

**MAD
DOG**

MONTHLY

The Newsletter of IPMS Boise December 2010



Natural Finish Theme Winner
Ian Robertson's Polar Lights 1/350
NX-01 Enterprise

MEETING MINUTES

This will be the last visit of the Bill Bailey model collection. After this month it goes on the internet.

We are going to need to renew our charter soon according to Jeff. We also talked about gift certificates to Hobbytown for this month. Remember, this month's meeting will be on the second Saturday due to the holiday season.

We also discussed putting together a box of models and supplies to send to the troops in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

We were joined by new member John Cromarty. He builds 1/35th scale armor. Welcome John.

Next year's themes are-

February - Resurrection (Finishing a model you started but never finished. Bring in the model this month for the before.)

March - The Vandervoort

May - The Bill Bailey (Build something you bought from Bill's collection)

August - Childhood Memeories (Build a kit from your childhood or something you remember from it.)

November - Vignettes and dioramas

Your Executive Board members are-

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Another year has gone by, it seems too fast. I accomplished a lot, started new projects and of course, didn't finish other ventures. But, that's OK, because we voted for our themes to do next year. The first one up will actually help all of us, because it is a resurrection of a past model that for some reason or another was placed on hold and shelved. For me that is soooooo many kits. I believe everyone has at least one or even a dozen models collecting dust. Whatever the reason that it was put aside, decals broke apart, paint sucked, fit wasn't up to expectation, missing parts, or something else cooler came along. Time to blow the dust off, cough - cough, and get cracking on finishing it. Now is a time to have a sense of accomplishment. The next theme is in February, so the idea is to bring the unfinished kit to the December meeting for everyone to see and hopefully, you will show it next year. Our other themes are easy also. We have a Bill Bailey build, which is building one of his kits that you bought from him. You did buy one didn't you? After that is something for the life of me I can't remember, and finally presenting a diorama/vignette that tells a story. Something designed to challenge you and broaden your horizons.

Talking about Bill Bailey, the club did buy several model kits to send to our troops overseas. It was mailed Tuesday, after the meeting. Looking over various websites, there seems to be plenty of kits and supplies, so our service members shouldn't ever run out of subjects. The package should arrive in the beginning of January though. Let's all hope our troops have a safe, uneventful (and by that I mean no combat), and Merry Christmas.

I did upload numerous photos of the Sci-Fi museum in Seattle last month, but Brian couldn't find them. Maybe, I'll get it right this time. Email Brain for instructions if you have any photos from your trips and experience you want to share. See you all at the next meeting. Remember, The meeting is the **SECOND SATURDAY OF DECEMBER**. This time it won't be a blizzard and we can all join. You have to be present to win.

Happy Holidays all you Mad Dogs
Bill Speece

MEETING MODELS



**Theme Build
Natural Finish**

AMT B-35
1/72nd Scale
by Bill Speece



Arba Heinkel He-100
1/48th Scale
by Terry Falk



Academy F-86F-30 Sabre
1/48th Scale
by Jim Burton



Hasegawa F-15 A "Streak Eagle"
1/72nd Scale
by Jim Burton



Life-Like Dutch Flintlock
1/1 Scale
by Bill Speece



Academy F-89 Scorpion
1/72nd Scale
by John Wilch



Scientific Models Velociraptor Claw
1/1 Scale
by Bill Speece



Scratchbuilt Open Air Engine Shed
1/48th Scale
by Gil Flores



Platz P-51D
1/144th Scale
by Darrin Bringman

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Academy TBM Avenger
1/72nd Scale
by Bob Olson



Monogram B-25
1/48th Scale
by Sam Heesch



Scratchbuilt Sputnik (Sort of)
1/10th Scale
by Randy Hall

Model of the Month



Winner - Aston Martin DBS
1/24th Scale
by Tom Gloeckle



Academy AAVP-7A1
1/35th Scale
by Jim Burton

Display



Life-Like Dutch Flintlock
1/1 Scale
by Bill Speece



The Countess
1/9th Scale
by John Thirion



Revell of Germany Ferrari F1-2007
1/24th Scale
by Paul Erlendson



Trumpeter USS Enterprise
1/350th Scale
by Jeff D'Andrea



Some really interesting news from the Russian company Combrig, sometimes spelled Kombrig. They did revealed their 3 years plan which include the release of the following ships in 1/350 scale. Most will be available as waterline or full hull, we can expect that some (as the Rurik) will be available only in the waterline version. I do hope that the PE will be included, their Scharnhorst (WWI version) did not include PE !!!!!

