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As usual, Grex was well represented. Bryant Dunbar was there working out of the Grex point-of-sale display that's available to any Grex retailer. Several new products were also on view.

The new Press Fit Side Feed Cup Set has 3 cc and 5 cc easy-cleaning gravity feed cups and an adapter for easily changing cups. Users snap them in and out instead of unscrewing them. The bottle and tube can provide more volume for cleaners and such. Storage plugs will keep the paint usable. The cups will also fit Iwata side-feed airbrushes. Also shown were the Clear Site Cap and the Flexzilla Smooth Hose.

Back at the show, TAG Team Hobbies was representing Iwata-Medea. Customers were welcome to stop by and test drive any of several Iwata Airbrushes.

Tom demonstrates an Iwata airbrush to Lisa Pegler, Hobby Merchandiser's production manager.



Bryant Dunbar (above) demonstrated Grex's new Press Fit Side Cup Set to interested attendees.



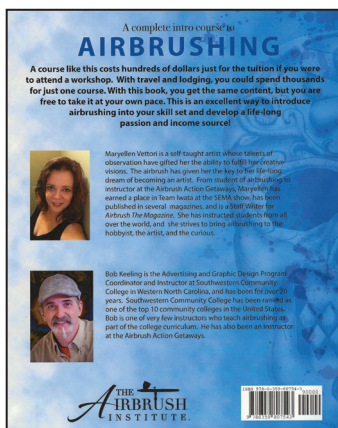
Like any other art, airbrushing takes practice and knowledge to excel.

One of those available was the Eclipse Takumi Side Feed Airbrush. More responsive with a shorter front end and easy clean gravity feed cups make the Takumi an excellent workhorse.

Attendees could also come by and try Medea's new paint, NuWorlds. It needs no primer, tolerates wet sanding very well, and has a Wash Medium that turns any of the colors into a wash as dark as the user wants.

It's one thing to have an airbrush. It's another to know how to

use it. The Airbrushing 101 book from Airbrush Institute is packed with step-by-step exercises to help customers learn to control their airbrushes. This comprehensive book, now with even more in Airbrushing 102, would make an excellent curriculum for airbrush classes in your store.



The Airbrush Institute's Maryellen Vettori and Bob Keeling were on hand to talk about airbrush training.

Maryellen Vettori and Bob Keeling are very well-educated airbrush artists. Maryellen had lots of training at several Airbrush Action Getaways. Bob is a graphic design college instructor. They know their stuff!

That's it for this edition of the Model Kit Report. See you next year! HM

