

Maddog Monthly

The Official Newsletter of IPMS Boise March 2005



Hail, hail the king is dead. Long live the king! The club elections last month have given us new officers and I think we'll be in good hands for the next two years. Many thanks again to the outgoing club officers for their hard work and dedication. I know we all appreciated their willingness to serve and help the club grow.

Next month is the Spring Show in Seattle. It's always been a great contest and any day in Seattle is better than a day not spent in Seattle. If you want to go and need to make travel arrangements, I'd start now. Information on the event can be found on the web. You can go to our web site and follow the link to the Spring Show web site, or go to IPMSUSA.com and find info there. If you don't have web access, like me for the past two weeks, there should be info available at this month's meeting.

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FEBRUARY 2005 MEETING MINUTES

- Wayne opened the meeting with a short speech about his tenure as a president of the club. Thank you Wayne for you diligent work, specially the auctions. It is indeed very rewarding to be able to help some of the less fortunate.
- The attendance was about 30 members and visitors. Bill Miller introduced some new members, Chris Nash, Bruce and Dave Sasski. Welcome from all of us.
- Elections were held for the club's executive members. Therefore the new board will be composed of the following members. Brian Geiger – President. Ian Robertson-Vice –President. John Thirion – Secretary. Kent Eckhart – Treasurer. Bill Speece- Chapter Contact.

The February theme contest, record breakers, brought some very interesting and varied entries.

- Jim Burton – A 1/72 Strike Eagle, in natural colors. That aircraft piloted by Major MacFarlane was awarded the prestigious MacKay Trophy for climbing to 30,370 feet from standing still on the runway in less than one minute!
- Tom Vogt – 1/25 Pennzoil dragster of Eddie Hill and the dragster driven by Big Daddy Don Garlits. In 1988 Eddie Hill had the national record at 4.93 sec. Interesting to see the difference in size and technology between the two machines.
- Bob Wilson – Revell 1/72 X-15 and the Monogram 1/32 X1. The X1 was the first aircraft to fly over the sound barrier, piloted by the legendary Chuck Yeager. Build by North American, the X-15 family of aircrafts (a total of 3 were built) flew from 1959 to 1968, during that period they pushed the world record from Mach 3,2 to Mach 6,7 and raised the altitude record from 126,000 feet to 354,000 feet (67 miles).
- Terry Faulk- Terry brought us no less than 4 models, they made up an interesting group of record breakers. The Me 209 V1 (model by Huma) set an absolute speed record in 1939 at 469,22 mph. This record would last until 1969. Parts of this airplane are stored in a museum in Warsaw, Poland. A Heinkel-H100 (Lindberg model). A Bearcat F8F-2 (Great Planes model) flown by Darryl Greenameyer at a world speed record of 483,41 mph. A Red Barron (Great Planes model) that nearly broke the 500 mph barrier.
- Brian Geiger – A 1/35 scale Maus by DML/Dragon. At 188 tons it was by far the heaviest tank to see operation (even if limited) during WW2.

The winner Brian Geiger and the Maus.

February model of the month

1. Howard Carpenter – An AMT Ford sedan and a Ford “Vikki” which was made up of no less than 5 different kits. Both models had great engine and undercarriage detailing.
2. Dan Vandervoort - Batman vinyl kit, great paint job as usual.
3. Ray Sweet – A 1/72 P-66, twin P-47 attached at the hip! Ray used thin sheet metal for the middle wing. Great job on an unusual subject.
4. Tom Gloekle- Tamiya 1/48 Gekko with a great paint job and outstanding cockpit detailing.
5. Ian Robertson - 1/32 Hasegawa FW 190A5 in an unusual color scheme. Ian is fast becoming the “expert” in FW190 and ME109 color schemes. A 1/48 Tamiya P51 Mustang (Big Beautiful Doll), impressive finish and completed in one week, that is fast even for Ian!
6. Tom Vogt – 1/25 Raider Coach dragster, could anyone believe that a full size one was build?
7. Wayne Keith – 1/35 Sherman from Tamiya displayed in a diorama to give some ambiance.
8. John Peters – A 1/48 Sea King by Academy. Great rendition of a long awaited kit. Nice to see a helicopter once a while!

The winner is Ian with his P-51 Mustang, followed by Tom with his Gekko, and Ray's P-60.

Notes from the secretary

Starting with the next meeting, I will distribute 3x5 index cards to everyone that displays or enters a model in a contest. Beside your name, kit used and scale, name of the model feel free to add any information that you judge pertinent and would like to see included. The goal is to improve the accuracy of the information and print what the modelers judge important about their creations. Please print. John Thirion

GOOD TIMES

The plastic model industry is a relic, doomed to a steady decline till it is no longer profitable. That's the prediction I heard a few years ago. The reasoning was that younger generations of ADD video game junkies no longer had the patience or ambition to assemble, paint, & decal a model. Once the active hobbyists die out, who will take their place? Did the demise of companies like AMT, MPC, and ESCI signal the start of a decline? I don't think so.

