

IPMS/USA National Convention Mission Brief #3

July 17-20, 2024

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The 2024 IPMS National Convention Team has been working tirelessly to bring what we hope will be the biggest spectacle in IPMS National Convention history! This mission brief provides you with updated information pertaining to hotels, registration, tours, schedules, seminars, and other aspects of the convention.



**Convention Registration Opens on
February 3rd**

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We know you **STILL** have questions!!!!

- The Madison team fields, on average, 70-100 questions weekly, through a variety of communications platforms, including email, direct messaging, Facebook, and through the IPMS/USA and Nats2024.com websites. We encourage members to review the “pinned” messages and original forum thread posts, as they are updated regularly as new information is released.
- This document serves to provide you with information pertaining to hotels and their specific amenities, show and tour information, and parking information.
- But I still have questions! The Madison team has had some real doozies – Do I need winter clothing? *No, it'll be in the 80s...* What color is the floor in the vendor hall? *Red...it's red, and it's not changing.* Despite doing everything that we can to make your Nats experience a great one, we do have our limits. Please be considerate of the Nats team moving forward as there's still loads of work to be done. Your 2024 Nats team, like all the others before us, are average folks with real lives who volunteer their time to bring this great event to you. We will update the membership with any developments that are news-worthy. To all the IPMS/USA members who've offered support and encouragement, thank you.



IPMS NATIONAL CONVENTION FACILITY – Monona Terrace Convention Center

IPMS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Pre-registration FAQ

Pre-registration opens on February 3rd, 2024, at NOON Central Standard Time.

Do I have to be an IPMS/USA member in order to register? Yes, you do.

Where can I register? The link for pre-registration can be found on the Nats2024.com website, via an email sent by Wild Apricot to current IPMS members, and via this link right here...

[CLICK ME TO PRE-REGISTER](#)

This link will NOT be activated until Noon on Feb 3rd, CST.

(So clicking it before then accomplishes nothing)

What do I get with pre-registration? You get access to the convention, obviously. Pre-registration also secures you a convention pin, the convention decal sheet, and access to optional merchandise such as t-shirts and challenge coins. In addition, pre-registration gets you first access at banquet tickets, tours, and paid classroom seminars and workshops.

IPMS NATIONAL CONVENTION Award Sponsorships

This years first, second, and third-place awards are 3” custom challenge coins. Each features the convention logo on the front, with the IPMS/USA logo on the back. The cost to sponsor a category award is \$60. Awards sponsorships will go live in the upcoming weeks, once we have pre-registration underway. Any IPMS member or chapter can sponsor a category award.



Special Awards – In addition to the category awards – “Specials”, theme-awards, Best-of Awards, etc., are eligible for sponsorship. Those awards will be a wooden plaque created by Bases By Bill, with a 4” single-sided coin embedded. Cost for special award sponsorships are \$150/award. At the awards ceremony, all category sponsors and special award sponsors will be recognized. Online sponsorship will occur through the IPMS/USA web store and will be announced when ready.

Convention Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 17th

6:30am – 1pm vendor-only setup.
9am – Facility and Registration open.
10am – Seminars commence.
1pm – Vendor Room opens.
5pm – Registration closes.
7pm – Model room closes.
9pm – Facility closes.

Thursday, July 18th

9am – Facility and Registration open.
9am – Vendor Room opens.
10am – Seminars commence.
5pm – Vendor Room closes.
5pm – Registration closes.
7pm – Concert on the rooftop.
8pm – Model room closes.
9pm – Facility closes.

Friday, July 19th

9am – Facility and Registration open.
10am – Seminars commence.
12pm – Registration closes.
5pm – Vendor Room closes.
5pm – Model room closes.
9pm – Facility closes to public – except judges.

Saturday, July 20th

9am – Facility open.
10am – Seminars commence.
4pm – Model Room closes.
5pm – Vendor room closes.
6pm – Dinner on rooftop
7pm – Awards ceremony.
9:30pm – Model room re-opens.
11pm – Facility closes.

