



According to our 2008 Membership Survey, IPMS Canada's members like **RT**. They definitely like seeing Canadian content in **RT**. They mostly think **RT** is the main reason to be in IPMS Canada. And that's all good.

Let me first say that I really like the idea of doing the Editor's job for our organization. But I won't be able to keep it going without the help and participation of the membership.

A former **RT** Editor recently reminded me what IPMS really means to the guys sitting at the editorial desk –

"I Print Members' Submissions"

RT is considered to be a 'journal'; it is written by members of the organization. And if our members, that is to say those who want to see good articles in **RT**'s pages, don't submit them to us, then who will? The ever-dependable 'somebody else'? If that's who you're counting on, then prepare for disappointment as you read on.

Since taking over the **RT** Editor's position I have started putting together **RT** 31/1. I now know how Old Mother Hubbard felt – because when I went looking for material to publish – well, "*When he got there, the cupboard was bare*". As of this

writing I have several aircraft articles in the pipeline that are ready now, or will be delivered over the next few months, and even a couple of armour pieces being developed, but for **RT** 31/1 I have absolutely nothing for armour or any other modelling subject content for that matter. In other words, it will be an all-aircraft issue. So that's what I'm going with.

Even before the Internet exploded and fundamentally affected the way we model and interact with other modellers, **RT** had problems getting contributions, but it didn't have them at the level we're at today. No wonder previous **RT** Editors lost their minds. (*OK, that's just a joke*)

Like most of you, I visit various modelling websites from time to time. And, frankly, from my new Editor's perch, it's pretty discouraging to regularly see familiar names publishing great material either on the Web or in commercial magazines, and not giving **RT** a shot at it. Given that we don't offer the money or instant fame that comes with those two media, it's a tough one to fight. But the simple truth is that if IPMS Canada's individual members and our Charter Chapters don't want to contribute material to **RT**, then the time will come when there won't be anything left to contribute it to. Seriously.

If you want to discuss an article idea or you have some questions about how to proceed, send an e-mail or mail us a letter. We'd love to see more material coming in for:

- Product reviews,
- Build articles,
- Conversion articles,
- Colour Scheme articles,
- Construction, Painting, or Finishing Technique articles,
- Historical articles.

If it's got a Canadian flavour attached to it, so much the better, but there's always room for non-Canadian material in **RT**.

If you want the new **RT** quarterly format to flourish and get published on time, and have it represent some of your modelling interests, then YOU have to get involved with IPMS Canada. If you've got a project in progress, take lots of photos of the work in-progress through to completion. You should also take some notes and measurements as you go along, and talk to us about it for advice and assistance. Heck, even if you see a nice model project in progress being displayed at your local Chapter meeting, encourage the builder to do the same process documentation of the process for a potential **RT** article.

I singled out a lack of armour articles here, but the same goes to aircraft, ship, and other modellers too. If IPMS Canada members don't get more involved with **RT**, we are going to be well and truly fu- ... finished as a National Branch of this Society.

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