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ASMS Christmas Party

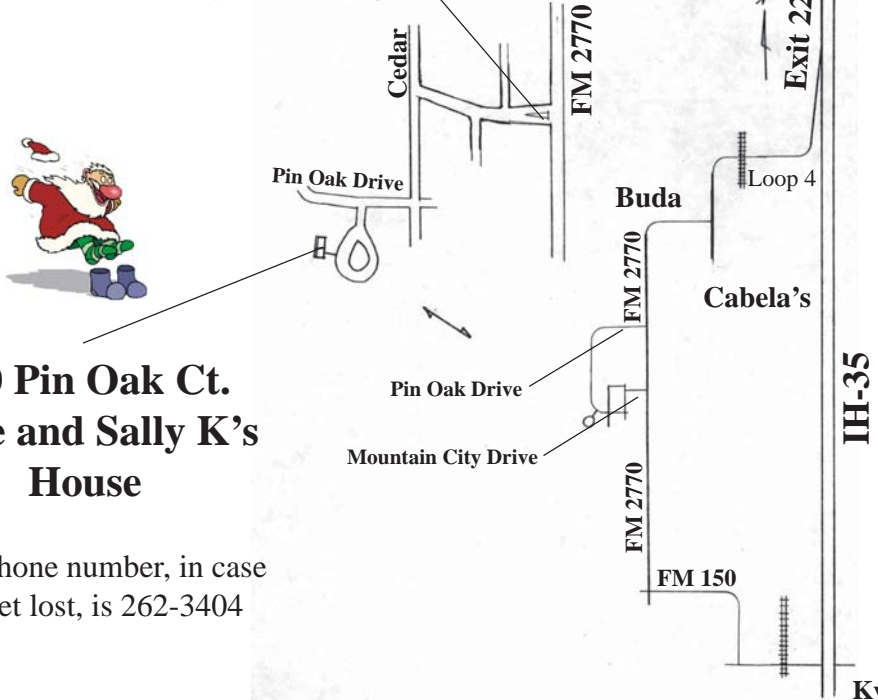


- Where: Mike and Sally Kachoris' house
- When: Saturday December 12, 2009 5:00pm
- Who: ASMS members and their families.
- What to Bring: Bring your favorite snack, dessert, and something to drink. ASMS will furnish a cheese/meat tray, etc.



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.

Mountain City Drive (Sign)



300 Pin Oak Ct.
Mike and Sally K's
House

Their phone number, in case
you get lost, is 262-3404



WARNING! Map is absolutely NOT to scale.

Kyle
Exit 213

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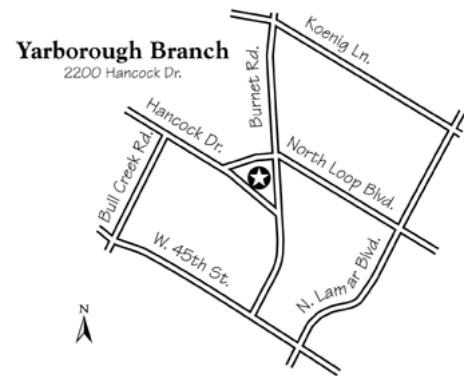
Phil Brandt	Eric Choy
Rick Cottingham	Bill Delk
Jeff & Angela Forster	The Kachoris Family
Adela Huerta	Larry Jones
Pat Olsen	Dennis Price
Lindsay Renfroe	Ion Tesu
John Seaman	Rick Willaman

New Date & Location for 2010 Meetings

Extra! Extra! Extra! ASMS monthly meetings in 2010 are now on a new date at a new (actually rather old) location.

We now meet on the **third Thursday of each month** back at the **Yarborough Branch Library** on Hancock Drive. So mark your new calendar and be sure not to show up on the wrong day at the wrong place! 

Editor



Support Our Troops!

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 the following contact points for **The Iraq Model Network**. Any individual, IPMS chapter, or industry supporter who wishes to make a donation, please contact:

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Mike's Montage...

Well, it's Christmas time, again. Do you all have your Christmas lights up and shopping done?

