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FROM THE BRIDGE

The President's Column

We are now officially, in our 50th (2018 – 2019) membership year. The membership fee is still only \$10 per year and we accept advanced payment if you wish to get ahead on your membership. There is also a family membership plan. You can catch me at a meeting or send your payments to me by mail, checks to be made payable to Bay Colony Historical Modelers.

The 50th Anniversary tee shirts have been a hit. We only have a couple left in L and XL. They are medium blue and have the club logo on the left front, and on the back it says "Just Glue It".

While we are on the subject of shirts, we are doing a limited run of "50th Anniversary" black polos. That order will be shortly followed by an order for some 'standard' logo black polos. Because the logo will be white on a black shirt, it has to be revised so that the voids in the tank bogie will be black and not white.

We are currently searching for a couple emergency meeting locations. We have a lead on one, the Middleboro American Legion Post. It is not a large hall and we will most likely have the board meet there to verify that there is enough space for our needs. It is located on Thatcher's Row which is a footpath between Center St. and Nickerson Ave. and adjacent to the Post Office. The town hall parking lot is on Nickerson Ave. This space would be available to us for free.

Peter Jardim and I judged a model car contest for the Lug Nuts Auto Club, on March 10th. Their members have about a dozen full size vehicles "in winter storage" at the Kingston Collection in Kingston, MA. The cars can be viewed, daily, through security grating, any time the mall is open. And on the weekend, if one of the members is inside, the grating may be up so you can walk in and view them. Hal Marshman Jr. challenged his fellow members to build car models and had requested that we provide a couple judges to review their models. There were about 15 models on the tables for us to look at. We were both impressed by the skill level displayed and the attention to detail. Some of these models were first attempts at building. We were introduced to the group and we explained how we would judge, looking at the basics first, and then evaluating additional work done. It took us about 15 to 20 min. to evaluate the models. After the awards ceremony, (hand crafted awards made by Hal), Hal asked if we would stay and answer questions. I was pleasantly surprised by the questions we received. I believe the Peter was equally surprised. It was evident that they had enjoyed the experience and wanted to do more. We promoted our show, which also seemed to impress them.

NoreastCon 48 should have been mentioned in the previous issue. I hope this reaches you in time and not after the fact. The annual show is April 12 & 13 in Latham, NY, ten minutes outside Albany. It is being put on by IPMS Northeast New York. I was supposed to take a vote at the March meeting for trophy sponsorship, and did not. I had intended to put it on my list, but held off until I reviewed the

date, location and cost of the packs, which I forgot to do. The trophy packs are \$30. I put it out to your board and the vote was unanimous in favor of doing so. Where we couldn't agree was what genre of modeling to sponsor. Whereas two members said it didn't matter or showed no preference, I told NENY to use it where needed. There is more info available on our web site, in the forum, and on the facebook page. You can also find it on their web site at www.ipmsneny.org.

Once again it's Fine Scale to the rescue. Sometimes, I find it difficult to flesh out this column, just like now, and along comes my latest issue of *Fine Scale Modeler*. Numerous things of note. One, This is the May issue and it is dedicated to the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. (Read as almost entirely.) There are 7 articles involving WW2 stuff.

If you are a *Fine Scale* subscriber you received notice of this with your May issue. On the magazine wrapper there is an offer to get \$1 off plus free shipping of a new *Fine Scale* publication, (also a renewal form), *Build Better Ship Models*. It promises 18 "inspiring" how-to articles. Playing devil's advocate, I see no mention that these are all new articles. Many of them may have been published in previous issues of *Fine Scale*. So there may be nothing new here. But then again, if you tend to throw your older issues away, or maybe you just want the articles collected all in one place, it may have some value. The write-up promises to go from the age of sail to modern vessels, and includes commercial vessels as well as military. Cover price is \$9.99, if you tend to pick up your *Fine Scale* publications at your local hobby emporium. The discount deal may be available on line, I have not checked, at kalmbachhobbystore.com/ships. It is also available in digital format.

Also found within the pages of the May issue is the announcement of another *Fine Scale* book, *Modeling World War II in Europe*. This is evidently available now. It is not accompanied by any discount or free shipping offer, and I have not received any emails offering discounts to subscribers. It promises "more than a dozen projects" with easy step by step instructions. It covers the full expanse of the war and subject matter from figures through armor, aircraft, "and more!" Again, there is no mention of all new articles. Delivery date is in June. And you can order from kalmbachhobbystore.com.