Other companies such as Testors and Revell/Monogram have partnered with IPMS to sponsor Make N Take activities aimed at sparking the interests of young modelers. There are certainly lots of new activities competing for the time and interests of our youth but I think there will always be a new crop of dorks, er... enthusiasts that are naturally curious about miniatures. Our aim should be to make them feel welcome and share our techniques in order to help the hobby thrive.

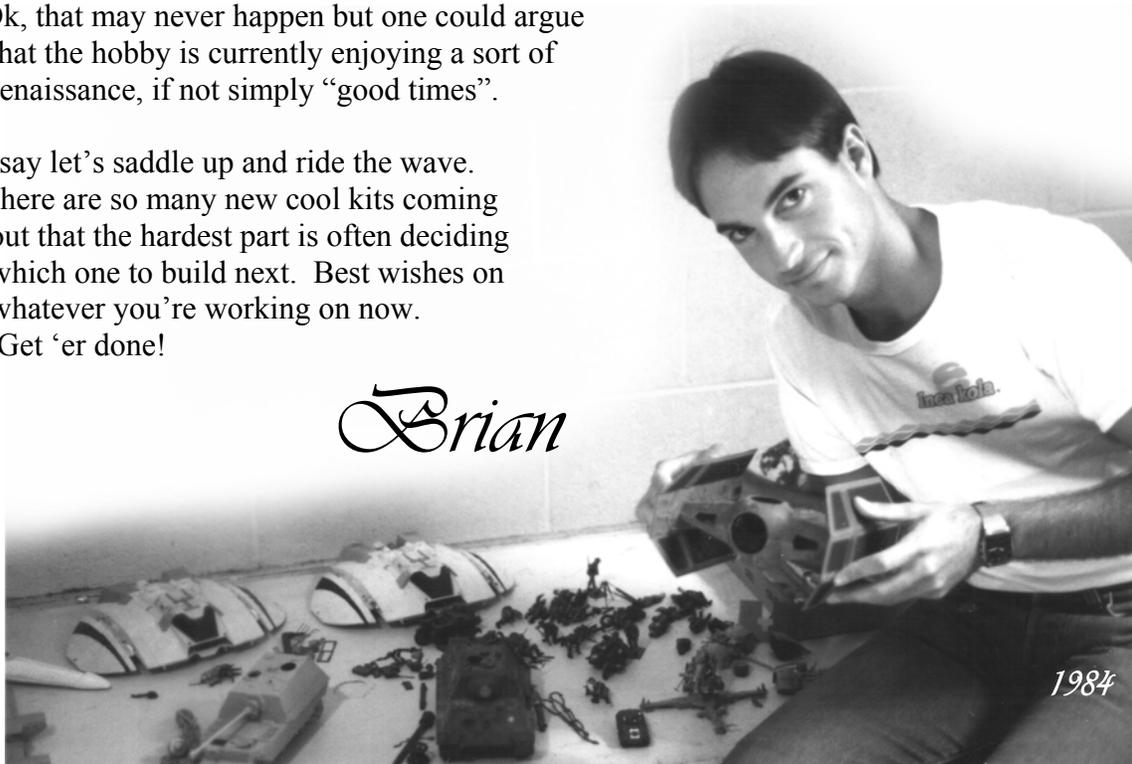
I think back to the quality of kits back in the 70's. Paging through an old copy of Scale Modeler will make it very obvious that the hobby is moving forward. Today we see new companies like Trumpeter, Tristar, AFV Club, and Classic Airframes filling voids in subject availability and reaching new levels of quality. The aftermarket industry seems to be booming with photo etch, resin, and decal options. It's become commonplace for Dragon's new armor releases to include photo etch parts and aluminum barrels. Different scales are coming back into vogue, like 1/32 aircraft and armor in 1/48 & 1/72. Reference books aimed specifically at modelers abound. The Internet has grown to be a huge resource for modelers. Hot babes eagerly offer up their affections in a spirited contest to win the hearts of skilled modelers.

Ok, that may never happen but one could argue that the hobby is currently enjoying a sort of renaissance, if not simply "good times".

I say let's saddle up and ride the wave. There are so many new cool kits coming out that the hardest part is often deciding which one to build next. Best wishes on whatever you're working on now.

