for any cancellation.

For questions regarding the flagship hotel reservation policy, please contact our convention Hotel lead, John Lent at tidewater@ipmsusa.org.

B) The IPMS Nationals model registration will go online on March 1st of 2025

Modeling Humor



Joel R. Berse, CEO, Trainville Hobby Depot Show Coordinator

Trainville Hobby Depot is proud to announce the beginning of its 2024-2025 new season of charity hobby show events.

Attached are our Long Island Hobby Show schedule as well as our overall Train Show schedule that takes us to upstate NY, NJ, Massachusetts, and Kansas during this new season.

TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT is designed as a not-for-profit entity looking to fund its philanthropic activities. We only participate in shows where there is a fund-raising element benefiting a worthy cause or causes.

Trainville Hobby Depot

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TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT FALL 2024 - SPRING 2025

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OUR LONG ISLAND HOBBY SHOWS SCHEDULE

- AUGUST**
24*-25 RAILROAD MUSEUM OF L I **RIVERHEAD RAILROAD FESTIVAL** rmi.org
416 GRIFFING AVE RIVERHEAD, NY 11901 SAT & SUN 10 AM - 4PM
TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT N SCALE LAYOUT ON DISPLAY (SAT ONLY) **RECENTLY ADDED!**
- NOVEMBER**
9 LONG ISLAND AUTO REPLICAS SOCIETY (LIARS) **MODEL SHOW (NOT TRAINS)** 9AM - 3PM
FREEPORT REC. CENTER 130 E. MERRICK RD. FREEPORT, NY 11520 rsmodelcarbuilders.com
23*-24* TOWN of OYSTER BAY **MODEL TRAIN SHOW** SAT & SUN 11 AM - 4 PM
HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER 28 WEST CARL ST. HICKSVILLE, NY 11801
TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT COORDINATOR - BENEFITS OYSTER BAY RAILROAD MUSEUM
- DECEMBER**
14* ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH 2421 HEWLETT AVE MERRICK, NY 11566 11AM-4PM
MODEL TRAIN SHOW COORDINATED BY TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT
BENEFITS - ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH & ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
- JANUARY 2025**
11*-12* NEW HYDE PARK FIRE DEPT. **MODEL TRAIN SHOW** SAT & SUN, 11 AM - 4 PM
CLINTON G. MARTIN PARK 1601 MARCUS AVE. NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11042 (COMMUNITY BLDG.)
TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT - COORDINATOR BENEFITS - ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY
- FEBRUARY**
15*-16* **NASSAU COUNTY MODEL TRAIN SHOW #13** BETHPAGE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
103 GRUMMAN ROAD WEST, BETHPAGE, NY 11714 SAT & SUN 11AM - 4PM
BENEFITS - NASSAU COUNTY GAMES FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT - COORDINATOR
- MARCH**
8*-9* TOWN of OYSTER BAY **MODEL TRAIN SHOW** SAT & SUN 11 AM - 4 PM
HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER 28 WEST CARL ST. HICKSVILLE, NY 11801
TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT - COORDINATOR BENEFITS - HICKSVILLE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
- 22 LONG ISLAND SCALE MODEL SOCIETY (LISMS) **MODEL SHOW** 9 AM - 3 PM (**NOT TRAINS**)
FREEPORT REC. CENTER 130 E. MERRICK RD. FREEPORT, NY 11520 lisms-ipms.org
- TBA* (POSSIBLE) LONG ISLAND NMRA SUNRISE TRAIL DIVISION **MODEL TRAIN SHOW**
TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT - **COORDINATOR**
- MAR/APR**
TBA* **SMITHTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** MODEL TRAIN EXHIBIT 11 AM - 4PM
LONG ISLAND HOTRACK & TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT LAYOUTS ON DISPLAY
- APRIL**
TBA* **NASSAU COUNTY MODEL TRAIN SHOW #14** TO BENEFIT NCPD EXPLORERS PROGRAM
COORDINATED BY TRAINVILLE HOBBY DEPOT - SHOW DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

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The Final Word

We would like to encourage club members to join the national IPMS. There's a special \$60 dollar price for three years that's good till August 5, 2025. That is a \$26 savings for a three-year membership. Help support the hobby on a national level. IPMS provides the insurance that allows us to have our RepIcon events, and membership includes a Bi-monthly IPMS Journal

magazine. Join IPMS/USA just click the link: <https://ipmsusa.org/> and just click the blue tab section "Join IPMS/USA."

IPMS / USA Membership

IPMS/USA MEMBERSHIP FORM				
IPMS No.:	_____	Name:	_____	_____
Address:	_____	If Renewing	_____	_____
City:	_____	State:	_____	Zip: _____
Phone:	_____	E-mail:	_____	_____
Signature (required by P.O.)	_____			
Type of Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult, 1 Year: \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult, 2 Years: \$58	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult, 3 Years: \$86	
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (Under 18 Years) \$17	<input type="checkbox"/> Family, 1 Year: \$35 (Adult + \$5, One Set Journals)	How Many Cards? _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada & Mexico: \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Other / Foreign: \$38 (Surface)	Checks must be drawn on a US bank or international money order		
Payment Method:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order		
Chapter Affiliation, (if any):	_____			
If Recommended by an IPMS Member, Please List His / Her Name and Member Number:				
Name:	_____	IPMS No.:	_____	
IPMS/USA	PO Box 1411			
Join or Renew Online at: www.ipmsusa.org	Riverview, FL 33568-1411			

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Willis Hobbies – Mineola

Our own LISMS club member Gary Weickart

BTW – I need articles, kit reviews, pictures, model show information, and stories from the club for the monthly newsletter. It can be anything hobby related. All submissions to the Long Island Scale Modelers Society Newsletter must be received by the Monday of the week before our scheduled meeting night. Email your articles and/or pictures to www.jnboul19@yahoo.com

Jim Boulukos, LISMS President

