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Deadline for submissions is 10 days  
prior to the next "General meeting".

**General Meeting Friday, June 8** Water Stone Bank 6560 S. 27th Street  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Business Meeting Wednesday, June 13** at Baker's Square 4900 S. 76th St.,  
Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. • All members are welcome!

## R - E - L - A - X

My wife, Dorothy, and I enjoy the CBS TV show "Madame Secretary." In the penultimate episode of this just-ended season ("Protocol"), there is a scene where Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord's (Téa Leoni) husband, Henry (Tim Daly), is talking with the president's high-strung chief of staff Russel Jackson (Zeljko Ivanek). Russel has been told to find a relaxing activity to help his potentially explosive heart condition and failing marriage. Henry gets Russel to open up: Henry: Has there ever been any non-work related activity that you found completely absorbing?

(Before I could blurt out from my lounge chair "making models") . . .

Russel: When I was a kid, I used to make model airplanes. You know, from kits? I guess I like that.

H: What kind of planes?

R: WWII, mostly: P-38 Lightning, B-17, Spitfire. My favorite was the Corsair . . .

H: Corsair? That's the plane that made me want to be a fighter pilot! What did you like about making model planes?

R: That you had to be organized, precise, have the right tools, you're able to see all the pieces fit together, and if you stuck with it, the plane that you saw in your mind was the plane you saw on the table.

H: Why don't you make them any more?

R: 'Cause I'm a grown man with a job. What are you even saying here? That I can find god in a model airplane?

H: It's as good a place to start as any. And if you don't find god, maybe you can settle for, I dunno, saving your marriage?

R: Something to think about anyway.

The scene changes to Russel clearing a workspace, carefully laying out modeling tools (knife, sprue nipper, brushes, cushioned sanding stick, etc.), and opening a recent Revell boxing of (likely) the old 1/48 scale Monogram F4U-4 Corsair.

Let's relax and enjoy our June 8 meeting with our "Darkest Hour - Finest Hour" theme. From Dunkirk to the Battle of Britain. See you there!

— Paul Boyer

## *Upcoming Events* Compiled by Jim Erfert

### **June 9 • Bethany, OK**

SoonerCon 2018 presented by IPMS Metro Okc Council Road Baptist Church "The Cube" 7903 NW 30th, Bethany, OK, 73008 9:00am to 5:00pm. Richard Fisher, challenger@challenger-n-scale.com

### **June 9-10 • Overland Park, KS**

Heartland Model Car Nationals Overland Park Convention Center 6000 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS, 66211 June 9, 2018 - 2:00pm to June 10, 2018 - 4:30pm Jerrald Braiuca, braiucaj@gmail.com

### **June 9-15 • Beech Bend Raceway Park, KY**

Hot Rod Power Tour starting at Beech Bend Raceway Park, KY to zMAX Dragway, NC

### **June 16 • Crystal Lake, IL**

Seventh Annual Northern Illinois Model Contest (NIMCON 7) 9AM to 5PM, McHenry County College, 8900 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012 for more info and updates visit: [www.lakesregion-modelers.com](http://www.lakesregion-modelers.com)

### **July 23-29, Oshkosh, WI**

EAA Airventure Oshkosh 2018

### **August 1 • Phoenix, AZ**

2:00pm to August 4, 2018 - 10:00pm, IPMS/USA National Convention 2018, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ 100 N. 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ, 85004

### **September 21-23 • Rockford, IL**

WW2 reenactment 6799 Guiford road Midway village museum Rockford Il.

### **September 28-30 • West Allis, WI**

Maker Faire, Wisconsin State Fair Park, <https://milwaukee.makerfaire.com/>

### **November 3 • Oshkosh, WI**

21st Annual Winnebago Area Model Classic & Swap Meet. Oshkosh Hilton Garden Inn, Exit 116 East from Interstate 41.