Here is a sample of what is expected;

English; HMS Majestic, Lord Nelson, Canada, Erin, Lion, Tiger.

Russian; Peresvet.

French; Henry IV.

Autro-Hungarian; Viribus Unitis.

German; SMS Baden, Friedrich der Grosse, Ostfriedland, Nassau, Von der Tann, Blucher, Seydlitz, Derfflinger, Elbing.

Mike Bishop, the founder of MB Models and Blue Water Navy passed away last month. He was a pioneer in the world of resin ship modeling.

Maritime Trivia.

Archeologist have discovered the remnants of 39 ships below a train station on the edge of the town of Pisa in Italy. Nobody ever believed that Pisa was ever a naval base (during the Roman Era) Not only the ships remnants were found but also the different cargo that were ferried and even the skeleton of wild animals such as a lion, It was determined that the town was linked to the sea by two canals. Over the centuries the harbor was hit by several tsunami like waves created by some of the numerous earthquakes that have hit that region during the antiquity. During the latest period of the Empire the harbor became silted and unusable.

Material used to cover the decks of the RN ships during WWII.

Semtex; A non-slip material applied to the decks of cruisers and battleships from 1938 onward. It was very hard on shoes acting as sand papers. The color was medium green.

Corticene; Linoleum like material held down with strips of brass. Medium brown in color.

The sinking of the French submarine Surcouf has always been attributed to accidental ramming by the freighter Thompson Lykes. Lately this explanation has raised some suspicion, the cause is the relatively light damage sustained by the freighter. The ramming of the giant submarine would have cause major damage to the freighter. Damage to allied warships ramming the relatively small German submarines were often spectacular and required major repairs to the ramming ship. The Thompson Lykes did not even require dry docking! The alternative explanation is that the Surcouf was sunk by friendly fire as were 3 other French submarines and one US submarine. Finding the wreck of the Surcouf would help provide a definitive explanation concerning the sinking of one of the largest non nuclear powered submarine ever build.

Work in progress.



THE SCUTTLEBUTT CONT.

After the accidental destruction of the CSS Palmetto State on the concrete floor of my garage I did persevere and started to build the Sisoï Vekily in conjunction with the Suvarov. Both were Russian battleships sunk at the Battle of Tsushima. The Veliky is a resin model from Kombrig., while the Suvaro is styrene model from Eastern Express.

Working on two models at the same time allows for less wasted time waiting for paint to dry or glue to set.

The Suvarov was one of the 5 Borodino class battleships build for the Imperial Russian Navy. They were to be an improved version of the Tsessarevich which was build in France. They were poor performers being heavier and had less powerful machinery. Also the increased mount of armor was misconceived. The placement of the anti torpedo boats guns (3" or 75mm) were so close to the waterline that during high speed turn those guns were flooded, most were removed with disastrous consequences.

At Tsushima the Suvarov was the flagship of admiral Rozhenvensky. Being in front of the fleet, it became the main target when the Japanese crossed the "T". Hit by numerous 12" and 10" shells it became uncontrollable and left the battleline. The admiral and most of the officers were injured when shell fragments penetrated the armored coning tower. The mushroom shaped armored tower was a dead trap amongst several ships. The command of the ship was left to a midshipman, the only gun left was a 3" (75mm) rapid fire gun at the stern. This proved insufficient to repel the swarm of Japanese torpedo boats, Soon 3 torpedos hit the Suvarov, the ship took only a few minutes to sink and only 3 crew members did survive.

