

NAME CONTINUES TO GROW IN MANY WAYS.

Albert Einstein once wrote;
“The world as we have
created it is a process of our
thinking. It cannot be
changed without changing
our thinking.”

It wasn't all that long ago that computers entered the scene. Remember this one?



That was when Macintosh Apples were considered a fruit that you bought at the grocery store, not a piece of machinery from a store called Apple Store. NAME was 4 years old then.

Those of us who purchased one of these new contraptions were fascinated to realize that it actually could add, subtract, multiply and divide faster than we could.

Not long after that model was introduced another version was well on its way to enter the same kind of market. Remember this one? It took up



half of your desk

We all had to learn what a mouse was besides an unwanted rodent. At least the keys on the keyboard stayed where they were when we all used typewriters (remember those?)

We were learning a new meaning for the words “FLOPPY”, MOUSE, MONITOR, WINDOWS and DOS.

They weren't very practical then so most of us didn't own one.

By the way, while all this was happening NAME was enjoying a growth spurt. By 1990 NAME had over 10,000 members. And almost none of them used the new communication wonder to contact each other. They were using the old fashioned telephone or mail service. They also gathered together once a year to celebrate their annual Convention and at least twice a year to have a regional Houseparty.

By the late 90s another new phase of computers was introduced...the internet. That move alone peaked the interest of a lot of people. They found that they could send a message clear across the country and get an answer right away. Sometimes...

The World Wide Web was born in 1995 along with Internet Explorer and Windows 95. Remember that?

The next big change in the world of

computers was the size. By the middle of 2005 they soon took on a more compact look.



The tower was replaced with a much smaller version and Apple even put their computer right inside the monitor. New acronyms were being bantered about ...like PC, MAC and Linux. Even the word “compatible” took on a different inference.

NAME kept on plugging along with the same system it had been using without any upgrades. It crashed now and then but we managed. We even began a new venture called the Online Region. It was meant to fill the gap for so many of our members who do not have the advantage of a miniature club close by. Thus they formed a “Cyber” club. (a new word at that time) Gwen Campbell was its first Regional Coordinator.

Shannon Moore and Lee Frank put their heads together and created our NAME website. NAME entered the Internet generation. Less than half of our members visited the website on a regular basis. It was a great place for our members to go for forms and information. It was also where our Online Group resided.

Computers continued to morph into something that could be transported a tad easier. The laptop computer entered the scene. Actually it was invented in the 1970s but was not all that portable. It weighed 24 pounds.

After a lot of different developers worked on perfecting the "portable" computer, Words like Compaq, Zenith, Mac, ThinkPad and TRS-80, PowerBook - all were part of the new more portable computer lingo. New words had to be learned for these new electronic brains....things like USB Ports, Hubs, Fire-wall, Ethernet; all words that more and more of us have to learn to fit into today's world of computers.



With the

laptops of today we can have our computer and take it with us.

But wait.....they didn't stop there.

The challenge to make the computer smaller, more portable and smarter became a reality when the iPad hit the scene. Then of course the competition entered the market and there is a ton of small "Personal Tablets" in the equation.

Word has it that there is now a computer you wear on your wrist.....What next???



Of course, with all the new technology at hand NAME has been struggling to keep up. Our membership is not what it was in the 90s and our technology is still not up with 2014 but we are trying.

Currently 78% of our membership has an email address. Of that number a lot of them only use their computers for email. So some of our membership is at the desktop tower stage and some is in the iPad Mini stage of computing. This presents a dilemma for NAME. We cannot go all out and put all of our programs and the Gazette online because we have members who do not use computers, or are very limited in their knowledge of computers. By the same token we are obliged to keep our office system as up to date as we can afford, provide online programs for those who are "Tech Savvy" and try to meet the needs of all of our members regardless of their technical level of expertise.

There are a lot of our members who have never attended a NAME National or Houseparty. What better way to give them the experience than to bring it to them through the computer.

This is the first time NAME is doing an Online Houseparty and its not going to be EXACTLY like the real thing, but it is as close as we can come and still keep it affordable and fun.

We really want all of our members to enjoy their association with NAME and the only way we can do it is to do as much for ALL of our members as we can with the technology and funds available.

What we ask in return is your participation in our programs, our elections, our regional activities, the local shows, our online endeavors and yes, our first Online Houseparty.

There are two days left to register for this First Time Event. Print out the attached form, fill it out and send it with the registration fees (\$45.00) and...

JOIN THE FUN

register online:

<http://miniatures.org/proddetail.php?prod=2014Ohphttp://.org/proddetail.php?prod=2014Ohp>

• REGISTRATION FORM •

One person registering per form • This form may be duplicated • Registration is NOT transferable



2014 Online Houseparty
April 22 - 27, 2014
Coming to your computer!
(No travel necessary)

Registration Deadline Postmark Feb 20,

Registration fee: \$45.00
Limited to 1000 NAME members

Souvenirs • Roundtables • Workshops • Theme Luncheons • Salesroom
Prizes • Auction • Houseparty Helpers and more

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail _____

Have you ever attended a NAME Convention OR Houseparty? Yes No
Are you between the ages of 12 and 18? Yes No

- Payment must accompany registration.
- Spaces will be filled based on date and time of registration..
- Registration will be onsite at the National Convention in Tucson and on the NAME website only.
- After the first 1000 registrations are received a waitlist will be established.
- All members on the waitlist will be notified in the event there is a opening available to them.
- No refunds issued after October 1, 2013
- Cancellation fee \$25.00
- Payment by Visa, MasterCard, checks and Paypal - Payable to NAME 2014 Online Houseparty
- NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATIONS.

If you wish to charge your registration you must complete the following: Visa ____ MasterCard ____

Name on Card _____

Account Number _____

Signature _____