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### **January 19, 2019 • Darien, IL**

Planes, Trains and Automobiles Plastic Model Kit & Model Railroad Swap Meet and Show Saint John Lutheran Church, 7214 Cass Ave. Darien, IL, 60561. 9 am to 3 pm, Approximately 6 blocks S. Of I-55 and Cass exit.

Flyers w/maps for these events are sometimes available at the general meetings or by calling me. Please take copies only if you plan to attend. The IPMS/USA website has info on most of these events. Check it out.

## Jones' Thoughts by Al Jones

I can't get used to the fact that Memorial Day is already here. What the H-E-double toothpicks happened to SPRING? I have not yet been out to the garage to get my 2002 Yamaha V-Star Classic started for the 2018 season. This is terrible. And there sits my sailboat which has not been wet since 2014. Yikes!! At least I get some model work done each day.

The Model Ships & Boats Contest at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, was, once again, a real pleasure to see and experience. Entries came from Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Colorado, Indiana . . . those are the states I can remember seeing. Here's a couple of photos for your edification:



It seems that perhaps this Model Contest, started many years ago by Richard Young and myself, is now the Premier Model Ships and Boats Contest in the USA. If my information is correct, the Model Contest at Newport News no longer exists. Very Sad!!!

And now we come to more immediate activities. My private Contest for antique Tamiya 1/50th scale kits of Japanese WW2 fighter aircraft which were drawn from my basement stash, after 5-6 long months, is coming to its conclusion. I'm pretty sure that there were seven very old kits that were distributed to volunteer builders

back in January to be completed in time for our June club meeting. Some of you have kept me up to date with your progress with these kits. I understand that replacement 1/50th scale decals are no where to be had. Masking and painting the Hinomarus should not have presented any great problems.

In the meantime, I have been able to accumulate the prizes for this contest which are in the photo below:



OK! One more photo, this one is of my current WIP:



Oh! You want more info, huh? OK!! Entex No. 8007, 1 to 1 scale. All plastic!

Now, if any of you want me to cease and desist with these newsletter columns, all you have to do is say so. There's lot I can do with the extra time.

—AJ



## The Trilogy Connection June Update

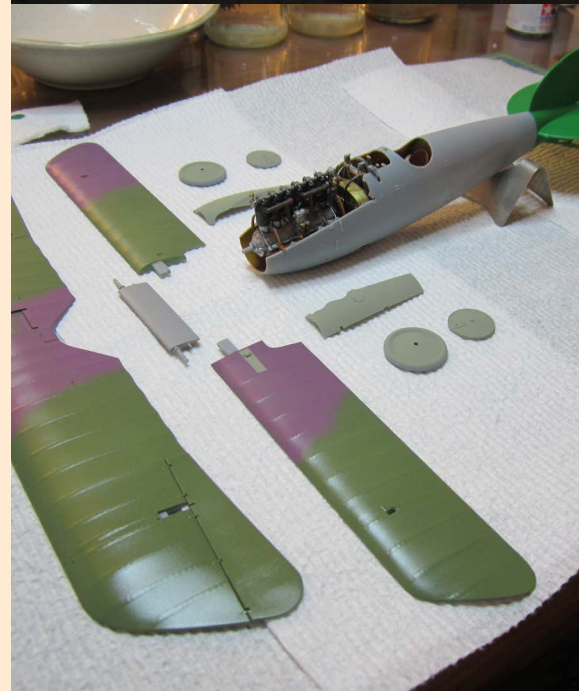
On 5/20/18 we took a break from the Trilogy and took a road trip to Beaver Dam to help "Doc" Funke pack up some of his built kits that he can't take to his new residence in Oshkosh. We will be bringing them to the Club at some point, and I think it would be good for those of you who would like a Doc Funcke original in your collection!

Other than that things are going well. Jeff is moving along rather swiftly, I think he will be done before I get started! Ed has had some family stuff going on, but that's OK. Life kind of takes priority.

Originally this "Trilogy" thing started out as three guys building the same plane. But it has turned into three guys getting together to work on models.

We are having a great time doing this. We will all probably finish at different times, but that's OK, it's the camaraderie that counts.

