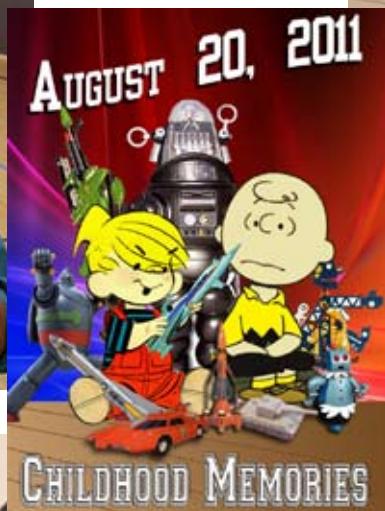


MAD DOG MONTHLY

The Newsletter of IPMS Boise September 2011



Childhood Memories Theme Winners



First Place
C-124C Globemaster II
1/144th Scale
by Herb Arnold



Batmobile
1/24th Scale
by Randy Hall



Aliens APC
1/35th Scale
by Randy Hall

This month:
Meeting date is the 10th



MEETING MINUTES

September 2011

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The meeting has been moved from the third weekend to the second this month to coincide with the family fair the church is putting on. Please bring subjects for Model of the Month and subjects for display only. We also have the take and make kits, so if you can help the kids build that would be great. Bring any of the usual basic tools you use to build with. Not much else really.
See you all at the meeting.

Next themes are-
November - Vignettes and dioramas

Your Executive Board members are-
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Well, this is a short month. Arlen, Kent, and Jeff have been working to have the make-an-take ready for the church social. This is a good idea to give back to the groups that are helping us. If any one else has a church event or Boy Scout meeting that they would like to do, let us know. We need more young kids to bring up the future. We are setting up at 3:30. If anyone wants to help, feel free to stop by. We should only need a few members, since there will be 20 models for the build. The meeting will still start at 6:00.

I haven't been to the mid west for a long time. Last week I had a chance to fly to Holland, Michigan. We stayed a mile from Lake Michigan. I have flown over the area several times in the past, but this is the first time I have visited the state itself. The state is flat and green. Trees, corn, blueberries, and numerous other crops abound. It is the home of Kellogg cereal. The auto industry utilizes numerous smaller manufacturers in the region. The city of Holland is named after the Netherlands. It is home to the tulip capital of America. The last wind-mill exported from Holland back in 1962 resides here. It still functions and mills several tons of flour. For a small town, there is tremendous history. Small art towns in the vicinity take up a day of sightseeing. Of course going to the beach is fun also. Just like going to the ocean, but with fresh water instead. Numerous light houses encircle the lake making the area an excellent photo tour.

The highlight of going on vacation was actually making a side trip to Dayton, Ohio. Yes sirree bob, The Air Force Museum. I haven't been there since 1996 and what a difference. A new hanger was constructed in 2003 allowing many of aircraft displayed outside to be protected from the elements. A future hanger costing \$47 million is planned to complete the museum. If you have never been there, WOW. Even if you have, there are so many new additions. Of course, you can't see everything in 1 day. The exhibits start with a Wright bicycle and continue with the most modern weapons and planes in the UA arsenal. Unfortunately, the lighting is dimly lit to protect the exhibits, but 2 batteries for the flash were enough to film most of the planes. Is that word applicable to digital photography today? There are 2 auxiliary hangers on base itself that house the Presidential planes and research craft. Unfortunately, there is only 45 minutes to tour. I didn't have enough time. Darn it. I still gathered an excess amount of shots over two days. I'll get these posted to the web page soon. After I came back from vacation, I worked 3 twelve days and am exhausted.

See you Saturday.

