

**MAD
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MONTHLY

The Newsletter of IPMS Boise November 2011



Model of the Month
German 15CM Heavy Field Howitzer
1/35th Scale
by John Cromarty

This months theme - Dioramas and Vignettes

MEETING MINUTES

Discussion of getting new blood in officers for the club for this up coming year.

Not many steps ups to really vote on but the following have thrown their hat into the ring.

Pres- Jeff D

VP- Arlen

Treasurer- Herb

Editor- Brian

Chapter Contact? Kent...You still OK?(Kent will not continue as Chapter Contact.)

If anyone is interested please join us for Novembers meeting and announce your candidacy.

Ray Sweets books were brought in for the club members to look through and take. Some real nice reference material.

New member to club....Please welcome Cameron Cook. Cameron says he builds mostly 1/48 Aircraft.

Discussed the upcoming Make and Take. Now scheduled for March 2012....This will now coincide with the Kurt Vandervoort car show. Monogram Madness will still be held February.....

Remember the March make-n-take will also be a time to show off all types of models as well for the Church membership. Lets make sure to bring in a nice showing besides the cars as well as a thank you for their generosity of use of the facilities.

Your Executive Board members are-

President - Bill Speece

Vice President - Brian Geiger

Treasurer - Jeff D'Andrea

Secretary and Editor - Tom Gloeckle

Chapter Contact - Kent Eckhart

Oh boy, I don't believe how fast another year has flown past us again. It's getting too cold in the morning, it's too dark too early, and again, I haven't built as many kits as I originally planned earlier in the year. What happened? Just like all the other years, something came up. I took more vacation out of the state for one. My brother wanted me to do some extra projects. And, having girlfriend really eliminated alone build time. Which is both good and bad in that I spent time with someone, but didn't accomplish any building.

Last month, we scrambled to meet IPMS criteria for having a club. We quickly resolved the issue and are officially an affiliate again. Unfortunately, I don't think there is enough emphasis on the national board to renew members. I have a feeling they believe it is up to the members to renew national standing. I have one small reminder to renew, and like everyone else, if I don't do it at that time, I forget to renew. Guess what, I forgot. Well, now we are good, and have insurance during meetings and shows.

I want to thank Jeff, Tom, Brian, and Kent for helping run the club this year. This year has been pretty good and we can't run the club without their help and efforts to keep going. Sometimes there is work involved, but it is all good and worthwhile. We will be voting for officers soon. Next year Jeff, and Brian will change roles. Arlen and Herb will step up to fill some voids. Tell them thank your for contributing. Who wants to be chapter contact? The club pays for membership. I hope the rest of you will continue to contribute as well. Come up with ideas to promote the hobby, participate in activities, and write some articles.

Remember that this month's theme is dioramas or vignettes. Tell a good story with your display. How many were planning to bring a bottle of vinaigrette. Next years themes are coming up faster than you know. We will do the Mad Modelers Monogram Model manufacture medley whatcha call it theme early in the year. Coming up soon is the Kurt Vandervoort Memorial, Make-and-take, and display combo. Be ready and start now if you haven't.

See ya Saturday and have a Happy Thanksgiving
Bill

MEETING MODELS



Revell ARC-170 Fighter
1/72nd Scale
by Jacob Marshall



Monogram A-10
1/48th Scale
by Jim Burton



Hasegawa F-16D
1/72nd Scale
by Randy Hall



Tamiya MiG 15
1/48th Scale
by John Thirion



Hasegawa Typhoon
1/48th Scale
by John Thirion



P-51B
1/48th Scale
by Cameron Cook



Special Hobby Nardi FN 305
1/48th Scale
by Jeff D'Andrea



Peterbilt
1/25th Scale
by Jim Burton



Tu-16 Badger C
1/144th Scale
by Herb Arnold



Testors F-19
1/48th Scale
by Jim Burton



Tu-16 Badger G
1/144th Scale
by Herb Arnold



Hasegawa 1/350 Hikawa Maru

Finally, a liner in 1/350 scale beside the venerable Academy Titanic. The Hikawa Maru was built in Yokohama for the Nippon Yusen KK Line and was launched in 1929. The ship was named after a famous Shinto shrine, as were the other two sister ships. She was 535 feet long and was propelled by two Burmeister & Wain diesel engines. Today they would be known as MAN diesels. The ship could carry 331 passengers and was used between Kobe and Seattle until WWII when she was transformed into a hospital ship. In this role it was painted white with a green band along the hull and two red crosses on each side of the superstructure and funnels.