—Jim



Jeff Neal

## Secretary's Notes by John Plzak

Nine members attended the May business meeting. Better weather improved the turn out. It was also decided that starting the meeting at 5:30pm should continue. There was less congestion at the restaurant and did not seem to be a hindrance to anyone attending. There was not a large amount of business to discuss but we did decide to increase the clubs trophy contributions to Nimcon. We also decided to make the August meeting a build it at the meeting night. Bring something to work on and take some time to walk around a see what the other members brought for their project.

Despite the lower turn out at the May meeting, quite a few members brought along a "shelf of DOOM" kit or two and some interesting stories as to why that kit wound up in that dreaded place. I suggested that we do that again at future meeting, but this time make of a list of the kits people brought and then have a period of time (say six months) to actually finish your "shelf of DOOM" kit. Let us know what you think.

The June meetings theme will be "Their Finest Hour" display, open to subjects from Dunkirk through the Battle of Britain. Also if you are one of the people who took Al Jones' challenge to build one of the early Tamiya aircraft kits he handed out; this month is when the finished models are due and Al will award the prizes. Finally I will give a short demonstration on how I decant spray cans so you can use the paint through your airbrush.

July will be dedicated to Paul Boyer's display of the American Aircraft of WWII that he and some helper builders have completed to go on display at the EAA museum. Of course you are all still encouraged to bring something of your own to display but table space might be a little tight.

That's all for this month. Happy Modeling!

— JP

### 2018 Meeting Schedule

June	Their Finest Hour
July	Paul Boyer Display
Aug	Build it at the Meeting
Sep	Club Auction

## Ed's Car Corner by Ed Doering



Kit Review Kit Number – 6392  
Italeri DUKW Amphibious Truck  
Scale 1/35 Skill Level – 2 or 3

June is the month in which the historic Normandy Invasion occurred – June 6, 1944. Perhaps the greatest combined military operation in history, and certainly a pivotal point of World War Two.

With that in mind, I've decided to review

something a little different this month. How about the Italeri 1/35 DUKW, an amphibious truck, used in Normandy during "Operation Overlord".

Now, I'm not a reviewer of military kits, so I don't know if there are any inaccuracies in this kit. But, for years, I do know that modelers were begging companies to release a DUKW in 1/35 scale, so Italeri answered the call with what at first glance appears to be an outstanding kit.

The DUKW is a large, triple-shaft amphibian vehicle developed during WW2 for the American forces. The aim was to build a vehicle to supply ammunition, food and materials, stored in holds of transport ships, to invading troops occupying beach heads on enemy soil immediately after landing.

The DUKW offered good navigating qualities, and could move well off-road as well, which combined with its high load capacity, enabled it to perform its logistic role to the full. It was widely used by the USA's allies all the way through to the 1970s, including civil protection assignments.

This kit comes in a large, tray-like box, with colorful box art depicting how the finished model will look.

The instruction sheet is large too, and folds out to show the 14 assembly blocks to go thru to build this model. There's also a decal placement guide showing how to paint and decal 3 different versions of the DUKW. One version is for the Normandy Invasion, 1944, while others include one for Germany, 1945, and a Marines version for Iwo Jima, 1945.

An inner parts map shows that there are 3 large sprues of Olive Drab colored parts, plus a small clear sprue for the glass pieces, along with a small decal sheet that appears to have been printed in Italy, so I assume they're good quality.

In step one, a small wall piece is glued to the underside of the top of the upper deck, and the control sticks and seats are then added to the top side.

Step 2 deals with inserting the deck floor in the driver's area, the dash, steering column and steering wheel. Decals are provided for the gauges, and a note shows how the steering column angle should appear after assembly.

There are a lot of parts making up assembly block 3. A cover is inserted in front of the driver's area on the main deck. The windshield and its glass are built up and inserted, the panel separating the driver's area from the cargo hold is glued in, and the sides of the cargo hold area are all added. Then, the headlights are built up, and spare tire, tools, anchor, and side curtains are added.

