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Meeting Minutes December 09

The meeting and Christmas show begin at approximately 4pm with 20 members present and a good variety of models displayed. After the show, the members discussed their future projects for the new year, some really interesting stuff coming up.

Reminder to all, next month is the WW1 theme, so start to work on that bi-plane.

During the January meeting we will have a raffle with tickets from \$25 to \$75.

Also January is election time for the Mad Dogs, here is a list of the candidates;

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The scuttlebutt

There are many new kits on the horizon for 2007, one of the most interesting is probably a 1/200 scale Arizona from Trumpeter. Also, new research has determined that at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor the Arizona may have been painted blue with the top of the turrets (main guns) red, the masts were white halfway up.

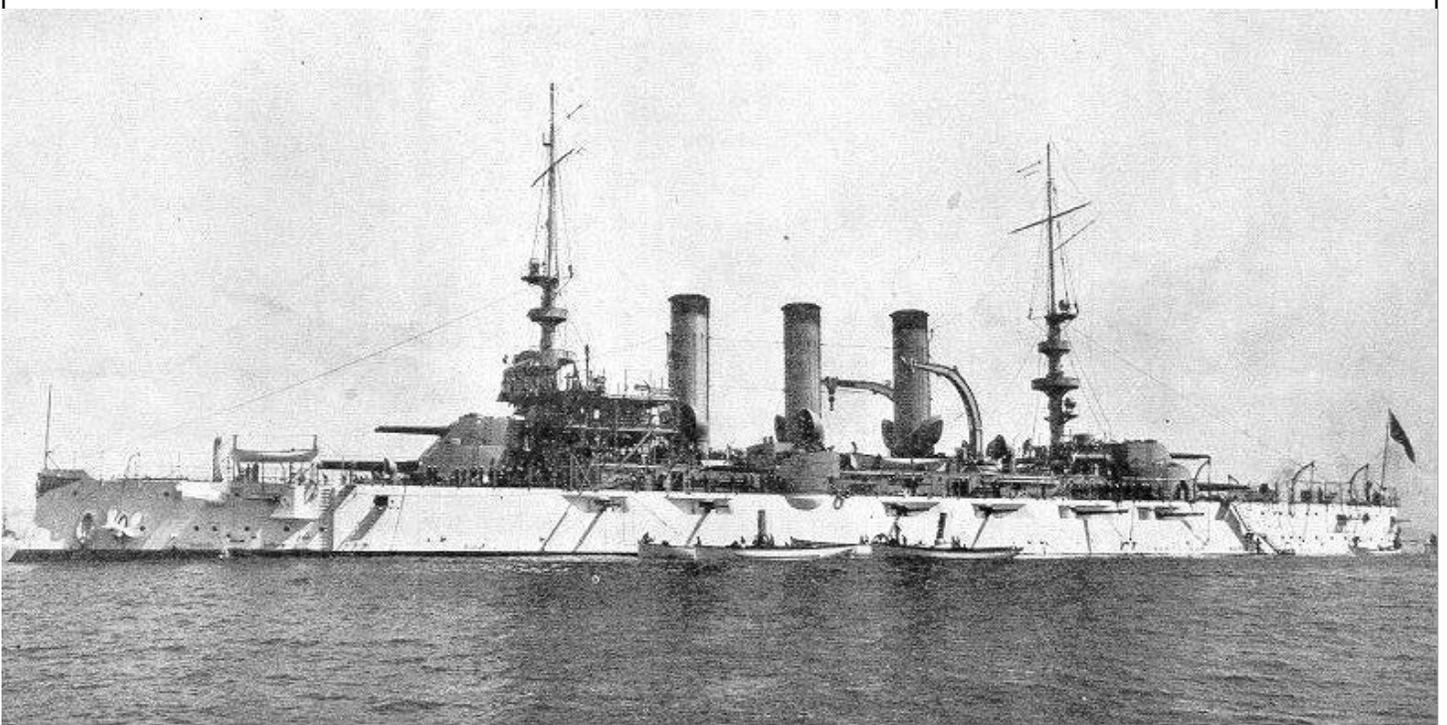
Tips and techniques

Representing wood from plastic parts is always a difficult endeavor. Some modelers choose to replace the plastic parts (usually the deck of a ship) with real wood. Several manufacturers are offering laminated wood decks for cruisers (Varyag and Emden) and aircraft carriers. But if you are building a ship such as a square rigger or a roman galley another technique may be quicker and cheaper. This method is using only paint and fine sandpaper.

Paint the deck with a coat of black paint. When the black paint is dry put a coat of Depot Buff (floquil) for a standard deck, if you want to represent aged teak use Mudd, for an oak deck use Earth. When this last coat of paint is dry sand with a fine grit sand paper lubricated with soapy water. The engraved wood grain will show as black, a nice contrast with the "wood" color.

Did you know?

During the trip around the world by the Great White Fleet the ships encountered a typhoon off the coast of the Philippines. The ships that fared the worst were the Kearsage and Virginia class with their 8 inch turret on top of the 12 inch turrets. The ships were rolling so much that the main decks were often under water. Also the extra weight on the foredeck had for result that the deck was deep under water that the main gun turrets had to be vacated. The ships of both classes were often referred at the Fleet's submarine.



Review Time

by Brian Geiger



Has it really been two years since I stepped in as president? The time has flown by and yet I can think of many exciting modeling events we've had during that time. Since I'm still unpacking from our move and haven't worked on a model in over a month, I though I'd reflect back on some of my previous newsletter rants. What have we learned?

are there so many pronunciations of the word, "Decal"? We've examined tips like filling seams with Mr. Surfacer & Mr. Thinner without sanding. We've also talked about what happens when things go wrong and we have to fix a model disaster. We've pondered deep questions like our own mortality with respect to being able to finish all the kits we accumulate.

newsletter articles on a monthly basis. However, it bears repeating that you don't have to be a club officer to publish articles. If you're looking for a forum to sound off any personal experiences, questions, or findings, you've got it right here. This submission won't be my last.

Thanks again Mad Dogs and Happy New Year! 🌟



Mostly, we've been treated by each other's company as we celebrate our achievements and share our experiences. The joy of adding hundreds of rivet holes to an aircraft or building up bomb racks made by laminating multiple photo etch slices together is lost to the general public. It's been a pleasure to serve as the club president and I thank you for all your help and participation in the club over the years. There are plenty of exciting events ahead, like the 357th group build. The next Spring Show will be here sooner than you expect.



We've learned that, in spite of some modeling companies going away, the hobby is still thriving and that these are truly exciting times for modelers with an abundance of new kits and hobby innovations. Scale modeling has also benefited greatly with the free exchange of information and inspiration on the Internet. Also, chicks are drawn to skilled modelers just as much as they've ever been.

In the coming year I probably won't be writing



Our events have included our local theme contest, neighboring shows like the Seattle Spring show, McMinnville, Shocon, and even the IPMS Nationals. We've thrilled the public with our stellar displays at HobbyTown the Warhawk Museum.

We've discussed questions like how do we choose our next modeling subject?, what is the ideal scale?, how can we build more models?, better models?, and why



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