The Grand Terrace area will be open for social activities from 8am – 9pm Weds.-Fri, and 8am – 11pm Saturday.

Seminars and Guest Speakers – as of 2/2/24*

Presentation Title	Presenter / Presenters
3-D Design for Scale Modelers	Colasante John
3-D Printing for Scale Modelers	Colasante John
So You Want to Build Dioramas... The Way of the Road Warrior	Drayton, Martin
GREX Airbrush Painting Seminar - PAID CLASSES	Dunbar Bryant
What Judges Look For	Engar Richard
Improving Your Basic Auto Building	Engar Richard
Mysteries of Hawaiian USAAF Pursuit Markings in 1941	Gilbert Stephen
Airbrush 101 - PAID CLASSES	Grossman Tom
Bringing Dinosaurs to Life with Your Airbrush - PAID CLASS	Grossman Tom & Schmitt Rob
Surveyor: US Soft Lunar Landing Program	Guenther Benjamin
Flying for Air America and Living to Tell about it, 1964-1975	Hansen Neil
Stripping Paint from Finished Models	Hartjes David
The Amazing Bugatti Model 100P Racer -1936 - Its History and Restoration	Havens Robert
Boeing B-17 - The Final Mission	Henry Chris
Huey - Saving an Icon of the Vietnam War	Henry Chris
US Naval Camouflage Doctrine in 1941 – the Pearl Harbor Battle Line	Herne Jeff
1/72nd Scale Aircraft Model Dioramas & Vignettes	Hustad Steve
Modeling and Publishing	Kidwell Tim
Diorama Base Design, Construction, & Finishing - PAID CLASSES	Lawler Rick
Plastic Sailing Ships: The Few, The Proud, and More Fun than Planes, Tanks & Cars!"	Lockhart David & Wheaton Michael
Bare Metal Foil as a Metallic Surface and a Masking Agent on Models	Luce Steven W
The Story of the Recovery of the Once-Lost WW2 US Navy Aitcraft of Lake Michigan	Lyssenko Taras C.
Building the Soviet LK Lunar Lander	Mackowski Mike
Armor Weathering with Confidence by Panzermeister36	McCallum Evan
Creating Great Dioramas and Vignettes	McFadden Mike, Rowley Lynn, Gulden Andy, Cihlar Greg, Mrosko Chris
Airbrush Finesline Techniques with Acrylics	Miller John
How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Airbrush	Miller John
Painting and Weathering Realistic Natural Metal Finishes for Aircraft	Moore Jeremy
The Life of Richard "Dick" Bong, America's Greatest Ace	O'Connor Michael
Badger Aces: Top American Filers with Wisconsin Connections	O'Connor Michael
Painting Figures and Fleshtones	Primeau Scott
Bases: Approaches for Model Display and Dioramas	Raver Rob
NASA Space Probes	Schorry Rob
Eldorado Canyon	Rotramel Jim
Creating Championship Ship Models	Simon Joe
Building the 1/32 Wingnut Wings LVG C.VI in 1.32 Scale	Steinbrunn Robert
Modelling Tricks, Resin Casting, & Scratch Building	Straub Dave
Scratchbuilding Ship Models	Straub Dave
Cutting Canopy Masks and Styrene with a Machine	Sullivan Keith
Designing and Printing Masks	Chris Vandegrift
Carbon Fiber Modeling	Wells Matthew
Behind the Scenes at the Airlines & What Airliners Look Like Up Close	Wilkins John

* Seminars are subject to change. Some seminars require registration and pre-payment via IPMS/USA convention registration.

Seminar schedules are still being finalized.



MORE HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel Status 2-2-24

Phase One Hotels are sold out. This includes the Hilton, Home2Suites, and Clarion.

Phase Two – We have received a counter-signed and amended contract from the Embassy Suites, located across the street from the convention center. We have a block of 185 rooms. At present, the hotel management company does not have the online reservation or hotel computer database online. The hotel management company will be taking names via a Google Forms document to hold rooms for our block. That Google Forms document link has NOT been sent to the Madison team as of today. When it is sent to us, we will send it to everyone else. It will be first-come, first-serve.

