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FROM THE BRIDGE

The President's Column

We are now in the last half of our 49th (2017 – 2018) membership year. Next year, 2018 -2019, will be our 50th 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 Historic Modelers.

Our IPMS Charter has been renewed. I opened the email from Dave Schwab, the Region 1 Regional Coordinator, and there was a dropbox link. I wrote back and asked what I was supposed to do with the dropbox. There were no instructions in the email. Dave Lockhart, IPMS DLC, responded that there was no Fact Sheet for Bay Colony and we would have to reconstruct it, and that our re-charter fee had been paid. I was pretty sure that our fee hadn't been paid because I'm the guy that usually pays it. I also sent him the 2017 fact sheet, (or 2016, depending how you look at it.). They accepted the 2017 sheet as good and I paid online through the IPMS/USA web site.

Winter weather alert! And being New England, the weather around these parts can vary greatly from one end of our region to the other. We had to postpone the December meeting one week. It had less to do with the amount or timing of the snow than the City of Woonsocket's tendency to post parking bans. So we posted the schedule change on the web site, the forum, and on the Facebook page. So as just a reminder for the winter months, if inclement weather is in the forecast, or we have a significant snow fall, check our web page or Facebook page for schedule changes.

We have a date for our 2018 show: November 11, 2018. Hopefully Bob can get that approved by the Region 1 Coordinator. I think it's going to be hard to beat the 2017 show, but we can try. We also have a tentative date for November 10, 2019, but more on that later.

I've penned another article, which I hope is in this issue, crunching the final numbers for the 2017 show. Check elsewhere in this issue.

We thought we were free and clear as far as all of the expenses from the show and all of our bills had been paid. We had been told that we would not have to rent any tables for this past show, but we were notified that a small number of tables had to be rented to replace tables from the hall that had broken. We received this news at the January meeting. As of the time I write this, I have not seen the bill.

At the December meeting we discussed the Line Judge Awards that we give out at the show. They were originally developed to be given out for specific reasons, unrelated to the categories, from all of the models in that line judge's area. The line judge is encouraged to develop his own criteria. Such as "best kit bash", best camo scheme", or "best representation of winter white wash". Because of most of the awards were going to models that were already receiving awards, I made the motion to discontinue the awards. The club voted to continue them. We also discussed the Hal Marshman, Sr. Memorial award. This past show it was given for Best Luftwaffe Aircraft. It was decided to make it a 12 hours of curing time for the primer if you intend to mask on it. They claim that the black primer is self-

rotating award. This year it will be for the Best P-47. In the future it will be for Best F4U Corsair and Best Fw 190. These were all favorite modeling subjects of Hal's.

At the January meeting I proposed that we do away with the Club Raffle Challenge award. It was developed to encourage the building of the models that members won at the monthly meeting raffles. It is one of those check box items on the individual entry forms. There have been no entries over the past few years so we voted to discontinue the award.

Here we are at February and we are still talking the November show. I mentioned last issue that we had 3 issues at the awards ceremony. One went away very quickly once the folder was filled out. A couple more reared their heads while compiling the results. I found a Jr. modeler that wasn't recognized. I don't know what happened there, but he will be sent a certificate. The other problem was sort of a comedy of errors and unfortunately, he made them all. When I compile the results I compare the judge's sheet to the individual Master Entry Forms. I do this mostly to make sure that what I record on the Official Result is the most accurate information possible. As an example the judges might list the entry as a P-47. The entrant might list it as a P-47D-5 Razorback. I'll use the most accurate information possible. I also check the entrants name and spelling. Well this individual paid the basic \$5 fee, claimed 5 models at registration, but only four models were listed on his Master Sheet. To compound things he filled out the back of the sheet, and did not fill out the contact information, so I couldn't contact him to verify any info. And of course, the only model that wins is evidently the one that wasn't listed. His name must have been on the Individual Entry Sheet, because that is the only other means we could have gotten his name from. Just to add to the confusion. The winning model was unrelated to any other model he built, for example, the listed models are aircraft, and his winning entry was a car. So I had to read through all of the other entry forms to see if maybe this winning entry was by some chance someone else's, like we never did that before. So, nope, I couldn't find it listed elsewhere.

