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Now Less Than ... 9 Months Away!

Coming Events

PDK Airport Meeting -

This month's meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at Peachtree-Dekalb Airport (PDK). Turn from Clairmont onto Airport Rd. Go to the last left turn before reaching the speed bumps. The street will take you around the hanger and across the ramp. There is parking just past the ramp. Go in the glass door. Take the stairs to the left and go up to the second floor. The conference room is just down the hall.

HobbyTown USA,

4125 GA-20, BUFORD, GA Model Building Clinic and Q&A-Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018 1 p.m. **Club Build-Session** Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019 1 p.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



AtlantaCon 2019 - March 9, 2019

About three months remain! Check the IPMS Atlanta website for 2019 show forms and information ...

https://www.ipms-atlanta.org/annual-contest

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CALENDAR							
Dec 19: Dec 25:	PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Feb 2: HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm Feb 15-17: AMPS Contest & Exhibition					
Dec 29:	HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm 2019	Marietta, GAFeb 20:PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pmFeb 23:HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm					
Jan 1: Jan 5: Jan 11:	HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm	Mar 2: HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm Mar 9: AtlantaCon 2019					
Jan 16:	ModelCon 2019 Chattanooga, TN PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm	Marietta, GAMar 20:PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pmMar 30:HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm					
Jan 26:	HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm						

November PDK Meeting Notes

- A. A Quarterly Club E-Board meeting was held just prior to the regular monthly club meeting. (Pres., Treas., Sec., Show Chr. present)
- B. Brief club regular business meeting ...
 - 1. **IPMS Membership:** Dave reminded members to consider renewing/joining the IPMS national organization. IPMS membership is not mandatory for membership in the IPMS Atlanta club. National IPMS membership is, however, encouraged since that organization does provide valuable insurance coverage and free advertising for our annual AtlantaCon show held jointly with the Marietta Scale Modelers club.
 - 2. Local Club Dues: Annual 2019 dues of \$10 will be payable to Art Murray no later than February.
 - 3. Club Christmas Party: Jim Elmore confirmed a start time a 7 pm. Dave Lockhart indicated he would send out an email to active members to confirm the time and the Elmore's home address..
 - 4. Club Contact: Dave Lockhart assumed the role from Ed Sveum.
 - 5. **New members** Dana Herbert (pronounced, "a-bear",) and Ivan Momcilovic Momcha (accompanied by his son) were welcomed!
- C. Members discussed a great group of models on the table this month.
- D. Thanks to Art Murray for his much-appreciated efforts to bring in a selection of free estate kits that would not be making the "cut" for the AtlantaCon Raffle or eBay sale due to missing parts or started assembly. (*Modelers simply cannot help themselves when faced with free stuff ... the inventory was attacked with extreme vigor!*)

Art indicated that there may be more available at the December club meeting.

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Models for the Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum

http://vetmemorialmuseum.tripod.com/index.html

- MiG-21, Bill Wofford, Complete
- F-4, Brian Speer, Complete
- MiG-17, Bill Johnston, Complete
- B-58, Bill Easton, Complete
- F/A 18, Jim Elmore, Complete
- F-5, Jim Elmore, Complete
- A-10, Brian Mason, Complete (Lost In Action)
- F-117, Gale Brown, Complete
- B-52, Ed Sveum, Complete
- USS Skipjack, Dave Lockhart, Complete

- F-105, Gale Brown/Bill Easton, Complete
- F-100, Art Murray, In Process
- A-10 (Replacement), Ed Hulsey, In Process

Berlin Airlift 3-Plane Set (1/144), Unassigned

- A-4, Unassigned
- A-6, Unassigned
- F-106, Unassigned
- F-86, Unassigned
- OV-10, Unassigned
- OV-1A, Unassigned

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Trumpeter 1/32 F-105G Wild Weasel

Gale Brown and Bill Easton stopped by a meeting of Veteran volunteers to drop-off the latest club contribution to the museum. As always, it was great to visit, hear stories, and discuss the history represented by the model.

The Vet's do a fantastic job with the museum, and always truly appreciate our club sharing our modeling efforts.

(The museum recently added a complete, well-preserved flight suit, helmet included, from the Korea/Vietnam era. Look for the museum's table at AtlantaCon in March to see more about their great work!)



http://www.hobbytownduluth.com/

IPMS Atlanta passes along its thanks this Holiday Season to the great folks at HobbyTown Duluth for their continued hospitality allowing club members to congregate and chat-up modeling with their customers a couple of Saturdays each month!