In step 4, the side glass is added to the window frames, as well as the rear view mirrors, and forward hooks get added.

In step five, we deal with the protective front guard, and its braces, as well as more forward

hooks. Again, a note shows how the protective guard is to be angled.

Step 6 involves adding the rear winch, spare gas cans, and more hooks. This completes the upper deck.

In step 7, the sides of the hull are mated to the bottom most hull piece. Care must be taken to align these parts accurately, to avoid seams as much as possible. Test fit first. Guides are molded into these pieces to aid in alignment.

In step 8, we glue up the tires, and then begin adding them to the springs, brakes, and differential for the forward wheel/tire assembly, along with a tie rod. It appears the wheels may be pose-able.

In block 9, the completed front wheel/tire assembly, and drive shaft is added to its proper area on the front of the bottom of the hull, along with more hooks.

Step 10 deals with the rudder, shaft, and prop, all added to the rear of the hull.

Step 11 involves building another differential with its links, springs, spring plates, and tie rod. Study the plans well to get these parts assembled correctly.

Step 12 involves making up the other wheel/tires assembly for the rear of the craft, and installing the assemblies done in block 11.

In block 13, the upper deck assembly is mated to the lower hull. More hooks are again added.

Finally, in step 14, the front and rear hull guards are added, along with tail lights, and a few more hooks, to complete the model.

Assembly seems straight forward, nothing overly complicated, and I rate the skill level between 2, possibly 3. Some blocks deal with more parts than others.

If you're a military modeler, or interested in the Normandy Invasion, this kit should well be on your list of kits to build. Pick one up, and have fun with it. The DUKW is an excellent model to try light weathering skills on, and there are all sorts of military cargo kits to install in the bed, making for an interesting display.

—ED

There were 18 model Information cards filled out. Please make sure you fill out the Model Information cards. **Please fill them out clearly.** I enter what I can read and my eyes aren't what they used to be. **Also please leave them on the display table.** The format of this list is: Modelers name, Item being displayed, Kit Manufacturer and Scale.

*Editors Note: In an effort to show more club models I have added more pages of finished models. If you do not see your model it is because I could not see the name card associated with the model in the photo.*

**John Clancy** Vespa Girl Julius Perdana ?, Tiny Cars Prudenziati ?, Model A Roadster Prudenziati 1/24

**Greg Waldo** German Submarine Revell 1/35, 1958 Chevy Impala Revell 1/25, 1964 Sunbeam Tiger V8 AMT 1/25

**Paul Boyer** Curtiss P-6E Hawk monogram 1/72, Boeing P-12E Matchbox 1/72, Boeing P-26A Peashooter AZ Model 1/72

**Ed Doering** 1957 Chrysler NASCAR AMT 1/25

**Vic Rood** 31 Ford Model A Flintstone 1/25

**Chuck Davis** MU-2 Hasegawa 1/72, Spartan Executive Dekno Models 1/72, Stinson SR-9 Reliant Dekno Models 1/72

**Al Jones** Lockheed F-80 Monogram 1/48

**Bill Cook** UP-3C Tomy Tec 1/144

**Jeff Neal** Curtiss O-52 Owl Pavla 1/72

**Mike Klessig** F6F-5 Hellcat Academy 1/72



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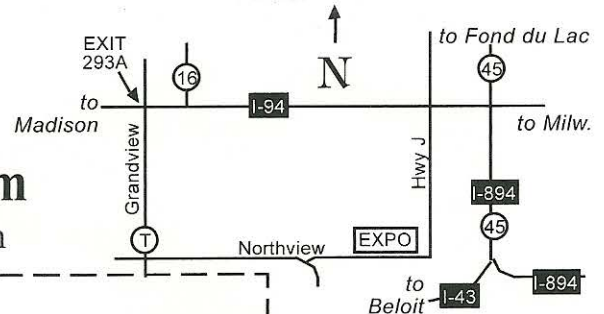
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