This time of year reminds me when I was a small child; growing up in the Boston area, we did not have outdoor lights on our house, and we would drive around and admire the beauty of the other homes in the nicer neighborhoods. So now I over compensate on my house. It's a lot of work, but hopefully I can bring the same joy to the others that I felt when I was a kid. Another thing that I enjoyed was watching "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!" on TV every year. The most memorable scene I recall is when Linus explains the meaning of Christ to Charlie Brown from the Book of Luke 2 verses 2-18:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, Lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.


And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men.

Nowhere does it mention presents but a gift to or from someone can be a gesture of good will. Some gestures of good will that do not cost anything but can make a world of difference are found in the many ways of volunteering. It can be at your church, your kid's school, your favorite hobby club, or even among your neighbors. If you have not already done so, take some time and volunteer. It will do a world of good and make you feel better too.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 

Mike

Volunteers Needed For ASMS Annual Show

Kenny and Kathy Roady have been coordinating the show for the past few years. Even though we would like them to continue doing it, it's just not fair for them and the club to put such a task on them every time. I am looking for two or three members to assist Kenny and Kathy and learn what is needed to organize our show. This is a very important responsibility that needs to be addressed if the club is going to put on successful shows in the future. 

Mike Kachoris

2009 Austin Scale Model Show Winner List

Better late than never, I finally received a list of ASMS members who won at our own show:

Name	Place [Category]	Subject
Milton Bell	1 st [1/72 Large Prop]	Mosquito PR.4
	1 st [1/72 Jet]	Hunter FG.9
	1 st [1/48 Allied Small Prop]	Spitfire Vb Trop
Bob Bethea	1 st [Historical Figure ≥80mm]	Trail Boss
	2 nd [Armor Diorama]	Ardennes Assault
	2 nd [Scifi/Fantasy Figure]	Little Archer
	3 rd [Scifi/Fantasy Figure]	Angry Centaur
Phil Brandt	3 rd [1/72 Jet]	M-50A Bounder
Eric Choy	1 st [Scifi/Fantasy Figure]	Sepia Tone Ghost
	2 nd [Triathlon]	
Rick Herrington	3 rd [Armor ≤1/72]	Leopard I
	3 rd [1/35 Softskin]	Bedford 4x4
Jeff Hobbs	3 rd [Beginners]	Gundam
Mitch Hobbs	1 st [Beginners]	War Of The Worlds
Russ Holm	2 nd [1/35 Artillery]	203mm Howitzer
	3 rd [1/35 Fully Tracked]	T-34
Bill Johnson	1 st [Armored Cars & APC]	V-100
	2 nd [1/35 Fully Tracked]	Sherman IV
	2 nd [Miscellaneous]	.50 Cal M1
Matthew Kupka	2 nd [Beginners]	F-117
Sara Kupka	2 nd [Junior Miscellaneous]	Corythasaurus
Gunnar Lindfors	1 st [Busts]	AAArgh!
	2 nd [Busts]	Mujahideen
	3 rd [Historical Figure ≥80mm]	Desetar
Ron McCracken	2 nd [1/72 Large Prop]	F5E Lightning
	2 nd [1/72 Jet]	XF-85
Ben Morton	2 nd [Rotary Wing]	Sea King
	3 rd [Aircraft Diorama]	German Airfield
Michael Poole	1 st [Competition]	Ferrari 250GT
Pat Rourke	2 nd [1/35 Fully Tracked]	T-34/85M
John Seaman	1 st [Rotary Wing]	Sea King
	3 rd [Biplane]	SE5A
John Seaman, Jr	1 st [Factory/Showroom]	Citroen 2CV
	3 rd [1/32 Prop]	F6F-5N Hellcat
Ion Tesu	1 st [Miscellaneous]	USN AIM-9
Keith Townsend	3 rd [Triathlon]	

Special Awards

Bob Bethea	Best Figure	Trail Boss
Michael Poole	Best Finish	Ferrari 250GT
Michael Poole	Best Automotive	Ferrari 250GT
Michael Poole	Best of Show	Ferrari 250GT



Merry Christmas!



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