Reminder: Model Kit Boxtops Needed!

Jim Elmore is collecting small to medium sized model kit box tops to use in a poster display supporting the Egleston Hospital project.

Please contact Jim and let him know if you have one or more boxtops you could pass along to him. All greatly appreciated!

2018 IPMS Atlanta Club Christmas Party



Thank You to Jim and Kim Elmore for their gracious hospitality shown by opening their lovely home and hosting the club Christmas Party again this year!

Also, a big Thank You to long-time club member Ed "Santa" Sveum for doubleparking his reindeer and sleigh long enough to join "Elf" Chris and the rest of the club merry-makers for this great photo-op! December 2018

On the Table in November ...



1:72 Tamiya **P-51 (What-If)** Multiple Builds From Ed Sveum (Ed did a bit of catch-up on model "Show-n-Tell"!)

Paint: Light coats of Krylon Brilliant Silver spray can paint; Model Master Metalizer (brush painted)

Converted to tricycle gear and jet engines.

1:72 Airfix

MiG-14 'Fat Head' (What-If)

Paint: Model Master Acryl and Craft Acrylics (Brush painted)

New wings and tail added along with lots of putty.



1:72 Lo Models

AT-3 CHINESE AF (Taiwan)

Paint: Model Master and Testors Aluminum Enamel

This was an out-of-the-box build.

Note: Ed's Folland Gnat was also on the table, but a picture of it was included in last month's Trim Tab. So not shown here.



Also from Ed Sveum ... 1:72 Matchbox



Paint: Craft acrylics Add on: Base Model shown as it appeared in North Africa.



Jim Elmore

The build utilized pre-shading, post highlight, Flory Wash, pastels, and silver pencil.

This is the aircraft of Robin Olds.

The 1997 IPMS/USA Convention Decal Set was utilized.



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Dave Lockhart 1:35 Takom

Mark IV Tank

Paint: Ammo Mig Mig Pigments were utilized Markings: This was British tank which the Germans "stole."



Paint: Two-tone camo scheme

Per Dana, " ... my dream to mount an 88mm to smaller tank bodies."



Two Builds from Paul Lovell ...





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Don Gustke 1:108 Revell



Paint: Tamiya and Model Master

For the build, the front bumper was replaced with a tire. The side bumpers were replaced with rope.







Thomas Moore 1:48 Monogram



Paint: Alclad and Model Master

This was a prototype variant of the P-47 using a 28-cylinder R-4360 engine with contra-rotating props.





Sea Vixen Paint: Testors Build was done out-of-the-box

1:48 Airfix

Royal Navy carrier-born, allweather interceptor.

Two builds from Bill Wofford ...



Anigrand Resin



Soviet bomber prototype from



Note: A full write-up on this build was published in the magazine Military Modelling, "El Alamein, Anniversary Special issue," Vol. 47 No. 4 2017.

Ivan Momcilovic Momcha

1:35 Dragon



Paint: Scale 75/Warfront; Color Wheel color selection technique was used for color shading effects.

Add-on's for the build: Value Gear Detail Sets, and Africa Korps and Alpine resin figures.

The vehicle is shown as it saw action in the African Theatre of War.

Special Note of Thanks: To Bill Wofford for his valuable camera work capturing the excellent model builds being placed on the table for review and discussion each month! Although some models are just too large to fit, the new photo "tent" that Bill has added really improved the composition of the photos that can be posted in the newsletter and on the Web site.

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November Model of the Month



Dragon 1/35 Sturmpanzer II 'Bison' Built by: Ivan Momcilovic Momcha

Congratulations Ivan!

The following magazines also contain published modeling write-up's from *lvan:*

- * Military Modelcraft International July 2017 Vol 21 No.9
- * Euromodelismo No. 281
- * Tanker Techniques magazine No. 5
- * Euromodelismo No. 262

along with several others.

Note: The November IPMS Atlanta monthly club meeting was Ivan's first as a new member. To secure the Model of the Month in his first meeting was notable, but Ivan completed a meeting "hat-trick" as ...

November Club Meeting Raffle Winner!

And, surprise ... his selection was an excellent 1/35 Stryker Armored Vehicle kit! We look forward to seeing that build in the future!

Special Note of Thanks: To Lane Royal for his continued valuable time and effort to maintain, replenish, and transport the monthly club raffle kit inventory!