MEETING MODELS

Theme: Childhood Memories



Monogram A-26
1/48th Scale
by Bob Olson



Fokker Dr1
Unknown Scale
by Jim Burton



Monogram AH-64 "Snap Tight"
1/72nd Scale
by John King



P-40E
Unknown Scale
by Jim Burton



Monogram F4U
1/48th Scale
by John Wilch



Monogram Rommel's Rod
1/24th Scale
by Bob Olson

Model of the Month
Winner



Trumpeter KV-2
1/35th Scale
by Trevor Robertson



36 Ford
1/25th Scale
by John Wilch



50 Chevy Pickup
1/25th Scale
by John Wilch



Revell of Germany 737-800
1/144th Scale
by Tom Gloeckle



Hasegawa 737-700
1/200th Scale
by Tom Gloeckle



Hasegawa AC-130
1/200th Scale
by Bill Speece

Display



Dragon German Artillery
1/35th Scale
by John Cromarty



PCM Focke Wulf Ta 152C-0
1/32nd Scale
by Ian Robertson



Trumpeter MiG-3
1/32nd Scale
by Brian Geiger



Tamiya Do-335
1/48th Scale
by John Thirion



Tamiya Mosquito FB VI
1/48th Scale
by John Thirion



Sherman What if
1/35th Scale



Dragon Panther D WIP
1/35th Scale
by Trevor Robertson



Dragon Panzer IV WIP
1/35th Scale
by Trevor Robertson



Roden Fokker D VII
1/72nd Scale
by John King



Tamiya P-51D WIP
1/32nd Scale
by Darrin Bringman



It has been another very busy summer, a lot of outdoor projects (the 1:1 scale types). There wasn't much time for modeling. Nevertheless, I was able to complete two ships that I began last year. My most rewarding achievement was the completion of my spraybooth. The commercially available one being too expensive and not very attractive, unless you like the galvanized steel look, I decided to build one myself. Furniture grade plywood and melamine for an easy-to-clean inside were chosen. Suction power was provided with the old-but-reliable Dayton blower. A couple of fluorescent tubes provided the lighting inside the box. The venting is done outside, as directly as possible. The power is controlled by an "under the monitor" surge protector, which has four switches plus an "always on" plug. Also, I am the proud owner of a new computer which was partially paid for by my employer for my 30 years of service. The problem is that my old programs are no longer compatible. Isn't progress great! So, until I am able to afford a new version of Microsoft Office, I will have to rely on someone else to transpose my article into electronic form.

New Models

Artillery Models is a new Czech company that specializes in smaller ships in 1/350 scale (resin kit + PE). So far, they have released the following models:

- Naval Cutter "Speedy", a small sailing ship (built in 1828)
- The Dutch torpedo boat Z5, (1917)
- The "Ameurec", Russian torpedo boat (1918)
- The "Izmail", Russian torpedo boat (1886)
- The "General Haller", between-the-war Polish gunboat

I hope to get more information and reviews concerning these kits. The Russian company Zvezda has released the 1/350 Dreadnaught. The kit is available for \$6.95 which is a good value for a model of this size. A photo etched set has not yet been released but it will be as expensive as the kit itself. Pre-WWI ships were crowded with guns, cranes, boats, etc... all requiring PE add-ons. A wood deck is already available and replacement brass barrels should be forthcoming. Reviews of this kit have been favorable.

Trumpeter has released the 1/350 Italian battleship Roma, which was available at the National Convention. No reviews about this model yet.

In the smaller 1/700 scale we have two interesting releases; the LPD-21 USS New York by Dragon and LHD Juan Carlos of the Spanish Navy by Orange Hobby.

Master Models has been releasing aluminum and brass gun barrels for many 1/350 and 1/700 ship models, all at a very affordable price. For the aircraft modelers, they offer a variety of canons, machineguns, and pitot tubes in 1/48 and 1/32 scale. If you plan to build the new 1/32 Revell Arado, they have a brass set for the MG 15 & 17. I have my eyes on two spandaus and one parabellum for my Brandenburg.

Master Models has an interesting survey concerning scale preferences.

Airplanes	1/72	20.4%
	1/48	44.5%
	1/32	28.7%
	1/24	5.0%
Ships	1/700	7.0%
	1/350	74.6%
	1/200	7.2%
	1/144	4.0%

Very surprising that 1/32 aircraft was more popular than 1/72 considering the wide discrepancy concerning the amount of kits released in each scale. Among ships it was surprising to see the 1/350 so far ahead and 1/200 ahead of 1/700. 1/200 is a fairly rare scale while 1/700 is released by almost every modeling company in the world. Sorry armor modelers but, as far as I know, Master models does not make accessories for armor models.

Finally, IPMS Philippines has released some photos of the future release from Trumpeter, the HMS Queen Elizabeth in 1/350. Sadly, it is the WWII version and not the Jutland version. The kit looks very un-Trumpeter like with the hull split vertically, no silly waterline cutoff and red plastic hull. It looks more like a Tamiya or Hasegawa offering. Also, no deck seams, everything is hidden under the superstructure. Slowly, Trumpeter is making a name for themselves in all aspects of modeling. They are not afraid of releasing kits that no one else ever dared to release such as the Richelieu, Roma, Liberty Ship, and now a Queen Elizabeth.

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