Fine Scale had asked for modelers to submit photos of their D-Day subject models. These were voted on, on-line. The winners are in the May issue. On and off member Mike Maynard was one of the winners with a photo of his diorama of a scratch built Coast Guard rescue boat undergoing repairs. Karl Kunzmann, although not a member, is a local boy from West Warwick, who got his photo of his "Band of Brothers" diorama in the collection. It depicts three C-47's dropping paras over Normandy. My hope is Kurt will bring this to our show. There is a third person I'd like to mention, Jack Geratic, he entered an great photo of what appears to be an excellent build of AFV Club's M3A3 as a Stuart V from the 6th Canadian Armored Rgmt. Jack hails from South Porcupine, Ontario. I just wanted to put that out there.

There is one more article I'd like to mention. Jonas Dahlberg documents how he built his diorama of an actual incident that took place on June 10, 1944. His diorama depicts a Panzer IV that was hit by a 16" naval shell. What remains is not even qualified as a pile of junk. It's worth checking out.

For the car builders of our club, and even the eclectic modeler that occasionally strays to the dark side and builds a car model, I expect that most of you read *Scale Auto*. You may not have a subscription, but may check it out at your favorite hobby shop and pick up the occasional issue. I'm going to

recommend that you pick up the April 2019 issue, (Issue 250). It has a 25 page "how-to special" on finishing. It covers primers, automotive paint, nail polish, clear coats, rubbing compounds, and more. There is some good Intel here. Don't miss it.

Some may know that I'm a big Ford GT fan, and then again maybe not. Anyway, there are three new kits of the 2017 Ford GT on the market. One is from Revell and is a simplified snap together kit. The two reviews I've read on the others indicate that the new Tamiya 1/24 scale issue may be the better kit, as to fit and engineering, but only marginally. It is the "street" version, if there is such a thing, and comes with four different color racing stripe decals so that you can do four different color schemes. Similar to other Tamiya car kits, it is what is known as a "curbside" model, no engine. There is a part to replicate the top of the 3.5 liter V6 that you would see if looking through the rear deck window. The other reviewed kit is from Revell and is a conventional model of the racing version. The kit comes with the racing livery and an engine. The MSRP for the Tamiya kit is \$54, I think the Revell kit is about \$10 less. Think I'll opt for the Revell kit. It better fits with what I collect.

As mentioned above, the 75th anniversary of D-Day is coming up in June. So, as you can imagine, there are a number of 75th anniversaries for the month of April. April 2nd, the Soviet army entered Rumania. April 14th, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower became the Supreme Allied Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force. April 24th, the first Boeing B-29 arrives in China, (flying the 'hump'). April 26th, the first B-29 attacked by Japanese fighters. One fighter shot down. April 27th, Boston Brave Jim Tobin no-hits the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2-0. April 28th, Exercise "Tiger" ends with 750 US soldiers dead in a D-Day rehearsal after their ships were attacked by German torpedo boats off Slapton Sands. Oh, we shouldn't forget, April 11th, 1st Lt. Edward S. Michael, USAAF, earned his Medal of Honor while over Germany participating in Mission 298. His B-17G, "*Bertie Lee*", (WF-D), was attacked, and singled out by the Luftwaffe. They managed to knock it out of formation and followed it down. The B-17 was riddled from nose to tail. Cannon hits had ignited some of the incendiaries in the bomb bay. Lt. Michael, the co-pilot, and navigator were wounded. He attempted to jettison the bomb load, but that failed, so he ordered the crew to bail out. Seven crew members left the plane. The bombardier's chute was so riddled, it was useless. Lt. Michael headed for France and a crash landing. Trying to lose the enemy fighters through evasive maneuvers, after 45 minutes of running fight, he flew into clouds and shook his attackers. He flew at tree top level, being hit by A-A fire, until he passed out from loss of blood. The co-pilot coaxed the plane to England. Lt. Michael was conscious and at the controls when the plane crashed landed without mishap.

Mission 298 was carried out by 917 B-17's and B-24's, and 819 escorting fighters. Fifty-four B-17's were lost, 4 damaged beyond repair, (including the *Bertie Lee*), 313 damaged. Twelve B-24's lost, 1 damaged beyond repair, and 63 damaged. Seven P-47's were shot down, 16 damaged. Nine P-51's lost, 13 damaged. 19 US airmen were KIA, 31 wounded, 668 MIA. 124 enemy fighters were claimed.

Michael enlisted as a Pvt. in the Air Corps. Nov. 2, 1940. Served at Wheeler field, Honolulu, and was present for the Japanese attack. Appointed as Aviation Cadet, June 5, 1942. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. April 12, 1943. Transferred to the USAF at its inception in 1948 Flew B-47's. Promoted to Lt. Col. in August of 1963. Retired in February 1971 after 30 years of service. Michael passed on 10th of May, 1998 at the age of 76.