We are trying to move forward with our 50th Anniversary planning. I hope we can nail something down by the March meeting so that we can announce something at that time. That will give us a chance to post it online and get it in the April newsletter, so keep your eyes open.

So, what's happening over across the pond with Airfix you ask? You come here for your Airfix fix, right? Airfix has released their 2018 catalog. Most of what's new is just re-boxing of their existing line in new markings. As far as new new, there is not much but there are some. Airfix USA has sent me notice that the 1/48 Boulton Paul Defiant NF (night fighter), is now available in the US. England says the 1/72 B-25 C/D Mitchell is now available, there. Will we see it here in the States in 2018, I hope so. I've been waiting for a year now. They have listed a 1/72 B-26B Marauder as new for 2018, but nowhere does it say New Tool! So if it's not a new tool, is it their old molds? Or is it someone else's mold, such as Hasegawa? So what else is promised, you ask? In 1/48 they promise New Tools, a Hawker Sea Fury FB II, a Hawker Hunter F6, and a Bristol Blenheim Mk.1F. I keep hoping they will bring out a Hunter in 1/72 to replace their old molds. It is my favorite British jet of that era, very simple lines. They are also promising a 1/48 Hawker Sea Hurricane IB, a 1/48 Gloster Meteor FR9, and a 1/72 North American Mitchell Mk.II. That's a B-25 in British markings. These are all just re-boxes of existing kits, of course the B-25 is brand new.

Vallejo has released a new line of metallic paints, Metal Color. They are water based metallic colors intended for use with an airbrush. There are 19 colors and come in 32 ml bottles. These are larger than their normal eyedropper paint bottles. Some of the bottles contain metal rattle balls for mixing. Their web site says you can spray the colors straight out of the bottle onto bare plastic, but for best effect it should be sprayed over the gloss black primer specifically designed for the product line. They also say you can apply the primer and almost immediately apply the metal color, but you should allow 12 hours of curing time for the primer if you intend to mask on it. They claim that the black primer is self-leveling which should give it some filling properties. Metallic finishes highlight, if you will, flaws such as nicks and scratches in the plastic, so the ability to fill some of these by using the primer is a plus. Vallejo does recommend that you flush your airbrush with their airbrush cleaner after using the Metal Colors. It was not clear if the cleaner is their standard product or one created to work with the metallic colors. I think these paints work on the same basis as the Alclad paints, except they are acrylic based. I obtained a few to try when Squadron had that paint sale a while back, although I don't think I got any great break on them, about 20%. Some of the other Vallejo paint sets were getting larger discounts.

Think 50th!

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

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Crunching the Numbers - BayCon 2017 Final Review

Well, here it is, the final numbers crunch that you have been waiting for. The data is all based on the Master Entry forms and the Official Judging Forms. Eighty six modelers entered 471 models. That averages out to 5.48 models per entrant. Twenty three entrants were Bay Colony members (27%), 26 entrants were from other clubs (30%), and 37 claimed no club affiliation (43%). The Bay Colony members entered 76 models (16%), those from other clubs entered 152 models (32%), and the non-affiliated modelers entered 241(51%). Four modelers entered 20 or more models. None of them were Bay Colony members. Of course, Ken Compagnone was king of the hill with 53, followed by Stephen Robie (29), Marc Dupuy (24), and William Moreau (21). You will be seeing Marc Dupuy's name numerous times in this column. Together these 4 modelers entered 127 models or 27% of the show.

We gave out 205 awards. Seventy eight modelers took home those awards (89%). Bay Colony members took 43 awards (21%), members of other clubs took home 83 awards (40%), and the non-affiliated modelers took 79 awards (39%). None of our members broke into the top 6. They were Mark Dupuy - 24, Stephen Robie - 11, Luis Silva - 9, Al LaFleche - 7, Bill Horton - 6, and Chris Ekstrom - 6. Four more scored 5 trophies, so that the top 10 in trophy count took 83 awards or 41% of the awards given. Mark Dupuy took 6 - 1st, 6 - 2nd, 4 - 3rd, 5 - 4th, and 3 specials.

