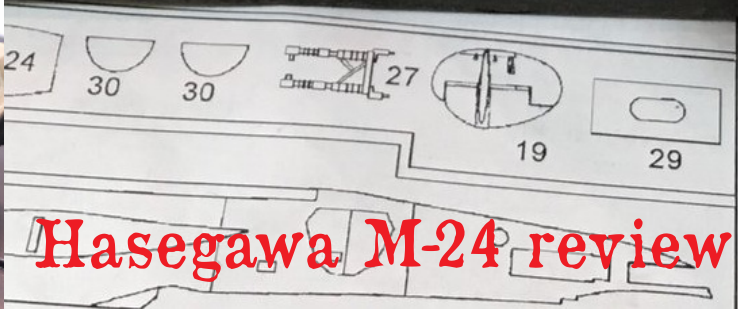


Tactical Notes

November 2018

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15th 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Topic: Elections

Vancouver Show Report



Hasegawa M-24 review

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Editor's Note

Greetings,

This column is being brought to you from my new model room in my new house. Finally! Sorry for all the whining, guys. I know I've been complaining about some real first world problems, but man, did moving suck.. Hard! As Roger Murtaugh says, "I am getting too old for this shit."

In all seriousness, it was exhausting. Heck, it is far from done yet, but at least I have all of my model stuff in one place again. Now I can concentrate on making Tactical Notes great again. With this issue we see the return of Jim Bates, the Cranky Canuck. Jim's absence from our pages has been keenly felt and I, for one, am grateful for his return. Jim brings us a short book review and a nice photo essay on the Vancouver show. Frankly, I really enjoy seeing models from shows far away. In our Region you tend to see some of the same models at multiple shows and it is nice to see what is happening on the far coast and in Canada to boot.

Our own Lee Fogel brings us an armor model in the correct scale. Way to go Lee. The rest of you could learn from Lee's fine example. His M-24 in God's One True Scale is a nice change from all those vulgar 35th scale abominations.

The October show was excellent, other than your officers couldn't find anyone stupid enough....I mean, motivated enough to run for an officer position. As such the same group of schmucks that has been screwing it up for the last two years will continue to do so for the next two. See what you've done!

As Stu says in his President's column, I could always use some more articles. You guys have been very generous and our publication is well respected. Many of our articles have appeared in the Journal and now we have a reputation to uphold. So, please I see a lot of great models being built. Articles, please.

President's Page

By Stu Cox

Greetings MMCL Members,

This is the time of Thanksgiving, and we have had another great year as a club to be thankful for!

1) Monthly Meeting (Nov 15) & Workshop Status For This Weekend.

MMCL WILL have our NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING this Thursday from 6 to 10 at Kyana. We are planning for a well-stocked raffle, and would appreciate at least one nice contribution per modeler! Please check your stash and dig deep for a contribution! We are expecting to have a great raffle with some premium kits included!

There will be NO MMCL workshop this Saturday (Nov 17) due to the major fall cleanup day planned by the KYANA club. We will not have Thursday workshop on Thanksgiving Day Night, but will be at Kyana for our regular Saturday Workshop on November 24th. We will be scheduling Three (3) workshop make-up days around the Christmas holidays. These will be regular workshop events with the regular fee applied. Stay tuned for posting on those make-up dates.

2) 2019-2020 Club Officer Nominations - MMCL NOVEMBER ELECTION AT THIS WEEKS MEETING!

The following club officer nominations were made at the October meeting:

President - Stuart Cox

Vice President - Terry Hill

Secretary - David Knights

Treasurer - Rich Guetig

Member At Large - Randy Fuller

Pending no further nominations, the ELECTION will be confirmed (or voted) during the November 15 monthly meeting. Please plan to attend!

3) MMCL Members voted during the October meeting on the 2019 MMCL Invitational Contest Theme: "All Things Normandy 1944". From D-Day through Operation Cobra and beyond, this is a relatively broad category that is well suited to many different modeling subjects including, figures, animals, soft-skinned and armored vehicles, aircraft, naval vessels and architectural. Everyone should be able to find something they like to participate in this one! Travis Collard has a show flyer drafted, and we'll have that available for review at the meeting.

4) MMCL Friday Night Fights - March 15, 2019: A motion was made, voted and passed to have the club purchase and provide PIZZA for the Q1 2019 Friday night build session. So be it!

5) Year-end MMCL Club Dinner: Our annual dinner will be once again held at Rafferty's on Breckenridge Lane on Thursday, December 20th at 6:00PM. As always, spouses and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about our club. (Members are responsible for their food and beverage cost).

As discussed during the October meeting, we are always looking for speakers and presentations on scale modeling or historical subjects of interest for our monthly meetings. Please let me or Terry know if you have any ideas or are willing to present. And as always, Dave Knights is appreciative of any scale modeling build/finishing/review articles.

