



IPMS  
Santa Rosa

# Scale Model Expo 2007

Saturday, February 10

9:30am to 4:00pm

Petaluma Community Center, 320 North McDowell Blvd



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## 2007 Scale Model Expo Acknowledgements

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Please note that the next Hobby Expo will be February 9, 2008. Don't miss it!



The 2007 Model Expo was the most successful to date! The most models (282 in the contest plus nearly 100 on display), the most contest entrants (85), the most vendors (28 tables), the biggest raffle and by far the largest attendance. With so many rooms and activities going on, attendance was hard to gage, but 500 seems to be in the ballpark.

What made all the difference was the sponsorship of [Hobbytown of Petaluma](#). This allowed us to rent a lot more space and invite all the hobby clubs we could find to participate and display.

Ten Sonoma County hobby clubs joined the fun to showcase a broad range of creative hobby activities. People attending the event could watch an operating HO modular train layout, learn to move cars in an HO scale train switch yard, play strategy games based on the Civil War, World War II, and science fiction space battles, and operate battle robots in a mini-battle ring. Other clubs presented models and information on radio controlled aircraft, radio controlled racing cars, and large scale model shipbuilding. Hobbytown set

up an indoor racetrack where kids could test their skills at driving miniature radio controlled monster trucks.



**Participating Clubs** ([More Information](#)):

[Coastal Valley Lines](#) (model railroad)

[Galactic Cup Game Group](#)

[North Bay Gamers Group](#)

[Redwood Empire R/C Ground Pounders](#)

Redwood Empire Ship Builders

[Society of Antique Modelers](#) (flying models)

Sonoma County Model Railroad Society

[SRJC Robotics Club](#)

[Wine Country Flyers](#)

Wine Country Modelers (cars and other models)

Satisfying the hunger and thirst of the Expo crowd was **Petaluma Boy Scout Troop 7**. The Scouts sold breakfast and lunch items all day. The proceeds will fund their summer camp.

This year's Expo featured our traditional "Speed Build" competition organized by the ever-devious Lloyd Holcomb. This year's challenge for ten adventurous modelers was to build the Italeri's 1/35 Demag PAK 38, complete with link & length tracks, in only one-hour.

Hobbytown sponsored and staffed Make-and-Take. Kids could build plastic models of

cars and planes, build flying model rockets, and design their own Lego creations.

Bruce Douglas of IPMS Mt Diablo set up a professional photo booth on stage to document the fine models displayed at the event. His photographs appear on [Hobby Expo 2007 Results](#) and [flickr](#).

And finally, there was an IPMS model contest in the middle of all this activity! Please visit [Hobby Expo 2007 Results](#) for complete contest results and many more photos.

We wish to thank:

[IPMS Mt Diablo](#), for their continuing support in co-hosting this event. [Hobbytown of Petaluma](#), for their generous financial and personnel support. Head Judge Roy Sutherland and the members of IPMS Fremont and other chapters who volunteered to be judges.



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