Notes from the Workbench – December 2018 Dave Lockhart



"Making Room on the Shelf of Doom"

There's nothing better than getting a new model to build. Maybe it's something you've wanted to work on for a long time. You get home with it (hopefully past the security guard we're married to) and sit down at your bench with all the best intentions. As you start removing parts from the sprues and paint and glue, you just know this is going to be a great build.

And then your model gets that dreaded disease - the shelf of doom! As deadly as the plague you may never touch it again! There it sits in the box with gaping holes where parts should be suffering for years to come.

Let's be honest, we all have a share of "shelf of doom" models. While some are tucked away in the darkness of a closet, some sit right there on the workbench or on the shelf with the other models lucky enough to be finished.

I recently took an inventory of my shelf of doom models. To date, there are 13 models waiting for attention. Some much longer than others. I've got a 1/48 Po-2 almost ready to finish. All I'll need to do is attach the upper wing and paint it. I was interested in this after reading a book on the Russian Night Witches, a brave group of women pilots who flew WWI type biplanes against the Germans in WWII.

There's the Moonlander from Pegasus. This was a concept spacecraft designed by Werner Von Braun. Not a fun build. There are so many gaps that there's more putty than plastic. I need to finish this because it's a cool model. I'll have to suck it up on this one.

There was a Revell 1/72 U-boat that I tried years ago to sell. It didn't sell so I started working on it. It doesn't need too much work. Just the conning tower glued on. I was having second thoughts on the paint job. After looking at it I was thinking I should weather it but that's a skill set I lack so maybe I'll leave as it.

My mother of all doom on the shelf projects is my 1/96 Revell Constitution. It has literally been sitting in the case for 15+ years. It looks great, but I need to add the masts and do the rigging. For a long time, I didn't work on it because the case was a real pain the ass. I had to have my wife help me take it off the shelf, then lift off the top. Recently I was able to have a good friend build a working case. The front opens like a door, so I can get the ship out to work easily. I hope it doesn't take me another 15 years to finish!!

No matter how many shelf of doom models you have or the ones in the stash or the ones completed on the shelf, just remember it's only a hobby. Have fun.

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Happy Modeling.

Dave

Sprue Snippings ...

If you run across a source that you think might be helpful to others for their modeling reference, or just for general interest, please pass it along. For this month ...

From Bill Wofford:

Here are a couple of interesting links I found you may wish to add to the next IPMS newsletter:

1) some interesting views of the first atomic bombs being assembled:

https://www.alternatewars.com/Bomb_Loading/Bomb_Guide.htm

2) An article on the oldest airplane still flying:

https://www.wivb.com/news/oldest-airplane-in-the-world-stillflying-in-the-hudson-valley/1627638651

From Michael Blackwood ...





PDK Monthly Meeting ...

The November meeting included a plethora of excellent model work on the table for display and discussion.

As always, it was great to see everyone and talk some model building!



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JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS by Jim Pernikoff

I start off this month with another "bargain book" on the rack at B&N, and again this book is not

exactly new. The War Chronicles, From Flintlocks to Machine Guns from Crestline, is an interesting look at "all the modern major conflicts", which in this case numbers 19, running from the French Revolution to the Iran-Iraq War, first published in 2009. One can quibble with the included choices; is the War of Greek Independence really more "major" than the War of 1812, the Boer War, the Chinese Civil War or the 1991 Gulf War, all of which are missing? Be that as it may, the concept is a bit unusual. Most wars are covered in about 16 pages, with more pages for the bigger conflicts. Each starts with a two-page summary listing the combatants, the major figures, the casualties and a timeline of the major events. This is followed by about a four-page article



describing the war, and then another similar-length article describing what author Joseph Cummins considers the "turning point", usually a major battle. Then there are at least two fullpage biographies of the major leaders on each side, followed by a "dossier" with a variety of short articles about certain aspects of the conflict: weapons, tactics, soldiers, other battles or campaigns, and so on. I find the articles on the lesser wars are more compelling than the larger and better-known conflicts. The writing is rather basic and some reviewers say the book reads like a high-school textbook; I don't really agree, but don't expect to learn too much new. There are some nice artworks and some photos, but a shortage of maps. It's a nice if basic summary of the included conflicts, and a bargain at \$15.



I found out that the above book was actually the second in a twovolume set, so I purchased the first book, **The War Chronicles**, *From Chariots to Flintlocks*, which covers 22 wars in 22 centuries, from the Greco-Persian Wars starting in 500 BC to the American Revolution. Some of these are actually groups of wars; for instance, the three Punic Wars are in one chapter, as are the nine Crusades, and the so-called Hundred Years' War was really a succession of conflicts; they weren't quite fighting the whole time! The format is exactly the same, and because there has been less written about many of these conflicts, this book is in a way more interesting than the later volume. This isn't in

bookstores but is available on Amazon for the exact same price, and they offer free shipping, without a minimum purchase, until the end of the year.

