



The Reporter



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Meeting Musings - March 2019

By Tom Reese

Thanks to everyone who came out to the auction last night and for your generosity in both donating and purchasing kits. We had a nice mix of high quality and vintage kits on the tables.

Also thanks to John Graham for hosting the event at the hanger at LITH airport. It was a great backdrop for the event!

I for once did well in reducing my stash. After my two purchases I'm net -15 kits but still have enough to keep me busy for the next ten plus years.

Until next time, happy modeling!



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President's Message

May 2019 President's Message for Newsletter

Vive la LRSM

Having just concluded our annual auction (and netting about \$1,000) I could not help looking around the room when not auctioning off kits. What a great group we have. In no particular order, we have:

- 30+ year members
- Age ranges from ten to eighty (app.)
- Nationally recognized builders
- Fine Scale Modeler reviewers
- IPMS national judges
- Retired military veterans
- Current military, commercial and civilian pilots
- Members who are also active in other clubs
- Experts in building aircraft, armor, ships, figures, sci-fi, fantasy and cars
- Experts in seam filling, scratch building, decal application, air brushing, gloss finishing, weathering and dioramas
- Modelers who build one kit per month (or more) and some who build one kit per year!
- Members with extensive research libraries of technical manuals, magazines, books and pictures

In short, we have a wonderful diversity of crazy talent in our club. If you have any issue in the world of scale model building I am certain some member has the answer for you! All you have to do is ask – and the best place for that is the monthly club meeting. Just bring your question or actual model to the meeting and ask away – you will probably get more than one person who has already dealt with a similar issue. And our members love to help fellow members – it is how we all learn.

Sadly, we lost another member of our club in April. Rob Holbrook passed away and he will be sorely missed. Here is his full obituary.

Robert Lee Scott Holbrook, 56, of Huntley, Il., passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at his home in Huntley, IL. Robert was born on January 21, 1963 in Geneva, IL., the son of Harold and Marjorie Holbrook. He grew up on Batavia's east side. As an adult, he lived in St. Charles and Sugar Grove and eventually moved to Huntley.

Robert attended JB Nelson Elementary School in Batavia and graduated from Valley Lutheran High School in St. Charles. After graduation, he began work for Wild Rose Farm in St. Charles, IL. He went to work at George Ball Seed Company of West Chicago, where he met his wife, Mary (nee. Pietrazk) Holbrook. They were married in 1997. Then they went to work for Konica-Minolta where he was a Field Service Manager.

Rob was a long time modeler, building military, airplanes and boat models. He won multiple awards for his modeling, including a coveted award at the Butch O'Hara mod-

eling show. His crowning achievement was receiving his single engine pilot's license. He also loved hunting and fishing with his brothers. He was noted for his humor, he could always make people laugh. He enjoyed wood carving wildlife and was passionate about vintage cars and aviation history.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Huntley, IL.; three brothers, Dan (Linda) Holbrook of Aurora, IL., John (Connie) Holbrook of North Aurora, IL. and James (Vicky) Holbrook of Land O'Lakes, WI.; two sisters, Judy (Rett) Messerschmidt and Emilie Arnold of Arizona; seven nieces, Ashley (Tony) Walz of Plano, IL., Whitney (Ryan) Strusz of Plano, IL., Meagan (Ben) Kishman of Baltimore, MD, Katherine "Kattie" and Elizabeth "Ellie" Messerschmidt of Omaha, NE., Shiela and Krysta Arnold of Arizona; two nephews, Cpt. Matthew "Matt" McConnell USAF and Patrick "PJ" Holbrook of North Aurora, IL.; and two great-nieces, Melody Walz and Kinsley Strusz.

RIP Rob...and thanks for all you did for us and the club.

The May meeting is a bit ethnic! The Italians are Coming! Italy is a wonderful country with the nicest people, scenery, incredible history and, of course, food! Bring in anything Italian from any era for the May show and tell. See you on Friday, May 24 at The Fountains. Model on!



THE BRIEFING ROOM

BY TOM REESE

NIMCON 8

We are less than six weeks out from NIMCON 8. The NIMCON committee are taking care of the final details and are excited to put on another great show.

We can never have enough help so please step up and volunteer a little of your time. We can still use some more judges.

And by design our program for the May meeting is "The Basics of Judging". Walt Fink and Robert Raver will break it down and show you that it is not as daunting as you might imagine.

To help them out and yourselves we encourage you to bring a model to be judged. Look at this as an opportunity to not only learn about judging but an opportunity to find out what areas you might want to improve your skills. Who knows this could even give us some ideas for future meeting programs.

See you at the meeting!

