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Calendar of Events:

February: WW
March: P-51 Group Build
April: Between Wars
June: Fast Women
July: CVMAC
August: Science Fiction
October: Korean "Police Action"
December: Christmas Show?



Executive Board:

President Tom Gloeckle
Vice-President Brian Geiger
Treasure Rob Diamond
Secretary John Thirion
Editor Randy Hall
Chapter Contact Kent Eckhart

Meeting minutes for March 17th

Twenty members were present. Several members occurred unforeseeable delays with the completion of their P-51 and the members voted to repeat the 357th display next month.

Due to the increasingly shrinking meeting room the members voted to explore the possibilities to find a more convenient meeting room within the clubs budget.

P-51 build up

Herb Arnold 1/72 Tamyia, J.J. England's plane.

Rob Diamond 1/72 Hasegawa, Rob ran into problems with the decals. Will see the completed aircraft at the next meeting.

Hugh Robert 1/48 Monogram, a nice effort on an old kit with raised panel lines, very "retro".

Jeff D'Andrea 1/48 ICM kit of the "Jersey Bounce"

Randy Hall 1/48 Testor kit "Old Crow" with metalizer and bare metal foil.

Ian Robertson 1/48 Tamyia "Passion Wagon" a P-51 G with Ultracast resin parts and Eagle Strike aftermarket decals.

Darrel Bingman 1/48 Tamyia with Alclad metal finish and Tamyia paints. Cutting Edge decals, Ultracast resin parts, Squadron canopy and the finished product was weathered using burnt humber washes.

Bob Wilson 1/48 Tamyia "Glamorous Glen III"

Bill Miller 1/48 Monogram in progress.

Brian Geiger 1/48 Tamyia "Geronimo" in progress.

David Stansel 1/48 Tamyia P51D.

Display

Herb Arnold 1/72 De Havilland Vampire, a Heller kit.

Herb Arnold 1/72 Curtiss Ascender from MPM.

Herb Arnold 1/72 Bristol Bullet from Pegasus.

Hugh Robert 1/48 Monogram P51 "big beautiful doll".

Randy Hall 1/72 U-Boat from Revell with aftermarket "88" and figures.

Don Vandevoort 132 Revell P-47.

Randy Hall 1/48 Tamyia Corsair.

Tom Vogt 1/25 "37" Cevy cabriolet AMT/ERTL kit.

Tom Vogt 1/72 F-4F Phantom, Hasegawa kit.

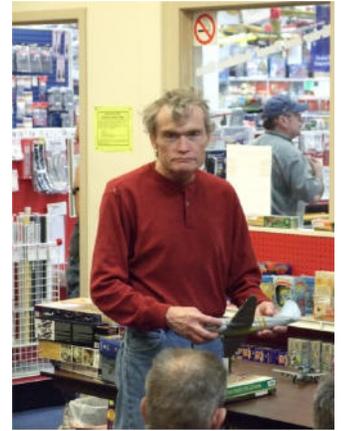
Tom Vogt 1/72 Monogram A-10.

Tom Vogt 1/25 "78" Pontiac Transam, a 1/25 AMT kit.

Jim Burton 1/25 Revell Dodge Charger.

Jim Burton 1/25 Hummer H3 also a 1/25 kit from Revell.

The winner of the model of the month was Randy Hall with the 1/72 U-995.



IPMS Boise's P-51 Invitational



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Tommy's Tales

Greetings fellow modelers! We were discussing some possibilities of places to meet last and month and some of you came up with some ideas. Howard Carpenter suggested the Perkins on Broadway. Hugh Roberts suggested the Chicago Connection on Cherry and Main in Meridian. Both possibilities are good, and Paul Erlendson suggested that we stay put and use club funds to buy more chairs at Hobbytown. I rather like the last idea, but I'm not necessarily the decision maker, the club is. We should still explore options further if everybody is not pleased.

This month is the continuation of the 357th Fighter Group project, and I finally got mine done, so it will be there. May is the subject, between the wars. To remind those who don't remember, that's anything that existed between 1918 and 1940. That covers a lot of territory. I'm going to try and get something done.

The Seattle Spring show is Saturday, so I understand Bill Miller and Brian Geiger will be staying with Tim. Hope to here a report from them in May. Paul, I, and I think Tom Vogt will be attending the Greater Salt Lake Model Car Contest on the first weekend in May. Something we look forward to every other year.