Battlewagon

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The "Bertie Lee" was a B-17G-20-DL, built by Douglas in Oct. 1943. Arrived at Bangor, ME Nov. 7th. Then RAF Chelveston on Jan. 5th, 1944.

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One last thought, welcome new members Alex Korovkine and Russell Thibeault.

Happy 50th. Party, karamu, fiesta.....

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

John J. Nickerson

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April Challenge Question:

With Memorial Day and the 75th anniversary of D-Day fast approaching, the TV will be filled with war films. The likes of Pvt. Ryan, Battle of the Bulge, the Longest Day, In Harm's Way, Tora, Tora, Tora, et all. Including made for TV series like Band of Brothers and The Pacific, what are your three favorites?

Challenge Question Answers:

The first model I built was an Aurora F9F Panther. (I've said that many times before.) I was 6 or 7 years old. I don't know how I acquired it. Did my parents offer to buy me a toy and that was what I picked? No one else in my house built models. I assembled it with Duco Household Cement. Big gobs of it. I assembled a couple more models with that Duco cement. (I think I was hooked at that point.) It didn't receive paint until it was assembled for a while, and had seen a couple campaigns in the back yard. I remember painting the nose and the wing tanks with some leftover paint-by-number oil paint. I remember a number of parts breaking or falling off over the years, but I do not know the final fate of the aircraft.

John Nickerson

The Model I would Build again, if... This is only one of many, but the one I most desire is the original Revell 56 Ford Pickup, if they restored the original molds. I was maybe 11 and remember struggling with this one. The doors, hood, and tailgate were all supposed to open. I know I finished it, but I don't think all of the moving parts worked. I'd like to try it again. I brush painted it Chinese Red from a small can of paint, maybe 6 ounces, I bought at the local hardware store. It could be built stock or custom. Revell modified the molds, (more than once), and is now only available in custom forms.

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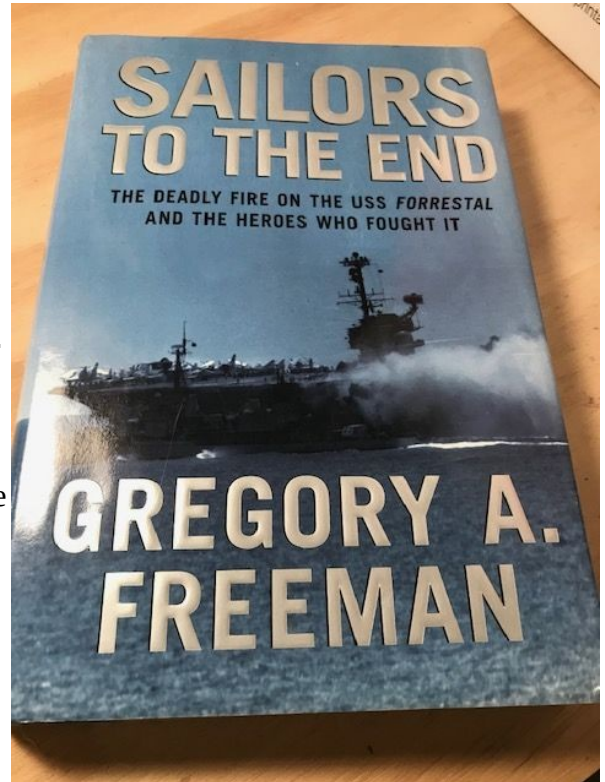
Book Review Sailors to the End

by Gregory A. Freeman

This book covers the US Navy's newest carrier the USS Forrestal CV-59, its mission and assignment to Yankee Station off the coast of Vietnam. CV-59 was the first carrier of the Atlantic fleet to take station off Vietnam. She was sent to Vietnam with a bombing mission over North Vietnam. It all started well for the Forrestal but went quickly wrong with the catastrophic accidental Zuni Missile launch on the deck of the USS Forrestal. It tells the story through the eyes of the sailors and officers aboard the Forrestal. You start with the induction of some six or seven boys into the US Navy and their assignment to the crew of the Forrestal.

Great attention to the chain of events which led up to the launch of the Zuni Missile on an F-4 Phantom into John McCain's A-4 Skyhawk. It doesn't stop here. You experience the catastrophic explosions and subsequent fires on and below decks. You will see the crew's valiant efforts to save the Forrestal. I learned quite a bit about this event. This book does a great job of giving the reader the many details on the chain of events which went from missile launch to return to the United States for repairs. This is a great read and I highly recommend you give it a read. It's all first-person accounts with many interesting bits and pieces of this historical event.