From the club, our top five trophy takers were Steve Kwasny - 4, Gil Costa - 4, Paul Champigny - 4, Ted Bunn - 3, and Ed Rosario -3.

In the process of developing these stats, I have developed the Awards per Model average (APM). This figure stresses efficiency, or taking more than one award per model. Most modelers fall below 1.000, a good number this year scored 1.000, but eight scored higher. Bay Colony members did much better in this stat. At 2.000 were John McCormick (BC), Peter Jardim (BC), Andrew Koerner, and Kevin Conlon (BC). Scoring 1.333 were Steve Kwasny (BC) and Paul Champigny (BC). At 1.250 were Michael Gondor and Mac Johnston.

Another thing I do is assign point values to each award. This helps point out the better modelers. The higher score indicates better work. A person that received a 1st place award would receive 4 points, a person taking 4th would receive 1 point. Of course a person taking multiple awards would advance his score appropriately. One of our members did break the top 10. Marc Dupuy - 67 pts., Stephen Robie - 29 pts., Luis Silva - 21 pts., Michael Gondor - 20 pts., Mac Johnston - 20 pts., Brian Saska - 18 pts., William Horton - 17 pts., Al LaFleche - 17 pts., Chris Ekstrom - 17 pts., and Gil Costa (BC) - 15 pts.

These points were developed so that I could produce the Points per Model average, (PPM). This is a much better indicator of skill level. It gives a much better picture of skill applied across a number of models. (Not to say it's common, but it is easier for a modeler entering 15 models to earn 20 points, than for someone entering 6 models. That person would have to score higher on all of his awards.) Again the club fairs much better with this number. The top seven in PPM are, John McCormick (BC) - 8.00, Andrew Koerner - 7.00, Kevin Conlon (BC) - 7.00, Peter Jardim (BC) - 5.00, Michael Gondor - 5.00, Mac Johnston - 5.00, and Paul Champigny (BC) - 4.666. Four others scored 4.00.

We had modelers enter from all 6 New England states, all of the Region 1 states, plus more. We had some long distance travelers this year. Coming in at 460 miles from Round Hill, VA, Ed Mautner. From Ellsworth ME, 319 miles, Marc Dupuy. From North Ferrisburg, VT, William Moreau, 281 miles. From Linden, NJ, Luis Silva, 203 miles. And, from St. Albans, NY, Bernard Barty, 181 miles. All distances mentioned are estimates, center of town to center of town. So that's it, that's the wrap up, and all of the stats fit to be printed.

Hope you enjoyed them.
John Nickerson

Review:

Fine Scale Modeler - Experts Guide to Superdetailing FSM Staff

It has become common practice for FSM to release a special issue in the holiday season every year. Sometimes it is just a rehash of past articles, sometimes built on a theme. Holiday 2016, FSM released Experts Guide to Superdetailing. This issue is 100% new articles from autos to Sci-Fi, and all of the featured models are super models. There are no run of the mill models here. Even the "Show Gallery" models are superb models. This includes Jake Banas's Beech Staggerwing, which I believe took The Best in Show, at our show a couple years ago.

In eleven diferent articles, numerous diferent techniques are discussed. I would surmise that the easiest project was the 1/48 F9F-6 Cougar conversion. Two kits, a Kitty Hawk F9F-8 is mated with a Monogram F9F-5 to get the -6 version, so most of the article is cutting, gluing, and filling. The 1/32 scale Trumpeter P-38 article is a study in detailing and bare metal finishing. The scratch built Borg Cube is a couple levels above my pay grade. It involves lighting and etching PE. Jef Pollizzotto, who undertook this 11 month project, claims to have made over 200 PE parts and 7000 styrene pieces. I don't know if that includes the parts stolen from other kits he mentioned.