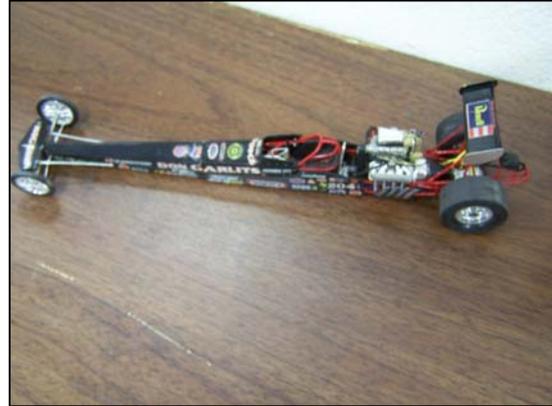
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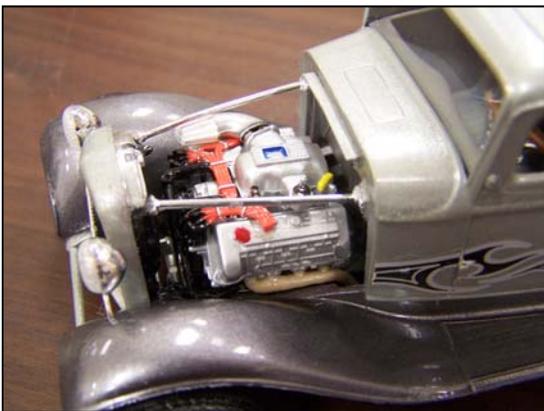
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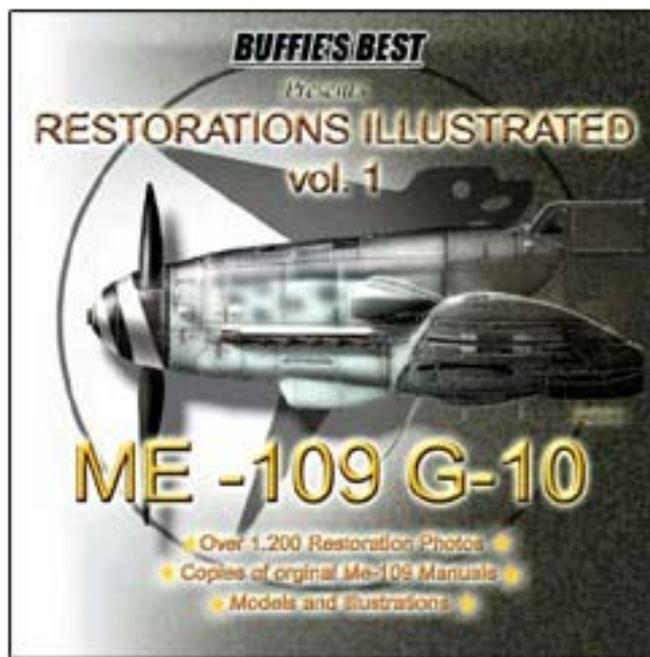
FEBRUARY THEME CONTEST RECORD BREAKERS AND MODEL OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Photos courtesy John Thirion





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Restorations Illustrated CD vol. 1 ME-109G-10
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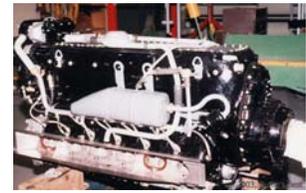


This is the first in what will be an extensive collection of unique reference sources. Covering a variant of what has to be the most popular, and controversial, modeling subject ever, the Messerschmitt Bf 109. Do we really need yet another look at this aircraft? After all there are literally thousands of references on Willy's war bird from World War Two. If like me, you have more than a few of those thousands, you are very careful about adding yet another '09 reference to your library.

Well fear not 109-ophiles! This disk is a gem! Pop it in the CD drive and the fun begins with the sound of a DB 605 engine starting up and roaring to life as a brief slide show of some well done builds from chapter 5 "Built ME 109 Models" runs on screen. Click on the start button and hear the howl of a 109 fly by.

Unlike volume 2 on the P-38 2 disk set reviewed in the February issue, the 8 chapters are all on 1 fully interactive disk formatted as a web site. Included in chapter 1 is an historic overview with vintage photographs of every major 109 variant, in chapter 2 a history of the restored aircraft, chapter 3 features a recorded interview with members of the restoration team and a slide show of the aircraft as they progress through the process. Excellent! Chapters 4 and 5 include information on surviving Me-109s, models, books and illustrations.

Chapter 6 is the icing on this cake. Here is found the bulk of the 1,200 - yes that's twelve HUNDRED detail photographs. Interactivity is great; click on a button or section of the profile and machine gun fire is heard as bullet holes appear on the aircraft. Click on the landing gear and listen as it extends from the wing. The photography is top notch and includes details on literally everything. Here are just a few samples along with a screen print of the chapter 6 home page.



Buffie's Best: Restorations Illustrated Vol. 1

Chapter 6: Detail Restoration Photos

Click on Any Part of the Plane for Detail Restoration Photos

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Yugoslavian Markings

Manuals

Tanks

Data Plates

You may ask....."Why so many photos?"

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I spent almost 4 hours exploring this disk. If you're a serious 109 nutcase like me this is a highly recommend addition to your reference library. If you're at the meeting this Saturday you'll be able to explore it yourself. I'll have it up and running on my laptop. If you can't wait contact creator Derek Brown and order your own today! Buffie's Best can be reached via snail mail at 8716 East Frontier Place, Denver Colorado, 80237. Fax is 720-200-9122. Email Buffiesbest@comcast.net and don't miss the superb web site here- www.buffiesbest.com. The ME 109G-10 Disk is a bargain at only \$19.95 plus postage. My thanks to Buffie for the review sample.

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