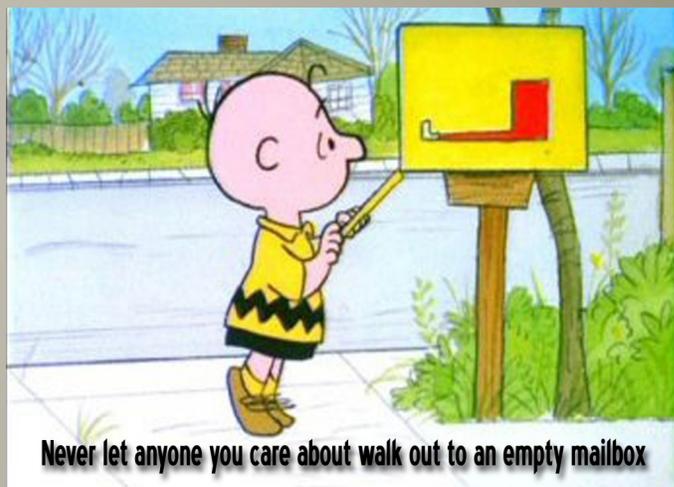
Newsletter Articles Needed

That looks like Charlie Brown but it is really your newsletter editor, lol. I had to raid the archives this month to fill space as some of you might notice when you read Kevin Stover's build article of Moebius's 1/32 Scale Viper Mk II.

So I'm casting my net for more newsletter content. It doesn't have to be a polished document. Just something simple with a few pictures. I am happy to do the polishing for you! If I may be so bold I'd like to suggest how to articles. We all have our little tricks and tips for accomplishing modeling tasks. Share your expertise!

Please don't leave me with this forlorn look on my face.

As always your input is greatly appreciated!



The Jeep - Part 2

by Don Norton

A while back Walt Fink sent me a collection of Jeep photos and suggested they may serve as a basis for an article in our newsletter. In the first installment we looked at the development of the Jeep. So here is the second of a 3-part series on the versatile Jeep, this time looking at the Jeep as used by US Armed Forces.

The Jeep's official military name was "Truck, ¼ ton, 4x4, Command Reconnaissance" and it saw use in all theaters with all services. Originally intended for scouting, it became a multi-use workhorse and there was much experimentation with it to find different uses.

Eisenhower deemed the Jeep "one of the six most vital vehicles to win the war." George Marshall called it "America's greatest contribution to modern warfare."



Photos such as this early Willys flying through the air with a 37mm gun in tow were common in the early months of WW II, even if it couldn't have been good for the Jeep or the gun. The Jeep became a common prime mover for the light 37mm anti-tank gun, which was ineffective against most German armor. Heavier guns were hard for the Jeep to tow on rough ground.

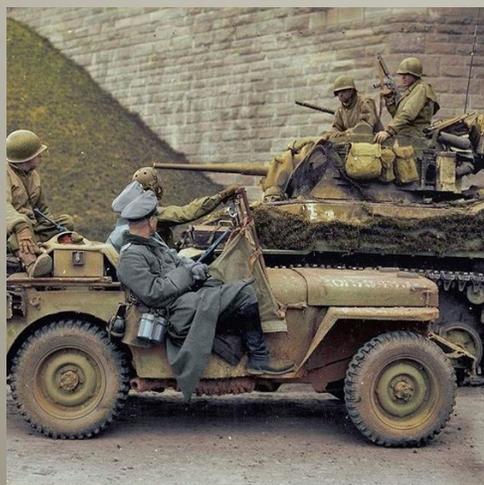
A well-armed Jeep in Europe, from the 2nd Infantry Div. "Military Police" is painted over the grill. The driver has a Thompson sub machine gun behind him, a .30 cal. machine gun is mounted in front of the passenger seat. It looks like a bazooka is lying on the canvas windshield cover. An angle iron is welded to the bumper, to cut wires across the road. The enemy, knowing Jeeps often traveled with windshields down, would stretch wire about neck high on a Jeep driver, and this custom adaptation is often seen on Jeeps.



One of the Jeep's most common roles was as an ambulance. This photo taken in Italy, shows a column of Jeep ambulances plus a Dodge Ambulance towards the rear. The trailers behind the Jeeps may indicate the field hospital is on the move closer to the front. The Jeep's superior cross-country capabilities meant it could go places the heavier Dodge ambulances could not. There was no official design for the stretcher racks on Jeeps, welded or bolted racks made of angle iron, steel pipes, and even

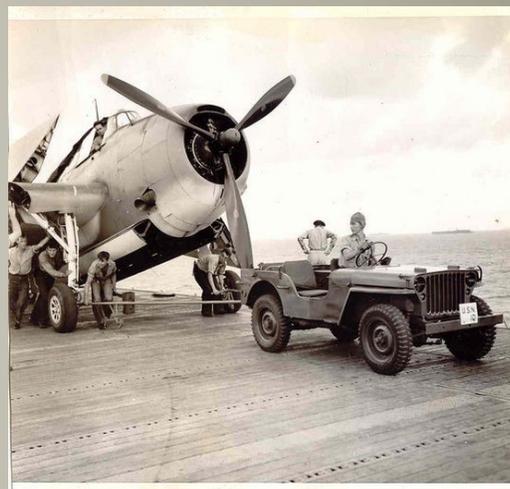
wood can be seen. The stretchers could be placed over the hood or in the rear. Usually Jeep ambulances carried red cross markings and often a red cross flag as seen here.