The article that most fascinated me was the 1/72 scale (yes! 1/72), Battleship Missouri diorama, of the ship under kamikaze attack. No, it's not the full ship, but it is still 46" long. Some of the photos included in the article, had they been in black and white, would make you believe that they were of the actual ship. The article does include the black and white photo that the model is based on, showing the A6M5 "Zeke" about to clip its wing on the hull, before it slams into the ship. An amazing moment in time, captured on film.

So if you are looking for some ideas to improve your modeling and detailing, this may be a good place to start. It's pretty much cover to cover, full of ideas. There are no letters to the editor, kit reviews, or hints and tips to eat up a number of pages as in the normal issues. And the extended length, 99 pages, helps justify the \$9.99 cover price. You might find it at your local hobby shop or you can order it direct from Kalmbach / Fine Scale web site. Fine Scale does put it on sale a couple times a year, which is how I obtained my copy. I rate it 4.5 thumbs up on the Del scale.

John Nickerson

MIG-25 by Peter Jardim



Up Scope

Mar 10th Meeting

Gil Costa
513 Bullock Street
Fall River, MA 02720
774-451-3236

Apr 14th Meeting

Bob Magina
71 Willow Lane
Plainville, MA 02762
508-695-7754

Directions

From points north: Take Rt. 24 south to “Eastern Ave./President Ave.” exit; continue to rotary and take second right off same. You will now be on North Eastern Ave. Continue on through one set of lights until the next break in the roadway island, this will be Bullock St.. Take a left and continue to #513 which is on the right and is a gray stucco house with tan trim.

From points West: Take Rt. #195 east to Rt. #24 north. Take the “Eastern Ave/President Ave” exit. Continue via above directions.

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P-40 by Joe Ravino

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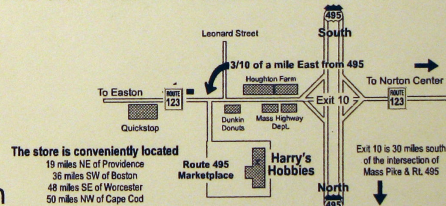
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John Nickerson



KI-84 by Bill Collins



JS-3 by Bob Don

In Range

Dec 16 th Meeting – Chris Libucha	Jan 13 th Meeting – Bill Collins
1/48th Supermarine Walrus – Bill Collins 1/48th MIG-25 – Peter Jardim 1/72nd F-14D Pumpkin Head – Joe Ravino 1/72nd P-40 Joe Ravino 1/48th Bf-110C – Gil Costa 1/1 – Cat Drawing – Gil Costa	1/48th KI-84 – Bill Collins 1/48th Tempest Mk V – Bill Collins 1/76th JS-3 – Bob Don 1/48th Fiat CR.42 Falco – Peter Smey 1/48th C6N1 MyrT – Peter Smey 1/35th PZ IV F1 – Peter Smey 1/35th Tiger I – Peter Smey
In Attendance: Bob Magina Kevin Colburn Peter Jardim John Nickerson John Gisetto Sr. Chris Libucha Joe Ravino Ted Bunn Ed Rosario	In Attendance: Bob Magina Ray Rosario John Nickerson Craig Magina Peter Jardim Kevin Colburn Terry Sumner John Merryman Gil Costa
Raffle: Everyone won – Merry Christmas	Raffle: M3 Grant – Peter Smey Sanding Sticks – John Nickerson Tamiya Putty – Craig Magina



Fiat CR.42 by John Merryman



F4U-1D by Peter Smey

IPMS Bay Colony Modelers meet the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The meetings take place at selected members houses. Look at the Battlewagon or the club website for location and directions. Guests are always welcome. Membership is \$10.00 per year. Members and guests are encouraged to bring completed models or works in progress for display and discussion.

The Battlewagon is published six times per year. All opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect IPMS Bay Colony or IPMS USA views. Submissions relevant to modeling are welcome, and may be published at the discretion of the editor. All material is subject to editing. There is no payment for articles.

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