Hasegawa 1/72 M-24 Chaffee

By Lee Fogel

This little gem came to me and my oldest son as a started kit from a friend of mine. The road wheels had been assembled but not glued on. The turret halves were glued together and the barrel glued into place. After initially showing some interest and poking around on it a bit, my oldest boy set it aside and had done nothing with it. We cleaned up his model desk recently and he handed it to me and said 'You should build it. I want to build a bigger tank.' So, we found him a Dragon 1/35 Sherman tank at Wrightcon and this became mine.

Having not built any 1/72 scale armor in decades, I was unsure what and where to start on this one. Recently I have had a bunch of stuff on the workbench that requires some 'start and stop' waiting to get them done. So I pulled this little kit out as 'filler' for those times where I needed to wait for stuff to dry or set.

Detail is awfully good on this model especially considering how old it is. The fit is good all-around with a minimum of seams to clean up/fill. I assembled the lower hull and took care to make sure that the road wheels all lined up straight. A few of them needed the mounting holes cleaned up a bit as the fit was a bit too tight. There were a few various small parts that were glued on at this time. I left the one-piece vinyl tracks and side skirts off until painting and weathering were done. Turning my attention to the upper hull, I painted the inside

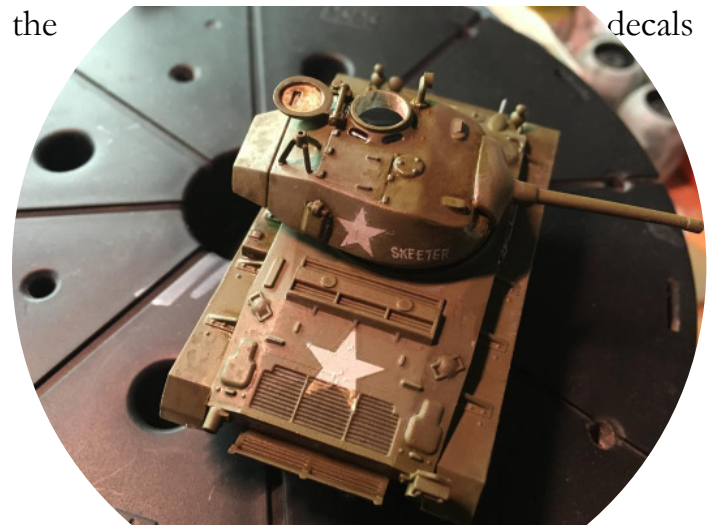
of the turret Testors Flat White. The seams on the turret were cleaned up and the remaining small parts added to the upper hull and turret. Take extra care on the .50 caliber gun mount as the legs are very fragile. One of mine broke off and it took some crazy skills with a toothpick and tweezers to get it all fixed and adjusted

properly!

At this point I glued the upper and lower hulls together and prepped the tank for paint. I used Model Master Olive Drab straight out of the rattle can. Once this had dried I then used Vallejo NATO Black for the rubber on the

road wheels. The hull and turret were then given a coat of Testors Glosscote. The decals were old and much wrinkled and had discolored. I trimmed the carrier film away from them (*as it was thick*). I placed them in a Zip-Loc bag and hung them in the window for ten days to bleach them. Once this was done I then coated the

decals



with Microscale Liquid Decal Film. After letting the decals sit for 24 hours I went ahead and applied them. Sure enough, about half of

them splintered in some fashion. However, I was able to save them by carefully reassembling the damaged decals.

With the decals in place, I began weathering the tank. I added a filter and wash using various products. I like to use AK Interactive's light green filter over an OD finish as, once blended it, helps smaller details to 'pop' a bit more than using a medium green color. After this was done I used various shades of green, brown and tan Oilbrushers to create a pin wash. This adds layers and depth to the OD paint for a weathered look. Following this, I then used Vallejo and AMMO mud products to the lower chassis and front/rear sections of the lower hull. The .50 caliber gun was painted with a mixture of Vallejo NATO Black and Steel.

Turning to the two figures, I left the commander figure as-is. However, I wanted to pose the 2nd figure standing next to the turret and pointing at something while the commander looked with him. I cut up the right leg, using extra plastic to fill in the knee and buttocks areas a bit. After this was done I painted the figures with Vallejo and AMMO by Mig colors and used Andrea paints for the flesh areas.

Overall, I am pleased with how this kit turned out. The details are good and the model, when completed, looks the part. 1/72 scale armor can be fun...give it a try!



