

IT'S ONLY A NEWSLETTER

IPMS Marietta Scale Modelers

October 2018

ON THE HORIZON

Within the last few weeks, images and news have emerged revealing a few big-scale WW2-vintage bombers. Fans of 32d scale are reveling at the sights of the upcoming Lancaster and B-24 kits.

As an armor guy, Tamiya has gotten me excited with their upcoming release of the M551 Sheridan, doing justice to the great "Arizona" decals from this years Nationals. But as I was prepping to write this, I noticed another contender was also producing an all new-tool Sheridan. Wow!

Guys, I don't know how many times one can say it...we are living in great times to be modelers!

QUIZ FOR OCTOBER

1. The average lawn has how many plants per square inch?
2. How many calories can a 150-pound man burn cutting grass in 30 minutes?
3. How many acres of lawn are there in the United States?



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*Meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at Hobbytown USA in Kennesaw, GA
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SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Rob Morales

Once again a full ship! By the time the newsletter is published, the Hobbytown USA Show and Swap Meet on October 6 has already occurred.

Martin Hatfield ran the customary slideshow with some interesting stuff for all to see.

Kevin Westphal brought in the newest HTUSA offerings:



Scale	Manufacturer	Subject	MSRP
2.7 millionth	Bandai	Death Star + Star Destroyer	18
1/12	Bandai	C3PO and R2D2	55
35	Tamiya	M3 Stuart	38
35	Miniart	Tiran 4 Early w/ Interior	85
144	Roden	Lockheed C5M Super Galaxy	110
35	Meng	BUK 9K37M1	85
35	Takom	M47 E/M	50
35	Takom	Soviet SMK	50
35	Takom	M3A1 Lee	50
Magazine	Mig	Bear In Sand	45
Magazine	Mig	Iron Factory	30
Magazine	Mig	Sherman Profiles	30
Magazine	Mig	Aces Gulf War	17
Magazine	Valiant Wings	Spitfire	40

We have 15 models on display in September.

Mark Nickelson:

Hobby Boss TH-1L converted from a Huey B in 1/48 scale. Navy trainer



ICM SNB-2C Navigator (Beech 18) in 1/48 scale



Chuck Davenport:

3D Design/Printed DC-3 PW R1820 Engine in 1/10 scale



2d Photoshop "Flats:"

"Chuck the Barbarian"



"One Giant Leap for Chuck"



"Storm Trooper Chuck"

Rob Morales:

Revell Easy-Fit X-Wing Fighter in Delta Air Lines livery in 1/30 scale



T-34(r) mit 8.8 cm Flak. Combination of DML T-34 and Zvezda Flak 88 in 1/72 scale



H Joe Driver:

Skunkworks RQ-4B Global Hawk in 1/48 scale (WIP)



Doug Shearer:

Scratchbuilt Neiuport Model 17C from the Escadrille Lafayette. 18" wingspan



Dave Michener:

Authentic Airliners McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30 in 1/144 scale. Completed in the early 1980s Continental Airlines "Black Meatball" livery.



Authentic Airliners Boeing B-757-300 in 1/144 scale. Completed in the Northwest Airlines "Bowling Show" livery.



Mike Idacavage:

Dragon Models Bell X-1 in 1/144 scale with a very detailed interior, all scratchbuilt. This build depicts one of the first launches as this used the concrete pit.



Modelcollect Russian TOS-1 MLRS in 1/72 scale. WIP

Tom Rice:

Tamiya F-15A Eagle backdated to the "Streak Eagle" 1975 time-to-clime record program, with a lot of add-ons. This is a 1/32 scale kit.



Andrew Geocaris:

Moebius Battlestar Gallactica with drybryshing and panelwash. The kit represents 1/4105 scale.



Paul Crawley:

Diorama depicting the helicopter battle from the James Bond film "You Only Live Twice". Elements include Airfix's "Little Nellie" Gyrocopter in 1/24 scale and the Italeri OH-13 S Sioux in 1/48 scale modified to the Kawasaki/Bell 46G type. Mounted on a board of a blown-up photo from a scene in the 1967 film.



Mark Grzenia:

Tamiya Messerschmitt Me262A with aftermarket seat and instrument Panel. This is the 1/48 scale kit.



Tom's Streak Eagle was the Model of the Month for September, and instead of the Gift Certificate, Dick Cowart won the IPMS Phoenix Seam Tool from the 2018 Nationals and Larry Beam won the 1/28 and 1/48 scale Frank Luke SPAD decals from the Nats.