In the rumor department I understand that Geoff is thinking of opening up a Hobbytown in the Nampa area. That will be good for the folks in the west end of the valley. Brian tells us that there are several shows at the Warhawk Museum this year, and they would love to have us display or models there. I'm game, let's see what kind of a response we get from the group. That's about all I have for this month, look forward to seeing everybody on the 21st



The Iraq Model Network

March Update

Things here are starting to pick up greatly. We have received several large donations (**Eddie Rickenbacker Chapter** and **Syracuse Chapter**, as well as **R&J Enterprises**). Things are going well. I have sent boxes out to four camps so far (Kalzu, Diamondback, Prosperity and Sykes), with two more ready to go (one will go to Al Asad to help the Marines). I have received quite a bit of support within the theater. I've been contacted by groups others that want to start forming clubs.

Speaking of clubs; I finally was able to track down **MSGT Erick Gonzalez** (President of a Jacksonville Club) at the **Camp Speicher** Club. Judging by the attached photos (below), he has done a fantastic job with the model club he ran there. They recently had a model show, with a competition, prizes, etc. Some of the work, as you can see, was outstanding. You can tell he has put a great deal of work and heart into the club, and the service members and the command appreciated it. Unfortunately, Gonzo will be departing soon, but I'm sure there will be support to continue his efforts. Actually, Erick has inspired some of us to start a building club here in Baghdad, as well.

Just a bit of info: There has been a bit of a problem shipping flammable items (i.e. paint and glue) in theater. It gets into theater fine; however, Military Postal Policy does not permit these items to be shipped from camp to camp. I'm working on a workaround or exception to policy. Not sure what we can do about the glue, but for paint, we would request if paint is sent, it should be **acrylics**. I can still use enamels on Victory Base, which is the largest.

Thanks to everyone for all their help and support.

LTC George Salerno



IPMS/USA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Teleconference Meeting, Sunday February 11, 2007 9:00pm EST

Roll Call – Officers Present

Jack Kennedy – President
John Noack – First VP
Ron Bell – Second VP
James Corley – Secretary
Ed Kinney – Treasurer
Dick Montgomery – Director of Local Chapters
Glen Broman – Director of Foreign Liaisons
James Woody – Historian & Publications Director
Bob Hester – Webmaster
Mary Jane Kinney – Office Manager

New Business

President's Report & New Items – Jack Kennedy

- Constitutional Amendment Committee – The committee, consisting of David Knight, Nick Phillipone and Doug Hamilton have studied the current process regarding amendments, made their recommendations and will be published to the membership in the near future. The recommendations were approved unanimously.
- HR 607 – Military Toy Replica Act: After debate the Board has agreed to support this measure as a measure of advocating on behalf of our membership. The motion passed 5-1.
- Paul Bradley suggested we place an ad in Fine Scale Modeler to send a back issue of the new Journal to any person interested in membership in IPMS/USA. John Noack will coordinate with FSM. Aerospace Modeler Magazine is also a possibility with this program.

First Vice President's Report & New Items – John Noack

- Support the Troops update: We have established a single point of contact for the troops in Iraq. A Lt Colonel has offered to become the clearinghouse for donations to the various commands in Iraq, and has also offered to appoint a replacement when his tour is over. This does not cover Afghanistan, it will remain a base-by-base issue
- The reviewer corps system will be reviewed and updated to save postage.

Second Vice President's Report & New Items – Ron Bell

- National Convention updates:
 - 2007 Orange County:
 - Hotel reservations are well ahead of schedule and are within 100 room-nights of meeting our obligation to the hotel.
 - The Vendor Room sold out the second week of January 224 tables and booths.
 - Member Registrations are now flowing in at a good clip
 - Tours have come together well. Likewise, the discounted Disney tickets are selling well (about 40% of the registrants are buying Disney tickets.
 - More than 30 trophy sponsorships have already been sold.
 - 2008: Virginia Beach reports plans are progressing normally
 - 2009 Bidders: No bidders had come forth by the end of last year. The Second VP has sent a letter to each chapter soliciting bids and there have already been some responses.
- FSM has offered to sponsor the George Lee Award in perpetuity. After discussion with the NCC, it was felt that the possibility of a change of editorial staff might lead to complications. After discussion the motion was rejected by a vote of 7-0 against.
- Discussion of the Best in Class awards will be delayed pending NCC input.