Review by Bob Magina



MWM Presents WWII Weekend 2019 -

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WWII Weekend 2019, now in its second year, is New Hampshire's largest living history event. Our goal for this event is to provide our guests with an interactive and educational WWII experience that is difficult to come by. Participants will have the chance to examine and learn about different types of World War II vehicles and weapons. Our visitors will also get to experience first hand how the soldiers of that era lived. Guests will also have the opportunity to view a live World War II battle reenactment, as well as numerous live flamethrower, weapon, and vehicle demonstrations throughout the weekend. That's not all, however; each day there are multiple interactive activities that our guests can participate in and experience, including a full USO-style show with live bands and entertainers. So whether you're a history buff, or you're just looking for something to do over the weekend with the family, WWII with the family, WWII Weekend 2019 is the place to be!

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If you're a veteran lets us know via email at info@mwmuseum.com for special ticketing information!



July 20th and 21st

First View - Damxged Spring 2019

Full title, "Damxged - Weathered & Worn". This is the second issue of a new publication brought to us by Fine Scale Modeler. I recently wrote about the first issue, and Fine Scale has promised us at least two more. The summer issue is in preparation and can be preordered at a discount from the Fine Scale / Kalmbach web site. Because I am registered on the Fine Scale site I received emails offering \$1 off the cover price and free shipping.

Just as the first, the magazine is all color and is in the larger European format. Like many of the slick European modeling magazines, each article begins with a materials list, which lists the kit used, tools used, and paint or coloring materials used.

For those that are diorama builders, or those considering building a diorama, this issue contains three articles on dioramas. The first is a zombie diorama. The article mostly discusses composition, (very important in planning a diorama), and painting the figures. The second is a building interior that is very heavily damaged. The article covers a lot of good information on creating and painting the damage. The third is a ship at sea. The ship model, a Mirage 1/350 Flower class Corvette, is nothing spectacular, but it is possible that it was incomplete at the time of constructing the base. The main thrust of the article is in building the sea base, and that is spectacular. The article takes you step by step through the process.

There are eight articles in all, in this issue. A couple that may be of interest are; building a 1/72 scale Bandai X-Wing fighter, building and detailing a 1/32 scale Czech Zlin Z-50 aerobatic plane, and building the Hasegawa 1/35 scale Hitachi Double Front Working Machine. I don't know if the Hasegawa working machines are available here in the States. I can't say I've ever seen one in a hobby shop Maybe I'm just not looking in the right places. This Hitachi machine is quite interesting and has caught my attention.

The magazine can be ordered from Fine Scale and other online sources, as well as your local hobby shop. Cover price is \$9.99. The issue is 76 pages.

John Nickerson

<h2>Up Scope</h2>	
May 11th Meeting	Jun 8th Meeting
Talal Chouman 36 Roundtop Rd Framingham, MA 01701 508-788-1960	Pat McColgen 195A Town Farm Rd Coventry, RI 02816 860-455-6585
<p>Directions</p> <p>495N to Mass pike (I-90) east to exit 12, pay toll stay right to Rt. 9 East, pass 2 sets of light, then a flashing light, after the flashing light stay right and take the exit ramp (Main street, Edgel road, Framingham state college) at light turn left (bridge over Rt. 9) (Edgel Rd) stay on Edgel Rd. for about 2 miles until you reach the first light (intersection of Water street & Edgel Rd.) keep going straight on Edgel rd. (Mobile station and Christies market on left, Middlesex bank and Riley roast beef on the right) take the second right (Apple'dor street), at stop sign take a left on Baldwin ave. then the first right on Janebar circle , then first left on Roundtop Rd. Number 36 on the right, gray house.</p>	<p>Directions</p> <p>Travel South on I 95 to exit 7 Take right off the exit. At the second light (Cumberland Farms) take a left onto Arnold Rd and continue to the intersection of Rt 3/Tiogogue Avenue.</p> <p>Take a right onto Rt 3/Tiogogue ave. After passing Nino's on the right, continue up over the hill to the sixth street on the right.</p> <p>Take a right onto Rawlinson Dr continue to the four way intersection. Our house is on the corner of East Shore Drive and Rawlinson drive and is the biege ranch. Please park along East Shore Drive and enter from the garage side into the back yard.</p> <p>Any questions you can call 860-455-6585.</p>



By Alex Korovkine
Toyota Racing Car

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By Terry Sumner
32 Ford



By Gil Costa
Nissan R35 GTR

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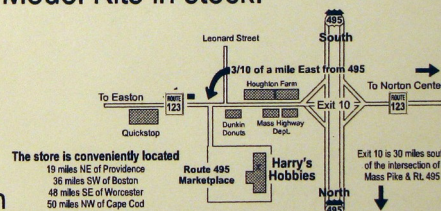
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