FLAK 41

By Major Charles Davenport, USAF (Ret)

Now, here's something you don't see everyday unless you are lucky enough to have an "in" at the Army's Anti-Aircraft Artillery Museum, Fort Sill, OK. I'm there with my friends two summers ago to view Ed Shelnutt's Type 61 AAA tank and what to my wondering eyes should appear but this four-wheeled behemoth begging for some TLC and attention. I have to say that it was in a sorry state but, rust was minimal. For armor/AFV modelers, this unrestored relic from WWII is a great opportunity to glean some detail for their build. If you have a friend with this affliction, pass the newsletter on!



SOUTHERN NATIONALS

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That 70's SHOW & SURF'S UP!

MODEL CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

The ACME Southern Nationals is a non-judged event organized to promote fellowship among model builders. However, awards will be presented for Best in Show, etc.

Model car categories include: replica stock, custom, tuners, street rods, foreign/exotic, various competition classes and others.

The host hotel is right off I-75 and Windy Hill Road. Comfort Suites at 2221 Corporate Plaza Parkway S, Smyrna, GA 30080. Direct front desk phone (770) 541-1499 /Fax (678) 802-0549. For special room rate, mention the Group Code "ACME". A hospitality suite will be open to show attendees both Friday and Saturday evenings.

A "Make It-Take It" event is scheduled for children 12 and under to learn modeling skills. A FREE kit is provided (one per child per paid admission).

We will offer an "Early Bird" admission pass at \$20 each. This will include entry to the contest.*

Entry Fee: \$10.00 to enter models into the show (unlimited).*

General admission is \$5.00. Children under 12 free with paid adult.*

6' vendor tables are \$30 each.*

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“Armor in the Hedgerows”

February 15—17, 2019

Eligibility for the “Armor in the Hedgerows” show theme is defined by:

“Any Tank, Halftrack, Tank Destroyer, SP Gun used by the US or Germany during the Normandy Hedgerow Campaign.”

Join us for our 10th annual AMPS Atlanta model contest and show! Our show provides a great opportunity to tune up your models in time for the AMPS Nationals. There are loads of vendor tables, not to mention great Southern hospitality and weather. All models are judged using the AMPS open system.

Not just a model show, there will be great figures on display as well as educational seminars.



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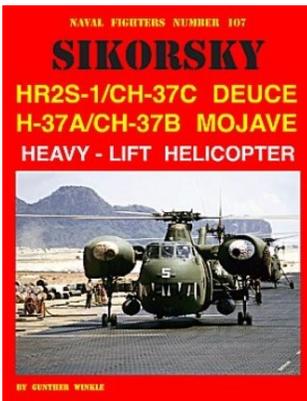
JIM'S PLASTIC MATTERS

Jim Pernikoff

MMP Books has a series called *Spotlight On*, which are colors & markings books of certain aircraft and military vehicles done by noted artists. Naturally, I was attracted to one called **Grumman F-14 Tomcat**, a blast from my past. This one has 41 images by a Brazilian named Marcelo Ribeiro, covering 33 aircraft. Most of the views are left side, but 2 aircraft have right side views and 2 more also have top and bottom views. There are also views of the inside of some vertical fins and closeups of some nose art and mission markings (for Bombcats). And a few Iranian aircraft are included as well. The artworks are presented in landscape format and include data such as BuNo, unit, time and place. If you like building Tomcats, there is nice variety here to give you some ideas.