A Kill in the Morning

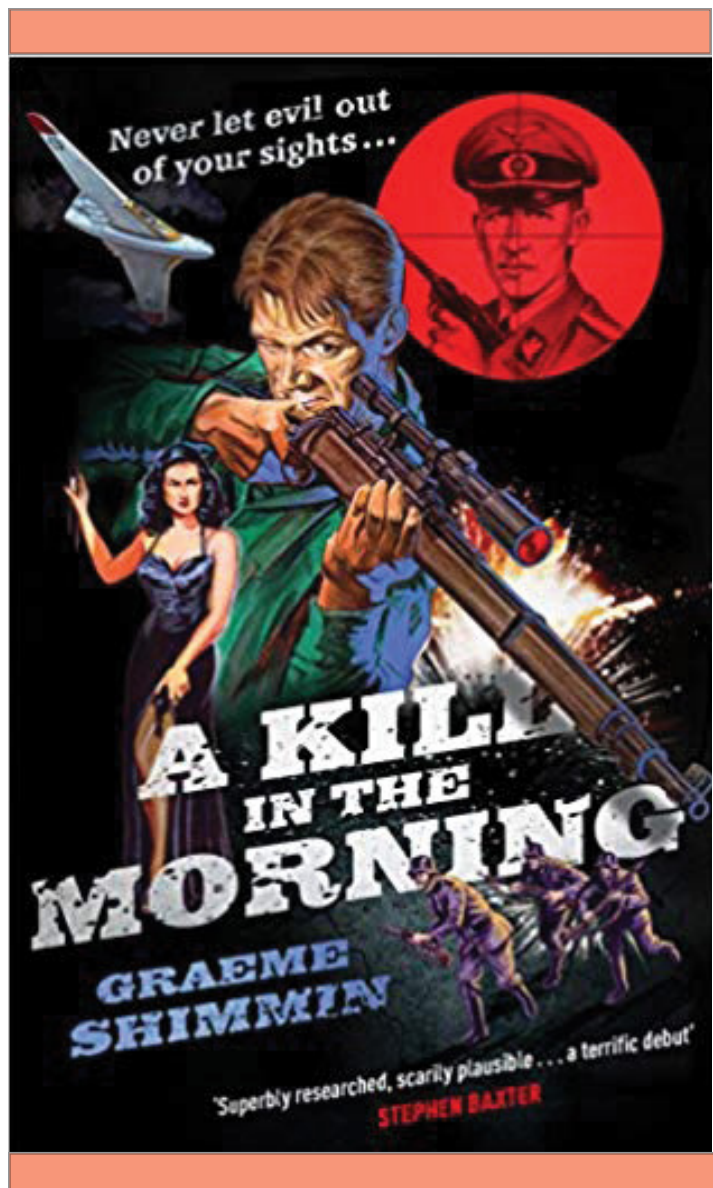
Author: Graeme Shimmin

Publisher: Transword Publishers

Review by Jim Bates

I don't get to write much about fiction in this column, but as I have mentioned before I enjoy old English paperbacks. While «A Kill in the Morning» is a reasonably new book...it was published in the U.S. in 2015...it certainly has the tone, and graphic design, of older pulp fiction novels.

I was hipped to «A Kill In the Morning» a couple of weeks ago on Twitter. It is set in the 1950s when Germany controls Europe and England tries to keep their Empire afloat. Part 007, part alt-history, it is big silly fun - with the expected femme fatales - and often based...or imagined...on true events and personalities. It includes cameos by Nazi flying saucers, Guy Gibson, the EE Canberra, Fairey Rotodynes, and a supersonic Vulcan development in both civil and bomber guises. I might quibble with a paradox or two at the end, but hey, saying any more would give it all away.



IPMS Vancouver Show

By Jim Bates

IPMS Seattle and the Northwest Scale Modelers were again well represented at the IPMS Vancouver show on October 6 with a strong contingent of attendees and models. The show takes place at the Bonsor Community Center in downtown Burnaby, British Columbia, near a mall so large it has a couple of stores repeated.

The only real problem with the show is the early 5am departure time. I was assigned driver for our small group...Tim, Andrew, and myself. As usual, the Seattle group met at a Denny's north of Arlington, Washington for breakfast. Shockingly, we were allowed into Canada...we did have a tank modeler in the car after all...and made it to Burnaby bright and early. You could not have asked for a more beautiful fall day. This year the show added a second vendor room and had about 500 models in the contest.

I got roped into judging (boo!) and even won an award for my P-40N. (Clearly, the judges had been treating themselves to the hippie lettuce before they looked at my model.) Tim came home victorious winning best aircraft for his 1/72 biplane. (Not pictured.) When I put my models on the table, I was shocked to see my 1/72 Mosquito was the fourth of the type on the table. Who would have expected that? The Airfix Me-262 was also a popular model.

No Vancouver show would be complete without a trip to Burnaby Hobby on Rumble Street and dinner at the White Spot. Finally the long drive home...including the hope that America lets us return home. After a long wait, the boarder guard let us in once we declared allegiance to the divine scale.

Some of models of interest on the table was a nice Airfix ME-262 in Czech markings, a 1/72 Sonia, the IPMS Canada award winning Spitfire IX in 1/32, a vacuform Waco by Tim Nelson, and out of the box builds of the Valom Abermarle and Matchbox Heyford.







Financial Report

By Rich Guetig

October

2018

PNC Bank

Starting Cash Balance:

\$7,063.07

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TOTAL RECEIPTS \$260.00

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Total Reimbursements: 0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

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