Secretary's Report & New Items – James Corley

- The Hobby Shop Listing project is progressing, but a total of only eight replies have been received. Work continues, and all unconfirmed shops on the original list will be contacted via post card. A downloadable flier will be added to the website for members to take to their local hobby shops to respond to IPMS.

Treasurer's Report & New Items – Ed Kinney

- Journal Budget/revenue: The Journal has remained under the \$10,000/issue. Advertising revenue is now at \$3247 with receivables at \$2063. The V19J1 issue was \$8282 for printing, postage was \$1623 for a total of \$9905. Given a steady stream of income, the budget can be increased if there is a special need.
- IPMS/USA needs a professional accountant needed to file tax return for 2006 due to recent changes in the IRS rules and our large savings account. Motion was approved unanimously.
- The accountants have suggested we consult a Tax Attorney to investigate the structure we will need to allow National Host Chapters to use the National Non-Profit
- Liability Insurance had gone up by 50% again. After researching the issue, the Account Rep reviewed the policy and adjusted the policy for fewer members and included IPMS Puerto Rico, excluding vehicle losses.
- Treasury Report

Regular check account

\$27,267.34

Make N Take checking

\$2,003.55

Regular Savings

\$7,342.73

Convention Savings

	\$14,185.23
Money Market Savings	
	\$110,501.18
Total Monies	
	\$161,300.03
Accounts Payable	
Liability Insurance Premium	
	\$(6,100.00)
Net Worth	
	\$155,200.03
Journal as of 12/31/06	
Advertising Monies Received	
	\$ 3,247.55
Advertising Receivables	
	\$ 2,063.05
Last Journal V19J1	
Printing	
	\$ 8,282.54
Postage	
	\$ 1,623.02

Director of Local Chapters Report & New Items – Dick Montgomery

- Recharter has ended. We stand at 207 chapters. IPMS Mobile has reformed. One more club is considering chartering in Albuquerque. IP-MS Manatee is trying to reform, but is facing membership requirement problems. The recharter tool has worked perfectly.

Director of Foreign Liaison Report & New Items – Glen Broman

- There is a DoD award we can nominate an individual for helping others. IPMS/USA has agreed to research and nominate somebody for his/her help with the Support the Troops program.
- Black Ops is a newly formed SIG, covering Reconnaissance and Special Operations aircraft.
- The FAA SIG and Airliners SIG will be moved to inactive due to lack of response.

Historian & Publication Directors Report & New Items – Jim Woody

- Work on the Journal is improving as the process has finalized.
- Ad revenue for V19J3 will be \$1800 more or less while V18J7 was \$1526. Ad revenue continues to rise as advertisers return.

Junior Activities Coordinator - Steve Dottavio (ABSENT – via e-mail)

- We currently have no more Snap-Tite kits, just MiG-29 & UFOs for the Make-n-Take. Wants to know if there is any way to get more from the mfgs. John Noack will approach Revell with this.

Webmaster Report & New Items – Bob Hester

- The Adult Building Course program has been posted. The posting took longer, but has been limited to members-only. This member-only feature can be reused as we need it in the future.
- Chapter Management System has been upgraded and development continues.
- Aircraft Dimensions Database in progress for member use with contest categories.
- Online Subscription system will be revised due to some reported user issues.

Managers Report – Mary Jane Kinney

- We will send "Got Plastic?" decals instead of the old window clings in the future,
- 89 new members so far this year (6 weeks). 300 renewal postcards have been sent recently, with 200 more ready to send.

IPMS Orange County 2007

Going:

Kennedy, Noack, Bell, Corley, E Kinney, MJ Kinney, Woody

Not Going:

Montgomery, Hester, Broman

Adjournment

March 13, 2007

HMS Queen Mary

British Battle Cruiser by Combrig , 1/700 scale. By John Thirion

After the launching of the HMS Dreadnought the evolution of the Battleship took a drastic turn. Beside the well known all big guns armament, this ship was the first one (of this class) to have a steam turbine. The speed was increased from 18 knots to 21 knots. Admiral Jackie Fisher decided that a new class of ship, including the big guns of a battleship and the speed of a cruiser, to protect the navigation lanes upon which Britain was depending for its survival would be ideal. The first of the class were the Minotaurs, then the Invincible class with a speed of 25 knots. The Indefatigable was an enlarged version of the preceding class with the same armor. The next class of battlecruisers pushed the envelope even further with the HMS Lion, this class was 7600 tons heavier, 110 feet longer and 81/2 feet wider, they became known as those "splendid cats". Also the speed was increased to 27 knots and the guns size from 12 inch to 13.5 inch. The design did away with the staggered middle turrets, a single turret was now placed on the centerline. The center turret had its arc of fire limited to 120 degrees on each beam and the visibility was greatly reduced because of the funnels' smoke. The Queen Mary was the half sister of the HMS Lion and HMS Princess Royal. Some of the differences were internal and external. Starting with the Dreadnought, the berthing of the officers was to be forward while the crew was aft, this resulted in the disappearance of the stern walk. Nobody liked the new arrangement, and the berthing was reverted in the Queen Mary which had a stern walk, a feature not seen on the Lion or Princess Royal. Also the Queen Mary had a round instead of oval middle funnel, there was also some difference in the arrangement of the 4 inch guns. The Queen Mary was heavier by 500 tons, longer by 3 feet had 5000 more hp but was not faster. The increase in weight was the result in more horizontal armor.

The Queen Mary was launched in 1913 and became part of a squadron including the Lion, Princess Royal, Queen Mary and New Zealand. In 1915 she was being refitted and missed the action at the Dogger Bank between German and British cruisers.

At the Jutland the Queen Mary was the third ship in a line of six battlecruisers engaging five German ships. The British ships all armed with 13.5 inch guns faced the German ships armed with 11 and 12 inch guns. Soon the British got into trouble with the Indefatigable being hit repeatedly by the Von der Tann and finally blew up leaving only two survivors. The Queen Mary became the target of the Seidlitz and Derfflinger at 16:46 an explosion was observed forward of the ship followed by a more powerful one amidship then a gigantic cloud of smoke enveloped the area when the smoke dissipated the ship was gone. Later the Invincible will also blow up. The reason for those devastating losses were later attributed to the British shell handling practices. To maintain a high rate of fire, extra powder was maintained in handling areas and doors were kept open. The sequence of explosion indicate a delayed sequence in which a flash of ready powder reaching the main magazine rather than a direct penetration by a German shell.

The real Queen Mary measured 698 feet, the kit is only a fraction shorter than twelve inches. The hull casting is superb, even the gentle tumble-home specific to this class is represented. The torpedo net shell is casted on the entire length of the hull so is the line of portholes along the upper deck and on each side of the quarterdeck. There are two prominent feature on the hull, the first is the well which is located aft where the ship's boats were located. The other feature is the main superstructure forward.

The wooden deck is dotted with numerous small circles which represent the coal scuttle Those ships were using a combination of coal and oil burning furnaces.

The deck is full of skylights, bollards, access hatches ect... Included with the kit are two resin wafers including decks and platform parts. The larger include the aft superstructure top deck, three bridge platforms, deck for the second bridge level, the raised boat deck, the stern walk, fore-top parts, decks for either side of the conning tower and a small deck house. The smaller wafer only has the bases for two of the funnels. The four gun turrets reflect the overlapping armor plates on the crown. The stacks are also well represented with the small round funnel forward, the large round funnel in the middle followed by the narrow slab sided funnel at the rear. The main guns barrels are usable, the smaller gun barrels are barely visible to the naked eye and will require patience to locate them at the right position. Several sprues (eight total) include the ship's boats, windlasses, anchors, torpedo net booms, yardarms and masts' booms.

Two photo etch frets are included. The larger included stack grates, anchor chains, platform supports, block and tackles and other smaller parts that are difficult to identify!

The second fret is composed of open boat chocks which would not be visible once the boats are glued into position. If you are so inclined as to use ladders and railing you will have to purchase a generic set for ships of that era.

The instruction are very basic and consist of line drawing and profile. There are no locator marks on the hull for placement of the torpedo net booms.

This model would be a challenge if I had decided to use PE rails, without this after market additions the kit is easily within the skill of anyone who has build a couple of resin ships in that scale. Some of the most notable British ships of that era offered by Combrig are; Iron Duke, Invincible, Inflexible, Dreadnought, Benbow, Duncan, Renow, Thunderer, Orion, Erin, Agincourt, Royal Sovereign, Tiger and Swiftsure. Hold on to your wallet!