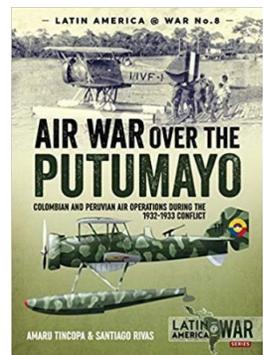
SPOTLIGHT ON

Grumman F-14 Tomcat
MARCELO RIBEIRO

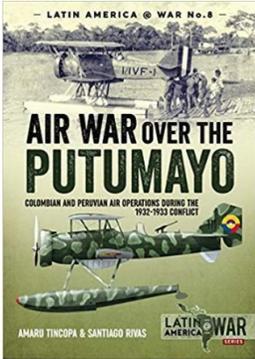


Ginter Books has not appeared in this column for some time, but now comes *Naval Fighters* #107 on a helicopter that has always fascinated me, the **Sikorsky HR2S-1/CH-37 Mojave**, the first true heavy-lift helicopter, company designation S-56. I always liked the way crews painted the nacelle fronts to make the air intakes look like very sinister eyes (and the helo on the cover adds teeth!). The usual Ginter formula is followed, with lots of diagrams from service manuals, detail photos of instrument panels and lots of details of the cargo-handling equipment. The unit-by-unit breakdown includes lots of photos you probably haven't seen before, and there are a number of first-hand accounts by pilots and crews, particularly when the aircraft's use in Vietnam is described. The experimental anti-sub HR2S-1W and the flying crane prototype S-60 are included, of course, as are experiments with six-bladed rotors and even twin tail rotors! The Westland Westminster, which mated the S-56's dynamic components to a more conventional layout, is also here, as is mention of commercial usage by Keystone Helicopters. Naturally, there is a modeler's section, which highlights the recent 1/72 Special Hobby kits. As usual, the only color is on the covers, but that does include 5 side views on the back cover. This is almost certainly the best book you'll see on this iconic helicopter.

The small air wars fought in Latin America in the last century are always interesting, and **Helion Books** has been featuring these in its *Latin America @War* series, #7 of which is **Air War Over the Putumayo**, *Colombian and Peruvian Air Operations During the 1932-1933 Conflict*. This was about an 8-month period of both active and passive activities along a disputed border, and involved American, German, Italian, British and French aircraft, nearly all of them on floats! So as minor as the war may have been, there

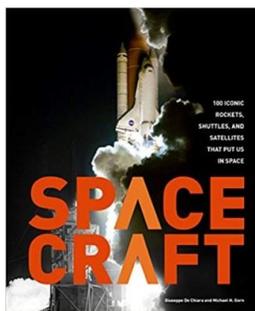
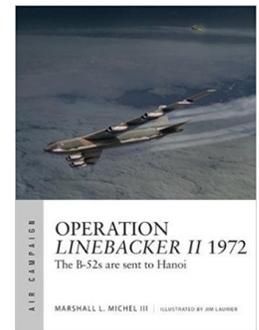


are a lot of opportunities here for models of diverse aircraft types in interesting markings. The photos, typically, tend to be of rather poor quality, but there are 5 pages of color side-views and 3 of maps. Even if you've never heard of this conflict (and you probably haven't), this one is worth a look for its varied group of aircraft. (Even though most are fairly small types, there is even a Ju 52, and it's on floats, too!)



Two new titles of interest from **Osprey**: I have always considered the period of warship development from about 1860 to 1890 to be the most interesting from a design standpoint, as ships went from wooden to iron to steel, full sail rigs disappeared entirely, and guns went from broadside-mounted muzzle-loaders to turret-mounted breech-loaders. Much of this change began with the ships of *New Vanguard* #262, **British Ironclads 1860-75**, which starts with HMS *Warrior*, the first large ocean-going ironclad, and in some peoples' minds, the first battleship, and a ship still preserved in Portsmouth. Author Angus Konstam, an expert on this period, describes some 32 ships in 22 classes which followed. Naturally, in a 48-page book, coverage of all of these is somewhat basic; many of the details describe the group of ships as a whole. As is often the case, the highlight is in the color illustrations, which include an isometric cutaway of *Warrior*. This is a good introduction to an important group of ships, many of whose names would reappear in 20th century warships that you probably are familiar with.

I have been very enthusiastic about Osprey's new *Air Campaign* series, and that continues with #6, **Operation Linebacker II 1972**, which describes the campaign that succeeded in bringing the North Vietnamese to the negotiating table and ending U.S. involvement in the war. Following on the limited success of *Linebacker I* (the subject of a forthcoming sister book), the B-52s were sent to bomb Hanoi and Haiphong, at some cost to themselves and their crews, and that is covered in the usual series fashion, with an assessment of the USAF's capabilities and the North's defenses. The campaign and its aftermath are done in detail, with various mission profiles shown as part of the usually excellent artwork. There may be other books on *Linebacker II*, but probably none will ever describe it graphically as well as this one.

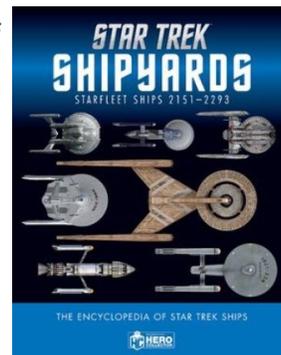


Spacecraft, 100 Iconic Rockets, Shuttles and Satellites That Put Us in Space, is a graphical history of space flight around the world to the present day, in all its variety. There are multiple views of the various craft, all in color and with scale bars adjacent, and the development of some spacecraft in the form of mockups and prototypes is sometimes included. Some of the views are cutaway, and there are typically mission profiles that show how these craft operated from the beginning and end to their missions.

