



More Answers to More of Your Questions... October 16, 2005

Here's a follow-up to our first FAQ. We've received more questions and comments and again, we appreciate the opportunity to respond.

As always, should you have more questions or comments for us, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Q: Is Modeler's Resource bankrupt?

A: No. Had we filed for bankruptcy, we would be under no obligation to issue refund checks for anyone still having unused portions of their subscriptions.

Modeler's Resource is not bankrupt, is not seeking bankruptcy and will not go bankrupt. We have no need to file for bankruptcy.

Please refer to our first FAQ for further explanation as to why we chose to place the magazine on hiatus.

Q: Not long ago, I was "booted" from the Clubhouse. I can appreciate how you must feel.

A: Unlike yourself, we were not "booted" from anywhere, including the Clubhouse. We **requested** to have our membership cancelled for a number of reasons:

1. We did not want anyone thinking that we could go back onto the Clubhouse forum and check things out surreptitiously, since at the time we were involved, you had to be a member to view and post at the Clubhouse.

2. We feel that the "tone" of the Clubhouse has changed over time in a major way since its inception. When we were accused of things that we had not done and it seemed as though the administrator making the charges was more intent on giving us a "dressing down" as opposed to reasoning with us, then we felt that it was more than time to leave and we did so.

Q: You didn't really say much about the incident at the Clubhouse in your first FAQ. Care to elaborate?

A: The entire situation started because we had discov-

ered that our Clubhouse "Seal of Approval" had been invalidated and we were not informed of that fact. The name of Modeler's Resource was simply gone from the Recommended Dealer list. We wanted to know why. Reasons were provided which included things like not responding to people's e-mails, losing articles that were sent in by writers and a number of other things, although no one ever bothered to confirm their validity with me, but simply assumed that these were fact as they had been reported.

After this type of misrepresentation, it seemed pointless to continue being part of a forum that we had originally so enthusiastically spread the word about during its infancy. We had even run card size ads free of charge in the magazine to help promote the site, but were accused of having ulterior motives in doing so.

Unfortunately, things had changed at the Clubhouse and there seems to be no system of checks and balances to certain actions or posts. Such is what the Clubhouse has become and it's very unfortunate to have seen that take place, especially considering the fact that when it began it did so with the best of intentions.

Q: I know that you just released issue #62, but do you have any idea about when you might start publishing again?

A: No. In fact, there is always the chance that we will not begin publishing the magazine again. There is also a good chance that we **will** publish a book in the next

year. Time will tell. We are very busy creating educational materials and workshops for Adroit Publications, Inc. since that is the mainstay of what my wife and I do for a living. We both teach part-time at college and are involved in many things connected with that.

Q: Is it true that you have quit the magazine because you want to go into acting full-time?

A: No. Acting is a hobby for me and because it's a hobby, it's a good deal of fun. I'm not interested, nor am I pursuing acting as a full-time venture. First of all, acting as a full-time career is extremely difficult to get into. Second of all, if I was going to really consider going into acting full-time, it would be necessary to relocate to Los Angeles or New York City, something I do not wish to do. I love the area where we live and have no plans of moving. Personally, I think I have the best of both worlds. I can involve myself in acting projects that come along because I want to. I do not need to do everything that comes along, regardless of how ridiculous the project seems, just so that I can become "established" as an actor.

Besides all of this, becoming a "full-time" actor would put me in the same situation as I found myself with the magazine - having too little time for family. Hobbies are fine, but when they become all-consuming and leave little time for the important things in life like family, you have to wonder if they're worth it.

Q: Someone has said you stopped publishing the magazine because of a drop in sales and that this was the result of no longer publishing mature material. This must be the case since I can no longer find MR in my local bookstore.

A: Really? That's news to us. No, we placed the magazine on hiatus for reasons stated in our first FAQ. We are comfortable with our sales. In fact, with the exception of a few smaller distributors, our numbers through almost nearly all sources have continually gone up. We know that even though Modeler's Resource is a true niche publication, we did quite well in spite of the fact that many magazines are taking a major hit. I'm not referring necessarily to hobby-related magazines here. I'm referring to magazines in general.

We stopped publishing mature material in the magazine because we felt like it and we fully explained this when we made that decision...at least 100 years ago.

Regarding not finding the magazine in your local bookstore...that's possible, because often bookstores at the local level will order a magazine for four or five issues and then stop ordering it without explanation. Most people who run the magazine portion of the bookstore have never heard of MR even though it's on the nationally approved list for Barnes & Noble, Borders, Books-A-Million, etc. It still takes an order to be filed at the local, individual store before the magazine will be

stocked there. It is not simply sent from the warehouse or distribution center.

As we've said time and time again, if you want your local bookstore to stock the magazine, you may have to ask them to order it. Of course, this is moot now, since the magazine is on hiatus.

Q: What will the book you're going to publish have in it?

A: You're getting ahead of us. We have NOT definitely decided to publish a model-related book. IF we do decide to publish a book, we may publish a few articles that go way back in the pages of early issues of Modeler's Resource. We will also publish new material. Stay tuned to the pages of the website for any new information on this subject.

REFUNDS

We are hard at work processing and issuing refund checks to all subscribers who have an unused portion of their subscription. So far, we have processed and mailed two batches of refund checks. Another batch has been processed and will go out in Monday's (October 17, 2005) mail.

If you do not received a refund check by the 4th week of October, please call us at 916.784.9517. You can also e-mail or write us as well. We do not want to leave anything up in the air and it is not our intention to rip anyone off. Every subscriber will receive a refund check based on the amount left of their subscription, I guarantee it. We would never even consider not returning what is owed to people. We value our reputation too much and it is simply the right thing to do.

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