It the last book is a prequel, then this one is a sequel. **Star Trek Shipyards**, *Starfleet Ships 2294-The Future* is an obvious follow-up to the book I reviewed a few months ago, and to the same format, from **Hero Collector**. I discovered that these are collections of articles previously issued in a series of magazines by Eaglemoss. This one includes the USS Enterprise-C, -D and -E as well as Defiant and Voyager. "The Future" chapter includes the amazing



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Enterprise-J, which is two miles long! However, one serious omission that has Trekkers up in arms is the Akira-class starship Thunderchild, which is shown on the cover but is mysteriously missing from the contents. Some are trying to get the publisher to issue an amended book eliminating the omission, which is possible but unlikely, but you may want to hold off buying the book for a little while.

Guideline Publications, whose series include Warpaint, Combat Colours and Armour in Theatre, have started several new series including Armour in Profile (not to be confused with another



British series from 40 years ago), whose first title is Armoured Fighting Vehicles of the United States Army, 1945-2018. If this is intended as a color & markings series, I'm not sure it really succeeds. Its six chapters include one rather briefly covering the Pershing and Patton series through the M48, another on the REFORGER exercises of the '60s and one on the M60 series. Two articles cover the M1 Abrams through time and the M1 as it is today and in the near future. A bit of a diversion is the last chapter on the M109 howitzer. Although there is some text, most of the book consists of plenty of photos, in both b&w and color, with lengthy captions. There are also 5 two-page spreads of color side-view drawings; these are unusual in that the vehicles overlap each other, which I guess is a way to get the most vehicles in the largest

size, but it is rather odd, and the lack of top views is a bit unfortunate. While a good review of the covered vehicles, I'm not sure how useful this series will be for the modeler; I'd suggest you look through a copy before buying one.

This month's recommendation from **Osprey** is *Campaign* #330, Tsushima 1905, which covers not only the titular battle, but all the fleet actions of the Russo-Japanese War. Although Mark Lardas' text is just fine, the strength of the book is in its color graphics, including excellent battle maps and color artworks. There have been other works on the battle that put the Japanese navy on the map, but this one will stand up pretty well against any of them, and at a reasonable price.





From Fonthill Media comes a new series of softcovers called America Through Time, which resembles the well-known Images of America series from Arcadia, but at 224 pages is somewhat



thicker. Naval Air Station Oceana, From Mud Flats to Mission Ready, is a very fine photo history of this important base. Although the author is not a military historian, she has done good research and the photos are particularly good in showing the human side of living and working on a large military base. So far I haven't seen any glaring errors in things like aircraft identification. This is a nicely balanced work, not really a book for modelers, but a good read nonetheless. The author is working on a companion volume on Langley Air Force Base, which should be available shortly.

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This month we have two special issues from FineScale Modeler, and they are rather different. Great War Scale Modeling is a straightforward issue which closely resembles the parent magazine. The articles cover a variety of air, land and sea subjects from WW I, and include techniques appropriate to the types of models that are pertinent, including rigging, painting wood grain and even weathering with hairspray! There is a gallery of WW I models, but oddly, there are some additional galleries covering events that didn't just include WW I models, including AMPS 2018 and the IPMS Nationals in Phoenix. I guess there wasn't enough room in the parent magazine for these.





The other issue is quite different, and even though FSM is shown on the cover, this is really a work by the Spanish manufacturer **AK**-**Interactive**, whose products appear frequently on the pages, and is similar to their other publications, being done in the A4 format and featuring some superb photography. **Damaged**, *Weathered & Worn Models Magazine*, is the first of five issues, all already available in Europe, with the second issue to be released by FSM in February. Aside from the three unusual subjects shown on the cover (a forklift?), subjects include a Canadian floatplane, a wild "steampunk" locomotive, a Chernobyl diorama, and a recent movie Batmobile. Even if you don't plan to build any models this way, this is worth getting to see the techniques of these European modelers.

Air & Space/Smithsonian has been producing a nice string of special issues, and Voices of the Veterans, From World War I to Afghanistan, Stories of Air Combat, appropriately hit the newsstands around 11/11. This skillfully mixes third-person prose with first-person narratives, mostly fairly brief. While some wellknown names like Rickenbacker and Armstrong make appearances, most of the stories are from guys you'll never have heard of, and they are by all means not all fighter pilots. Some nice photos accompany the stories, and when you read these, you'll be proud that people like these risked it all to defend our freedom.



