

# IPMS Santa Rosa 2007 Summer Picnic

**Location:** Lower Jackrabbit Group Picnic Area, Spring Lake, California

**Date:** July 21, 2007

**Commentary:** Greg Reynolds

**Photographers:** John Admire and Jae Rickets



*IPMS Santa Rosa members & families start to gather at Spring Lake's Lower Jackrabbit Picnic Area. Note our new chapter banner, courtesy of Bob J Signs and John Boes.*

It's hard to believe that this was our *sixth* annual club picnic! Once again we met at Spring Lake Park, this time on Saturday July 21. There were approximately 20 people in attendance. This has developed into a great tradition, and one that is rare, if not unique, among IPMS Chapters. There are few things more pleasant than spending a beautiful afternoon under a shady tree with friends, food, models... and a few beers.



*(Left to right) Tom Berto, Greg Reynolds, Dale Bohling, Paul "Andy" Anderson share a good story.*



*Randy Bumgardner and son Ziggy, Pat Nichols and wife Sally share a bench while Doug Dropeskey searches for a bottle opener.*



*You can't separate the modelers from their models. (Left to right) Wesley Levy, Greg Reynolds, Hal Sanford and John Boes discuss Revell's 1/48 Spirit of St. Louis.*



*John and Fran Boes.*



*Jae and Fran.*



*Sally Nichols and friend.*

What's a picnic without food? Thanks to the hard work of el Presidente John Admire and Madam President Cathy, everything was flawlessly organized. The club provided burgers, dogs and drinks which members supplemented with potluck salads and deserts. It was a generous spread.







*John and Cathy Admire at the grill.*



*"Come and get it!"*



*A brief silence descends over the picnic.*



*Tim Admire and Mellissa enjoy a quite moment after the meal.*

This year's entertainment was created by Greg Reynolds. An egg toss is a familiar game, especially around Easter. What better variation could there be for a bunch of modelers than a *model toss*? The choice of subject was a natural. 2007 is the 80th anniversary of Lindbergh's famous flight, and the club happened to have a large number of Testor's "Spirit of St. Louis's" left over from an old "Make & Take". The rules were simple. After each toss, the model with the most damage was eliminated. The last team standing wins!



*Greg's Spirited contribution. Three models in three days. A record he is not likely to break anytime soon! Other Spirit builders include Dale Bohling, Randy Bumgardner and Tom Berto.*



*Randy didn't get his Spirits ready in time, so he and Tom Berto had an impromptu "Speed Build" at the Picnic.*





*The "New York" team members line up on the west side of the "Atlantic Ocean" and prepare for take off. (Left to right) Randy Bumgardner, John Boes, John Admire, Tom Berto, Dennis Dow and Greg Reynolds.*

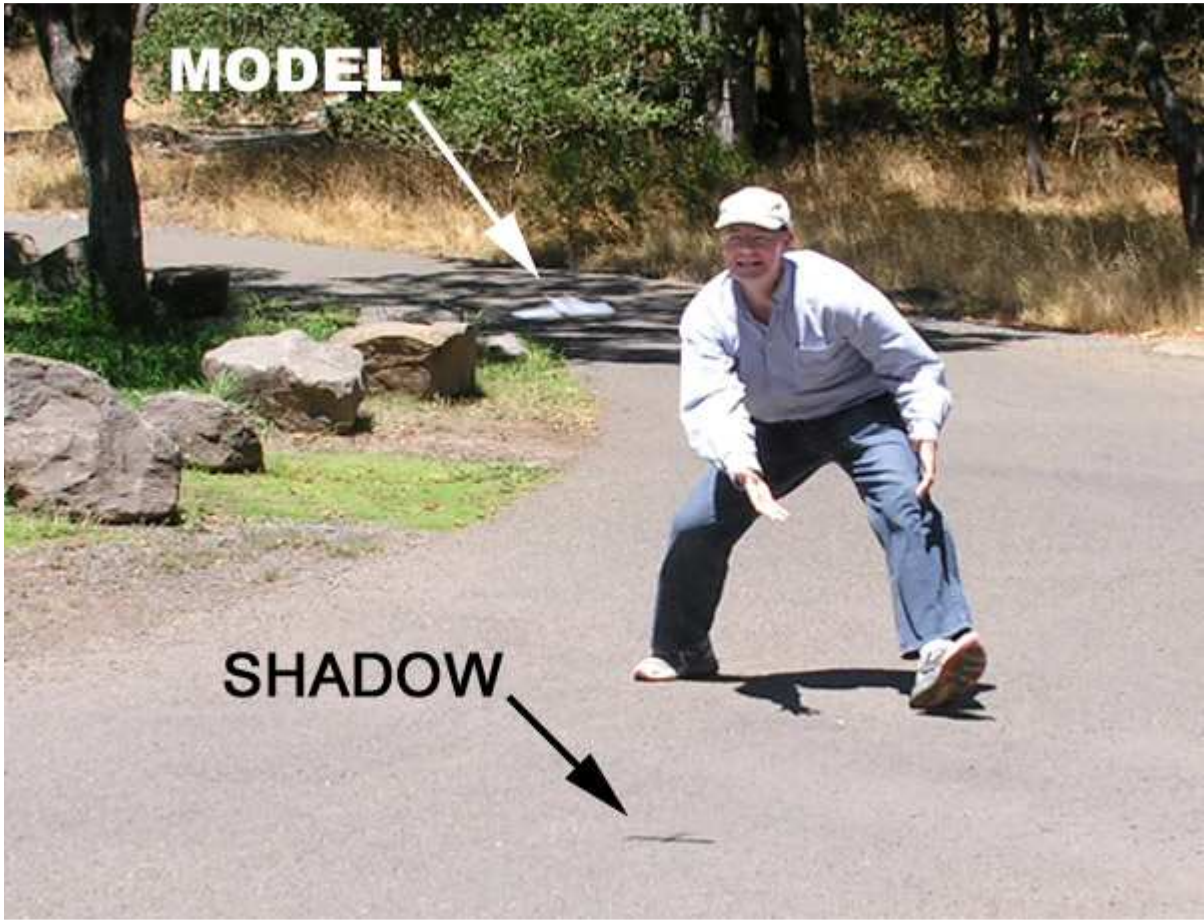




*The "Paris" team members: (Left to right) Wesley Levy, Dow Jr., Dale Bohling, Hal Sanford, and Doug Dropeskey. The old Testors kits proved to be remarkably resilient, especially when crashing into dirt and leaves.*



*After several tosses, the teams moved out into the driveway for a more elbowroom and less forgiving crash landings. Nevertheless, the "flight" distances reached over 60 feet before there was serious attrition! At this range the wind caused serious problems. In this photo Doug Dropeskey's toss catches a gust and is headed for the "drink".*



*Hal Sanford's winning catch! Note his exquisite form and the unusual flight attitude of the "Spirit". An inverted spin, launched "Frisbee style" produced the most stable flight path.*



*The Model Toss winning team: John Admire and Hal Sanford.*



*Wrapping up the day: (Left to right) Greg Reynolds, Dennis Dow and son, Dale Bohling, Randy and Ziggy Cookie Monster Bumgardner, John Boes, Tom Berto, Doug Dropeskey and Hal Sanford lying down on the job.*

Our thanks to all those who attended and especially those who contributed to the activities, help set up, and plan the event. Don't miss next year's!

