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MODEL KIT REPORT

A high-flyin' kit and a show

This month, we'll go inside the box of the Atlantis Toy and Hobby Inc. reissue of the US Space Missiles kit and a look at the IPMS Nationals 2022 in Omaha.

Atlantis # M6871 1/128 US Space Missiles

Many of the missiles in this historic kit, re-issued by Atlantis Toy and Hobby Inc., were also used in the space program. First, they went up with instruments and cameras and then began carrying astronauts into earth orbit. This kit is a jumping-off point for exploring aerospace science, engineering and space program history. The starry night sky shot of the Milky Way on the box bottom tops off the display.

Inside are five runners with 71 white styrene parts to assemble into 36 missiles at 1/128 scale, and a base for display. You may want to suggest various abrasive products to remove flash and a plastic welder with a precision applicator for assembly. The instructions have assembly diagrams with basic color callouts and decal placements for each missile, with more diagrams for the Titan roll markings. The decals are crisply printed with labeled sections for each rocket.



The kit includes a Know the Missiles STEM booklet telling the story of each missile. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programs that promote education for all students across the country. If you haven't already, consider checking for a local program to partner with. There's more on your shelves besides models for STEM programs.



Paul Weber from Alpha Precision Abrasives made the drive from Ontario.

Voices of the Industry Modeling the Arsenal of Democracy: 2022 IPMS National Convention

Hosting an IPMS/USA National Convention is no small undertaking. Every convention (Nats, for short) is the culmination of two years of planning. IPMS Fort Crooke Chapter has hosted Nats four times, three in the past 11 years.

The 2022 Nats were very well attended, with strong vendor sales. There were programs for all ages, skill levels and interests. There were panels, demos and classes, a make-n-take for kids and two vendor rooms with a huge variety of modeling treasures. The IPMS Ft. Crooke community has it down to a science.

The contest had more than a thousand entries from the US and other countries. The variety of subjects, skill level and attention to detail was incredible.

Members of the industry had vendor room real estate as well.

Steve Iverson of Doll and Hobby GA staffed the booth showing the latest in kits available from the company.



Steve Iverson of Doll and Hobby GA



Mig AMMO Demo Team



The Heartland Hobby Team



Revell booth

AMMO brought in a couple of modeling experts to demo their products.

Revell was in a corner booth with the latest and greatest.

Heartland Hobby Wholesale was there in force, with several tables and a good crew, including founder and owner Alan Dayton. His business model is very customer-centered. Heartland worked with a participating retailer to handle all the transactions for Heartland products sold at the event.



Peter Vetri and Rich DelFavero represented Atlantis Toy and Hobby Inc.

Participating at shows will increase your visibility and can be a step toward membership in the community. Sponsoring awards or offering demos can improve this. Ask your manufacturers or distributors about a partnership. They show the product and you sell it. It may also be possible to be their representative at a show. They might even be willing to pay some expenses.

Next month, more Build Log for the Model Airways Clerget 9B WWI Rotary aircraft engine. See you in 2023! **HM**