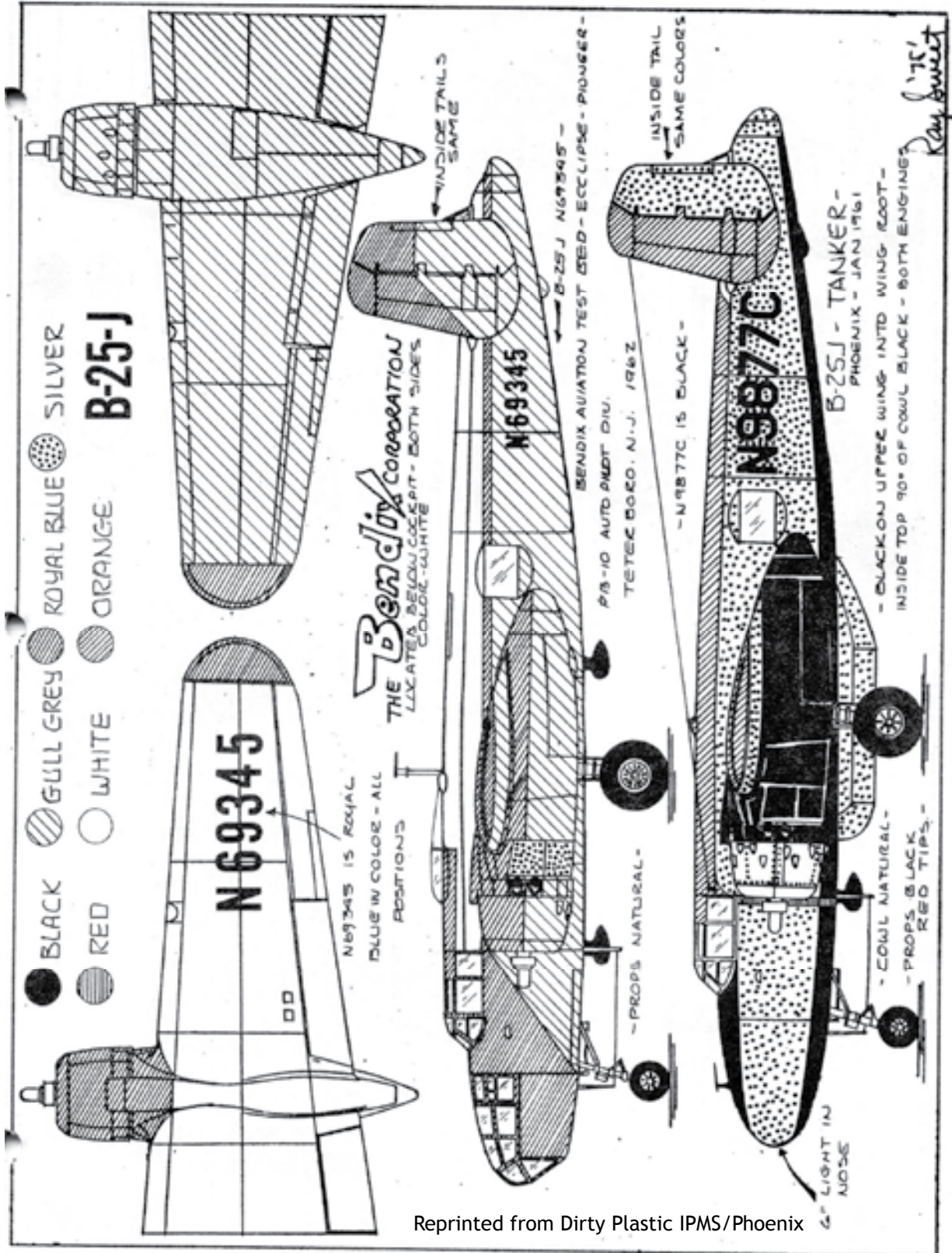
The Borodino Class of battleships were an unlucky class. The Borodino, Alexander III, Suvarov were sunk at Tsushima, the Orel was captured. The Slava which did not participate during the Russo-Japanese War was severely damaged by the SMS Koning in 1917 and had to be scuttled.



Regretfully, due to previous engagement I will not be able to attend the last meeting of the year. So to all the club members A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And to Ian a Happy Boxing Day.

John Thirion

RAY SWEET TRIBUTE



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