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Luftwaffe Bombers is the follow-on from Mortons Media to their earlier publications on *Luftwaffe Fighters* and *Allied Fighters*. This is a color-&-markings issue featuring the artwork of Claes Sundin, with chapters on 13 aircraft, including the Jabo (fighterbomber) versions of the Bf 109 and Fw 190. The color side views are big and detailed and feature good variety of marking schemes, though I was disappointed that all the Do 17s are Z models and there are no "long-nose" He 111s. Still, this issue is a gold mine of possibilities for modelers of Luftwaffe aircraft.

US Military's Greatest Leaders from **Future Publishing** is their follow-on to their issue on *US Military's Greatest Battles* reviewed last month, and in a similar large format. 23 men from Washington to Schwarzkopf, mainly generals and admirals but also including some native Americans like Tecumseh and Sitting Bull, are featured, and there are plentiful sidebars highlighting key battles, lieutenants, opponents and timelines. Detailed battle maps are included of some key battles. The British do a great job with this sort of publication and this one is no exception. I see that they have just released a similar issue on the Korean War.



Finally, a calendar, necessary this time of year. Last year, **Workman Publishing** issued a calendar in conjunction with Osprey Publishing on *Historic Tanks* that was available at B&N. This year they have done a similar calendar on **Historic Warbirds**, done to the same format though with wider pages. The 12 aircraft are mainly featured in color isometric cutaways with all the pertinent features highlighted and the result will be a nice addition to your library or model room. And they have also done a new **Historic Tanks** calendar for 2019, but that one is not in the stores, but is available currently at a very cheap price on Amazon.

JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS - Continued

The following is an announcement rather than a review. **Casemate Publishers** has been known as a distributor for a wide range of military books, but now they have gotten into publishing with an interesting new series of 128-page softcover books. I'll let you read their description of the series: "*Casemate Illustrated* explores key elements of military history, from campaigns, units and battles to aircraft, ships and weapons. Extensively illustrated with photographs and color profiles of tanks, aircraft and other vehicles, each volume provides a wealth of visual detail. With biographies of key personnel, a timeline, and explanatory text boxes, the narrative gives a clear overview of events and highlights the most important information on any given topic." These books were first published in France by Histoire & Collections, in French. Starting this past April, here is a list of the available and announced books, with the listed dates for the latter:

- 1 The 101st Airborne in Normandy: June 1944
- 2 The 2nd SS Panzer Division Das Reich
- 3 The Waffen-SS in Normandy: June 1944, the Caen Sector
- 4 Allied Armor in Normandy
- 5 From Moscow to Stalingrad: The Eastern Front, 1941-1942
- 6 German Armor in Normandy (December)
- 7 Ardennes 1944: The Battle of the Bulge (December)
- 8 Operation Typhoon: The German Assault on Moscow, 1941
- 9 The Waffen-SS in Normandy: July 1944, Operations Goodwood and Cobra (May)
- 10 The Falaise Pocket: Normandy, August 1944 (May)
- 11 The 3rd SS Panzer Division Totenkopf: Eastern Front, 1943-45 (July)
- 12 ?????
- 13 Operation Chariot: The St Nazaire Raid, 1942 (July)

I have no Publisher's Survey this month, but below you should find a partial listing of new manuals from **Haynes** for the first half of the new year.

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Haynes Enthusiast Manuals 2019 - First Half

These are all referred to as "Owners Workshop Manuals" except as noted. Dates are subject to change:

Napoleon's Military Machine (January) (Operations Manual)

The Great Pyramid (February) (Operations Manual)

Panhard AML and Eland (February) (Enthusiasts' Manual)

Convair B-36 Peacemaker (March)

Universe (April)

Flight International (April) (Cutaways Manual)

100 Innovations of the Industrial Revolution (April)

Firefighter (May)

Panther Tank (May)

Tower Bridge (June) (Operations Manual)

InterCity 125 Train (June)

NASA Apollo 11 - 50th Anniversary Special Edition (June)

Samurai Warrior (June) (Operations Manual)

De Havilland Sea Vixen (June)

NASA Moon Missions - Apollo 12, 14, 15, 16 & 17 (June) (Operations Manual)

See Haynes New Titles Catalogue at <u>Haynes New Titles January-June 2019</u> for more information.



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