The ship was mined three times during the war but her sound construction was her salvation. At the end of the war the ship was used by the US to transport troops back to the US and then was used as a freighter on the West Coast.

In 1954 the ship was returned to Japan and refitted as a liner and resumed her trans-oceanic route until 1960. For a while she was used as a youth hoister and then as a beer garden in the summer season. In 2003 she was put on the list of Japan's cultural assets and NYK agreed to pay for her restoration and, as such, it was reopened as a museum ship in 2008.

Hasegawa has released some real beauties in 1/350 scale. First, it was the Mikasa which is considered by many as one of the best ship model in the 1/350 scale. Next was the Soya, the elderly exploration ship. Those are very unique and very different ships from the usual fare of Bismarck and Arizona. The same Hikawa Maru was previously released in 1/700. Hasegawa is also offering two PE sets and a wood deck. The prices for those accessories are not yet available but the kit itself retails for \$125 which is reasonable for a kit nearly 20 inches long and with 300 parts.

1/192 Summer Class destroyer by Tehnoart.

The Summer class destroyers were built from 1943 to 1945 and were improved Fletchers, they had a longer operating range and better armament. Some of the Summer had a longer hull and were referred as the Gearing Class.

This is a resin kit with two large sheets of PE and many high quality brass parts. Also included is a comprehensive decal sheet that includes the non-skid areas. The assembly instructions are included in a video CD. The price is \$319.95.

Tehnoart (tehnoart.eu) is a new company located in Riga, Latvia. Presently they have released the following kits; 1/32 F-104, 1/16 Ju87 Stuka, 1/200 Tirpitz, Titanic, USS Indianapolis, IJN Yamato, HMS Hood, 1/72 IX U-Boat, Rusalka Ironclad, Ukrajna Destroyer, 1/96 LSM Landing Ship, 1/192 Summer and Gearing destroyers, 1/50 Endurance Polar expedition schooner, 1/8 Harley Davidson.



Suggestion for your 2115 vacations!



October 15, 2115 is the 700th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt (Near modern-day Azincourt, in northern France). Every year medieval re-enactors meet on the famous battlefield but 2115 will be on a greater scale. The commemoration will occur in two phases and involve several thousand reenactors. Adhering to the 1415 campaign the English archers will have to walk from the coastal town of Harfleur to the battlefield, 238 miles in 19 days. In the actual battle the English had 5000 archers but 1000 will be present at the commemoration. One of the reenactment phases will be the famous arrow storm. Each archer could release 15 arrows per minutes for a total of 75000 arrows the first two minutes of the battle. Later, the stock of spare arrows would be depleted. For 1000 the amount will be more modest but still impressive with 15000 arrows. The target will be 300 fully armored knights. The arrows will be rubber-tipped. This reproduces the "punch" without accidental piercing of the armor. The English arrows were iron-tipped while French armors were made of steel. Anyone who wants to be an English archer will have to make the 238 miles hike and be able to use the English

war bow, about 120 pounds of pull. You should be able to do this about 30 times in 2 minutes. Time to get a membership at your local Axiom meat market and pump some iron!

If you decide to be a French knight you will need historically accurate armor (not the cheap imitations used at the ren-fairs). The cost is about \$10,000. You will have to train and be used to wearing the armor, all 70 pounds plus the weapon. You will have to walk about 400 yards ankle deep in mud being subjected to the arrow storm. Advice; keep your forehead down and both arms crossed over your chest. Shields were not used in that era, the armor was good enough.

When you finally reach the English line you will not be allowed to beat up on the archer with your axes, pole arms, or double handed swords. Just enjoy some good French cheese, wine, and cuisine in general.

Now if I just could convince my wife!

