

# Chapter Contacts

Please forward to your members!



Well, yesterday I said “sayonara” .....and today I’m back with another 2017 newsletter. With his latest newsletter Sonoran Desert editor Dave Diaz mentioned that he has had some health problems, explaining why he has not been able to get out the last several. But thankfully he’s better now, and has caught up with the attached, excellent “Mold Lines” newsletter. Since it’s a December newsletter, I’m forwarding it. Glad to see you back, Dave!

Moving right along .....this month’s features a build article of the B\*I\*G 1/48th Revellogram B-29. Included is a wealth of material on materials and methods used, and are lots and lots of in-progress photos.



**This is NOT one of them.** Actually, it might be called a “dry fit in 1:1 scale”.....

But the article mentions very little about the the subject aircraft, or its “Humpin’ Honey” name.

Dave mentions that the article is a reprint from the actually a reprint of a newsletter of the “de Havilland Scale Modelers”. A little surfing quickly found that group, composed of current and retired members of de Havilland of Canada (currently better known as Bombardier) and meeting at that company’s Toronto facility, is a chartered chapter of IPMS/Canada. See [www.dhscale.com](http://www.dhscale.com) or/and <http://www.ipmscanada.com/ipms/chapterlist/chapterlist.html>

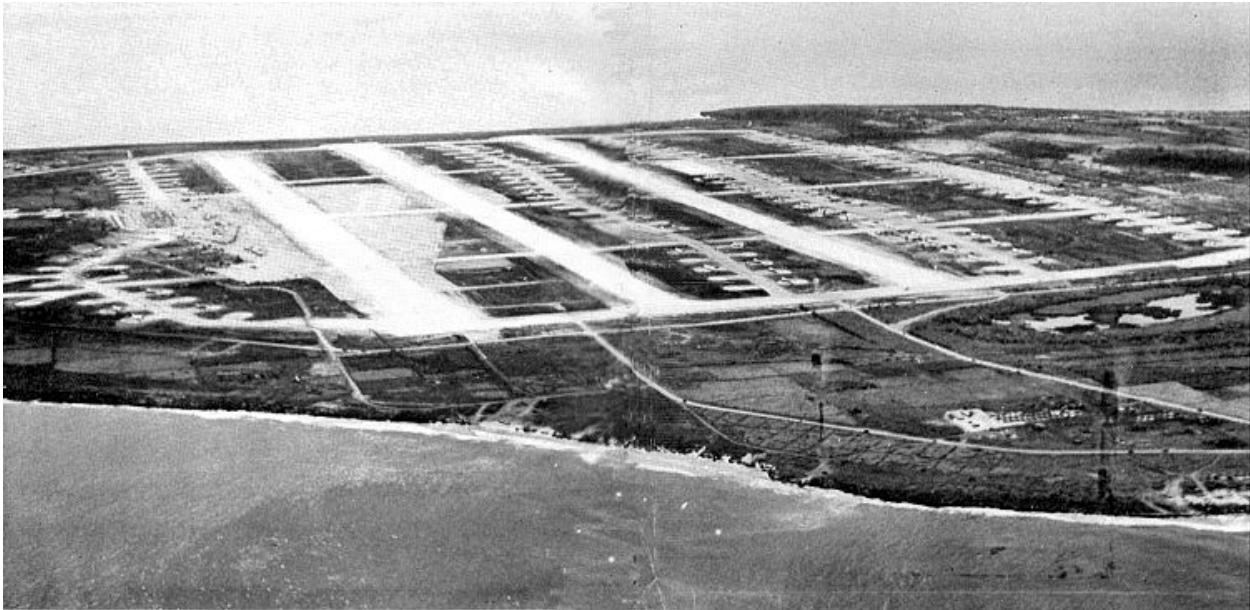
A little more surfing found a lot more information on B-29-5-BW 42-6299 (and another build article on the kit), revealing that the aircraft had been one of the very first production block aircraft, and that had one of the B-29’s which begun Superfortress operations from India. For these early B-29 missions, the big bombers had been their own cargo aircraft, first shuttling much of their own fuel and supplies

from India over the Himalayas to forward Chinese bases, before they could attack Japan from China. Those missions over the “the hump” were evidently the source of half of the reasoning of *Humpin' Honey's* obvious “double entendre” nickname: I'll leave the other half for you to figure out; with the nose art as a hint. It would definitely not be Politically Correct today!



Picture of the model in the “aircraft resource center” article link

These difficult operations from India ended Mariana Islands were taken by invasion, when the B-29 basing was shifted to the Mariana Islands after those islands were captured after brutal fighting: with Guam, Tinian, and Rota becoming massive unsinkable aircraft carriers. The B-29 bombing missions to Japan were still long, but the Himalaya shuttle was eliminated.



Assigned to the 58th Bomb Wing, 462nd Bomb Group; *Humpin' Honey* did not survive the war. On the third anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, Dec 7th 1944, being rammed by a Nakajima Ki 44. Only two crew members survived.

[http://www.aircraftresourcecenter.com/Gal12/11601-11700/  
gal11615-B-29-Ermel/00.shtml](http://www.aircraftresourcecenter.com/Gal12/11601-11700/gal11615-B-29-Ermel/00.shtml)

*Also mentioned*....is that the chapter will have a "Make 'n Take" for youngsters this Saturday (1/6) at the Pima County Air & Space Museum (it's adjacent to the famous "bone yard" at Davis Monthan AFB); in addition there is an interesting profile by Dave of SDMB member Kent Weeks, including photos of some of diverse model projects.

*And with that.....I'll say sayonara, again.....*

*Fred Horky*

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