



Los Angeles Miniaturists Society

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Our first meeting of the New Year is upon us. We will be meeting this Saturday at the Ship! (VFW) Doors open at 9:00am.

Peter is still out of town and asked me to fill in for him. I will do my best to give you all a current update.

Our Festivus 2019 party was a blast! Probably one of the best we've had in years. The food was great, the raffle was absolutely loaded, the comradery was in abundance, and the display table was as impressive as ever with lots of quality pieces of work.

Our Festivus inner club contest "1941" was crazy good with Emilio Jr. "Bubba" Cuesta taking it home. Brent will have the 2020 contest category decided by Saturday's meeting.

Congratulations to our first recipient of the modeler of the year award. Leo Maida was elected for his nonstop participation and commitment to excellence in our hobby. As the great artist and modeler known as Scott Carter would say, "That was Bitchin Bro"!

Our first Demo for the year will be presented by Master Modeler Dave "Dubya" Whitford. Dave will bring in some of the materials he uses for customizing and converting and will be available to answer any questions you may have when needing to convert an item on a model with styrene, or how to change the pose of a figure using armature wire and epoxy putty. The techniques presented can be used in all aspects of modelling. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a master craftsmen.

LAMS yearly dues are due! Please see Gwenda or myself as you enter the meeting if you wish to be a yearly member. Club entry fee is \$5.00 a meeting or \$45.00 for the year. The membership helps support the club and it provides for all the events we have scheduled throughout the year. Without your support, we would have been one and done. 21 years later, and we are still going strong thanks to our members.

Thoughts and opinions on the LAMS Workshop Session II are being sought after, so if you have some ideas on what would be a good 6 hour workshop for you, please give us your feedback. The last one was very successful but we are looking to make it better by braking it down to just one category rather than 2.

We have 23 confirmed orders for the first ever official LAMS club shirt. If you did not attend the last meeting, we presented the Swing Master 2.0 Bowling Shirt in the club colors and took orders. I will bring in the 3 sizes we have available for you to try on and place your order. We will be asking for payment on the 23 that were ordered and will take any further orders this coming Saturday. After this next meeting we will close the books on the LAMS club shirts so that we can place the order as we have fulfilled our minimum order limit. \$45.00 for shirt with digital print club logo (just like the header) with the font included. \$5.00 additional for embroidered name on front left chest.



We are always looking for ways to improve the LAMS experience and will do all we can to keep going strong. I have not been able to download the hundreds of images I have been collecting for the last year and a half. This was brought to my attention and I am glad to announce that we will be getting help to speed up the process. Brent Tinkham, Mike Armstrong and Steve Munroe will head up the photography and website galleries for LAMS. This situation was something that was a little hard on me as I have been trying to photo shop all the images in our system waiting to be downloaded. I have had to make some adjustments on my end and have been very busy just prepping the files for galleries. I will no longer Photoshop all the images in an attempt to get them on the site as quickly as possible. We are currently working on a new system that will speed everything up. This is a good thing for the club and I appreciate the club members stepping up and offering their help. Very much appreciated. I will still take some of the finer images and do my thing on the website banner. So if you have a favorite project and do not have an image on the banner with your name on it, I will still be doing Photoshop enhancements and color adjustments with cleaned up backgrounds, just to keep our website current and looking bitchin as always.

I think that just about wraps it up for me. I look forward to seeing you at the Ship this Saturday. Let's see, Hot Coffee and donuts, Announcements, Shits and giggles, Show and tell, Demo by Dubya, and as always the LAMS raffle table.

We expect to see lots of items on the show and tell table this month, you've all had plenty of time to model so no excuses. Bring in your current project, a future project, or even an old project. We look forward to seeing your works of art.

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