There are three NEW hotels contracted at Madison West (about 12 min away). They require a commute to the convention center, and yes, we are working on a shuttle bus. You can call the Hilton reservations line (800-445-8667) or click the links below (click on the BLUE text):

Homewood Suites @ \$154/night with a block from the 16th to the 21st. If you choose to call the hotel to book, the Group Name is IPMS 2024 and your group code for THIS hotel is 90C (Nine-Zero-Charlie).

Tru by Hilton @ \$134/night. If you choose to call the hotel to book, the Group Name is IPMS 2024 and your group code for THIS hotel is 907 (Nine-Zero-Seven).

Hampton by Hilton @ \$144/night. If you choose to call the hotel to book, the Group Name is IPMS 2024 and your group code for THIS hotel is 906 (Nine-Zero-Six).

HOTELS

Some basic comments about the hotels...

- Most of the hotels offer company-owned shuttles to the airport and downtown. Those arrangements are made directly with your hotel.
- IPMS Mad City Modelers will have a shuttle bus running between the Monona Terrace Convention Center and the hotels located around the Alliant Energy Center. Shuttle buses to the Madison West hotels are still being negotiated. It is our plan to have the shuttle making two cycles per hour from 8am – 9pm.
- There are dozens of hotels in and around the Madison area. The hotels listed here are the hotels which have negotiated blocked contracts with IPMS/USA for the National Convention. If none of the above-listed hotels meet your needs, please feel free to look in and around the Madison area for more affordable options.
- Embassy Suites is still under construction – so until they are ready to go, we must be patient. We HAVE a contract with them, they are on schedule and expect to open in early June. We hope to start taking reservations with them much sooner. Parking will be available onsite for an additional fee.

Parking at Monona Terrace Convention Center

For more information visit: <https://www.mononaterraceparking.com/>

Welcome

Welcome to the MONONA TERRACE CONVENTION CENTER PARKING FACILITY.

General information and Rates:

- Our parking facility consists of 600 total parking spaces.
- 200 parking spots are reserved for State Workers – (M-F 5 am-5 pm only).
- 400 parking spots are open to the public on a first come first serve basis.
- 600 parking spots are open to the public Monday through Friday after 5 pm and on weekends.

Hours of operation: OPEN 24/7 – 7 days a week

Our rates are as follows:

- STARTING at 5:00 am
- 00 TO 20 MIN – FREE
- 20 TO 30 MIN – \$1.00
- 30 TO 60 MIN – \$3.00
- 01 TO 02 HOURS – \$6.00
- 02 TO 03 HOURS – \$9.00
- 03 TO 04 HOURS – \$12.00
- 04 TO 05 HOURS – \$15.00
- 06 + HOURS – \$16.00

AFTER 5:00 PM & ON WEEKENDS THERE IS A FLAT RATE OF \$5.00.

 VISA, MASTER CARD, AND CASH ONLY	
PARKING RATE	
STARTING @ 5AM	
0 TO 20 MIN	FREE
20 TO 30 MIN	1.00
30 TO 60 MIN	3.00
1 TO 2 HOURS	6.00
2 TO 3 HOURS	9.00
3 TO 4 HOURS	12.00
4 TO 5 HOURS	15.00
6+ HOURS	16.00
AFTER 5PM & WEEKENDS	5.00
FOR OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND TRAILER CALL (608) 261-4072	

LOST TICKET CHARGE \$25.00

- Total of 400 parking spaces M-F, with 600 available on Saturday.
- Daily parking cost \$16 weekdays and \$5 on weekends.
- Additional parking spaces at multiple locations, within walking distance.
- Team will work on shuttle services from various hotels to largely eliminate the need for parking.

HOTEL-SPECIFIC PARKING WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE HOTEL SECTION OF THIS DOCUMENT.

Vendors with oversized vehicle parking requirements - please contact Vendor Coordinator Bob Clift for additional information.

Tour Information



EAA Museum Oshkosh, WI

← EAA Oshkosh Museum Tour with Wisconsin Military Museum Tour.