Another medical Jeep, in France, this one is not adapted as an ambulance. Note the red cross on the grill and painted on the canvas windshield cover. These covers were kept folded under the passenger seat when not in use. This vehicle also has a wire cutter mounted on the bumper. The name "Caroline" is painted on the side.



An interesting photo of a Jeep in Europe. Two German officers, possibly trying to organize a surrender, are crammed in the front passenger seat. Unusually, the Jeep driver wears an armored crewman's helmet. The US tank in the background is an M5 Stuart Light tank. Note the T shaped clamps on the hood. These are almost always missing from models. The ones on the side of the hood held the hood down, while the pair on top of the hood held the windshield in position when not in use.

The US Navy was a huge user of the Jeep. All Jeeps came from the factory in Olive drab, many Navy Jeeps were immediately repainted in battleship gray. Jeeps were often used on aircraft carriers, for moving personnel quickly down deck, or in this case as a towing vehicle for a TBF Avenger. Note that non-essentials such as spare wheel and windshield have been removed.



The Jeep as a railroad vehicle? Many armored cars could be modified for rails by adapting wider wheel bases and special wheels. Jeeps could also be modified in such a way, and could be used for patrolling between towns. This vehicle "Short Cut" also provides a good look at the standard canvas cover that snapped onto the windshield and attached to the frames that are usually folded down on the rear of the Jeep.

An unusual modification to a Jeep, the addition of armor plating, plus the fire-power of two bazookas. The Jeep offered little protection to soldiers, and the use of armored plates was tried on many occasions. It did protect passengers from small arms fire and shrapnel, at the cost of field of vision for the driver. Most armored Jeeps had a machine mount, this is possibly the only attempt at mounting dual M1 Bazookas. Aiming the weapons would have been difficult. Note the rifle scabbard for an M1 Garand next to the passenger side plate.



A more common armored Jeep with .30 cal. machine gun. This vehicle was used by the 82nd Airborne Division in the Ardennes. This armor plating job provides more cover for men and the radio sets. Note the armor plate over the grill, and the unusual placement of antenna mount. Once again, the drawback is poor visibility for the driver.

After VJ-Day, thousands of Jeeps and other vehicles were no longer needed on the islands taken from the Japanese. The cost of bringing them home would have been prohibitive, so they were left behind. In some cases, vehicles were pushed into the ocean. This photo, taken in November, 1949, shows a sea of abandoned, derelict Jeeps and other vehicles in a dump on Okinawa. A sad end for a World War II hero.





RAFFLE PREVIEW



1/72 Trumpeter F-106B Delta Dart



1/48 Airfix Spitfire F.Mk.22/24



1/35 Takom FV432 Mk.3 Bulldog



1/60 Bandai M9 Gernsback Ver. IV

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| <p>JANUARY 2019</p> <p>No Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Holiday Party & Club Contest Saturday January 26th at The Golf Club of Illinois</p> | <p>FEBURARY 22nd 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Cold War 1960-1990; any subject used during the Cold War</p> <p>Program - Larry Johnson Memorial Auction to help the Johnson family</p> | <p>MARCH 22nd 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Creature Feature; any model that has an animal or beastly name</p> <p>Program - Build Night</p> |
| <p>APRIL 26th 2019</p> <p>Annual Club Auction</p> | <p>MAY 28th 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - The Italians are Coming!; anything Italian</p> <p>Program - Basics of judging – in advance of NIMCON</p> | <p>JUNE 28th 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - D-Day models</p> <p>Program - Build Night</p> |
| <p>JULY 26th 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Real space salute to Apollo 11 / first man on the moon 50th</p> <p>Program - Colorado Railroad Museum Visit by Phil Pignataro</p> | <p>AUGUST 23rd 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Models inspired by movie or a book</p> <p>Program - Decals Decoded by Walt Fink</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER 25th 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Bring in your current WIP for build night Show and Tell</p> <p>Program - Build Night</p> |
| <p>OCTOBER 18th 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Inspirations; any model built after being inspired by the real thing or someone</p> <p>Program - Churchill Underground War Bunker by John Graham</p> | <p>NOVEMBER 22nd 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Extreme aftermarket / scratch built models</p> <p>Program - Oil Dot Filter Weathering by Robert Raver</p> | <p>December 27th 2019</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Sci-Fi rules – in honor of Star Wars Episode IX premiere</p> <p>Program - Build Night</p> |

NIMCON 8
 June 6th 1944
D-Day
75th Anniversary



Saturday, June 22, 2019
 9:00AM to 5:00PM

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 13 "BEST OF" Awards
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