



Introduction

One of the most important things we do at AMM is to recognize good work. We want to publish reports and photos that recognize both the efforts of the people who put the shows on and of those who made the effort to compete or show. Depending on space available, we'll cover as many as we can, but we especially want to cover the IPMS/USA regional and national conventions and any other large, well-established shows where model airplanes and spacecraft are major categories. Typically, this coverage will consist of a one- or two-page photo essay (typically between 5 and 15 photos supported by captions and around 250 words of text).

We do not pay for these reports. Hopefully, you recognize that having your report published represents great value-added for your contest and for those who attended it.

You should include photography and reporting in your show planning.

- To help you achieve a good turnout, we may be able to publicize your show, but you need to let us know at least 6 months in advance for it to do you any good. Keep in mind that AMM is currently a quarterly periodical.
- To ensure you put your best foot forward, get somebody who's both competent and highly motivated to take the pictures.
- To ensure your report is published in a timely fashion, please be aware of AMM's deadlines for sending the magazine to the printer. These dates will change when AMM increases its annual publication cycle from quarterly to bi-monthly.

Issue Number	Title	Deadline for Show Reports
10	Spring 2008	10 Mar 2008
11	Summer 2008	10 Jun 2008
12	Fall 2008	10 Sep 2008

Image and File Requirements

The same requirements apply to these show reports as apply to any other article we have to make ready for print. Please review the technical specifications in the ***Digital Photography Guide*** for more complete details and suggestions for image quality, but here's a summary:

- We strongly prefer TIF files over JPEGs. JPEGs are a compressed format, and picture quality suffers accordingly. We can use JPEGs if they have sufficient resolution and if they're not compressed too much.
- Regardless of file type, we require a minimum resolution of 300 dpi in the finished image size. Typically, you can set your camera for a 3.0 Mpix image size and you'll be good for anything up to about 3" x 3."
- Please focus and frame your pictures properly. You may want to consider taking the photos in a controlled environment (i.e., adequate and balanced lighting, neutral-colored backgrounds, uncluttered backgrounds, etc.) rather than on the competition table. Make sure your flash is working.
- If you're shooting photos of the models on the competition table, it's usually best to take 3 or 4 photos of each model to make sure you a good one.

One of the most important things you can do to make it easier for us to lay out your report (and greatly improve your chances of getting it published) is to provide proper file names and proper captions for the photos.

- Don't just download the images from your camera and dump them in an e-mail or on a CD. The file names are usually meaningless gibberish. Please create descriptive file names that are associated with the subjects and with the captions. For example, you could use a sequence number, the builder's last name, and a short description of the model: **31 smith spitfire.tif** or **08 jones P-51D.tif**
- Captions can be included in a separate text file. (MS Word .doc files are easiest to work with.) Captions for model photos should include:
 - Photo filename
 - Name, hometown, IPMS number, and IPMS chapter of the builder (if they want to provide that information)
 - Kit manufacturer, scale, and name of the subject
 - Brief description of any extra work done or aftermarket products used

We strongly prefer that you mail you data package to us on a CD. Be sure to include a cover letter that explains what's on the CD and includes your contact info. It's also a good idea to send us an e-mail when you mail the CD so we can be looking for it. Alternatively, you can contact our Graphics Arts Manager via the AMM website for FTP instructions and passwords.

Suggested Content

Although there are no fixed content requirements, this checklist will help you build a complete package, and a more complete package will increase the likelihood that we can publish your report. Here are some highly desirable items that could be covered in your text:

- Date and location of show
- Names (and photos!) of key personnel, especially the Contest Chairman and Head Judge
- Photos of the Judges' Best Aircraft and Best Real Spacecraft (the model, the award, and the builder)
- Photos of any other aircraft or spacecraft (the model, the award, and the builder) that win special awards (i.e., Most Popular, Best WW1 Subject, Best OOB Aircraft, Best Helicopter, Best F-16, etc.)
- Photos of all meritorious aircraft and real spacecraft entries
- A few words about the sponsoring IPMS chapter
- A few words about the contest or show (e.g., how many years has it been going, how many models total, how many airplane and real space models, how many attendees, etc.)
- High-resolution artwork for club or show logos

The 250 word target for the text applies to us, not to you. Use a many words as you need to say what needs to be said, and we'll figure out how to make it fit.

We're not looking for just the category award winners. We're specifically looking for photos of any interesting aircraft and spacecraft models that exhibit quality, daring, and panache that inspire people to build more and better models and to tackle challenging projects. Keep in mind that AMM appeals to primarily an American audience, and we want to include a balance of national subjects from all eras and aircraft types.

We don't cover sci-fi or fantasy space subjects, but we're also interested in models that are related to real aircraft, such as:

- Aircraft carriers
- Anti-aircraft weapons
- Missiles and launchers
- Pilot or crew figures
- Ground support vehicles
- Dioramas for aircraft and real spacecraft

Finally...

Contact us if you need more information, have questions, or think we can help. There's a form letter on this website to request other show support. **Thanks!**