Thursday – 10:30am – 8:30pm

Bag lunch included, sit-down dinner included.

Cost per person: \$80

Space available – 110 spaces

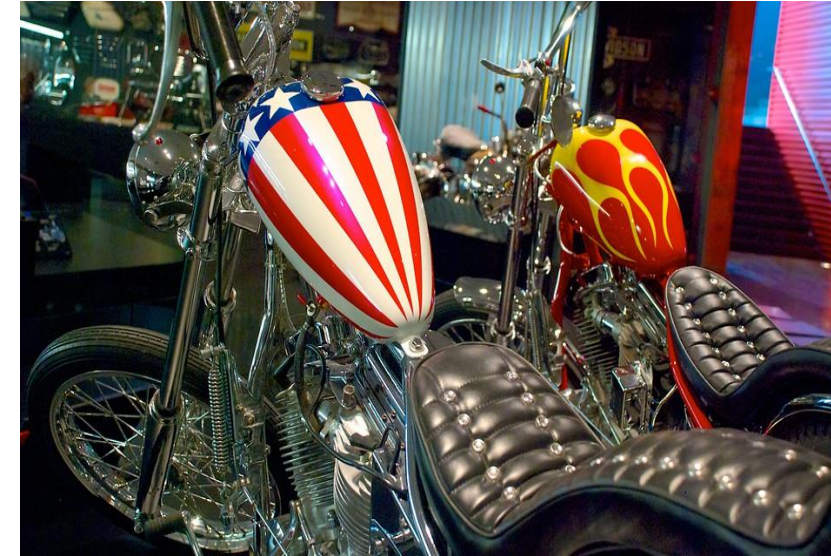
Harley Davidson Museum Tour, Milwaukee WI. →

Friday – 9am – 2pm

Bag Lunch included

Cost per person: \$70

Space Available - 55 spaces



Harley Davidson Museum, Milwaukee WI



Wisconsin Dells

← Mount Olympus Water Park, Wisconsin Dells

Thursday - 8:30am – 2:00pm

Cost per person - \$50

Space Available – 39 spaces

Wollersheim Winery and Distillery Tour →

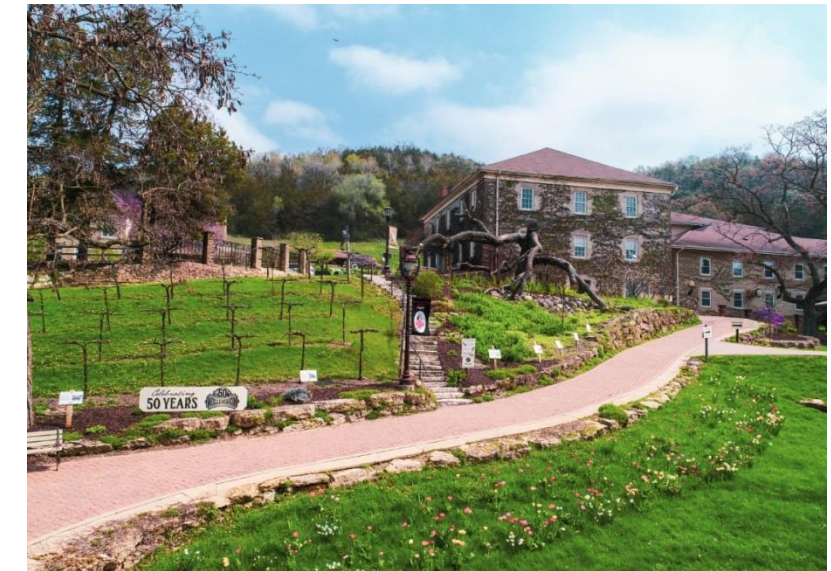
Friday – 12:00pm – 4:30pm

Wine tasting, cheese and cocktail plate.

Cost per person - \$60

Space Available – 37 spaces

Tours can be purchased during online pre-registrations.
Transportation provided by Badger Bus Co.



Wollersheim Winery

ALL TOURS ARE PURCHASED AT REGISTRATION.



See you in Madison in July!!