There are also some family trees of related spacecraft. The text is detailed enough to describe the various craft and their missions without going into the detail of a

Haynes manual. I don't know if the drawings are detailed enough to help you build a model, so the best thing I can say is that, if you have an interest in "real space" from its origins to the present day, you ought to seek out this interesting, large-format book.

Okay, now from "real space" to the "final frontier". I am not a huge fan of *Star Trek*, but I always appreciated the design of the starships, which were really the first spacecraft shown on a screen that didn't have any pretensions toward atmospheric flight; even the ships of *Star Wars* tend to have pointy noses and engine nozzles in the back; you won't find these in ***Star Trek Shipyards, Starfleet Ships 2151-2293***, the first in a series of *The Encyclopedia of Star Trek Ships* from **Hero Collector**.



The book actually predates 2151 to show how spacecraft developed from a 20th-century ship, called S.S. *Botany Bay*, through the first ships to go warp 1, 2 and 3. The real stuff starts with *USS Enterprise NX-01* and proceeds from there to highlight other significant ships, mostly those that appeared on TV or in the movies. The artwork shows the ships in both four-view drawings and action paintings, and the development and service histories are presented for each one. However, there are not a lot of views showing interior features, so don't expect much help in modeling your starship's interior. There are timelines, charts comparing contemporary ships by size, and a fleet list identifying sister ships to those described fully, though it doesn't appear to be complete to me, either. But to me this is much more satisfying than the earlier *Ships of the Line* book, and there are already-announced companion books, one covering the later Starfleet ships (due in a month) and another on the Klingon ships (due in May). Live long and prosper!



One bookazine this month, and it's an expected one from **Key Publishing**: *Aviation Archive* #39, **RAF Centenary 100 Famous Aircraft, Vol. 4: Support Aircraft**. Having noted that volume 3 brought the combat types up to date, it was obvious that this one would cover trainers, transports, tankers and utility aircraft, along with helicopters. The list goes from the Tiger Moth to the Voyager (A330) tanker, and includes such American types (both continents) as the Harvard, Chipmunk and Tucano trainers, the Dakota, Hercules and Globemaster transports, and the Chinook and Sentry (E-3). I suppose that the Sunderland is probably the most

"offensive" type in the publication, and while these aircraft may not be as exciting as the ones in the preceding three volumes, their importance to RAF success can not be ignored. The usual combination of large-size photos from the archives, along with a few isometric cutaways (though fewer than usual) is followed, and there is enough here to keep modelers of such aircraft engaged.

One other bookazine note: the issue on the **Concorde** from **Mortons Media** has been reissued on the 50th anniversary of the aircraft's first flight; it is basically little changed but has had a bunch of typos corrected. If you bought it



before you probably don't need to do so now, but if you missed it the first time around, it is worth looking for, as it is a quality work, much as other titles from the same publisher.

Last month I included a list of **Schiffer** *Legends of Warfare* books for the remainder of the year; now they have announced their program for the first part of next year:

P-38, Vol. 1 (XP-38 to P-38H) (Mar)

The Blue Angels (Mar)

Stuart, Vol. 1 (M3) (Mar)

M3A1 Scout Car (Mar)

USS New Jersey BB-62 (Mar)

B-26 Marauder (Apr)

SPAD Fighters (May)

B-24, Vol. 2 (B-24G to M) (May)

E-8 J-STARS (May)

USS Tennessee BB-43 (May)

PT Boats (May)

Messerschmitt Bf 110 (Jun)

P-47 Thunderbolt (Jun)

F6F Hellcat (Jun)

P-51, Vol 1 (XP-51 to P-51C) (Jun)

A-10 Thunderbolt II (Jun)

PUBLISHERS SURVEY – DELL & JOVE BOOKS

I had a much bigger checklist planned, but a problem in the house has taken up much of my free time, so instead, here is another “paperback interlude”, this time with two checklists, for publishers Dell and Jove.

Dell is certainly a publisher you should have heard of, since they’ve been around since 1943 and have done thousands of paperbacks. They are considered one of the “holy trinity” of paperback publishers along with Bantam and Pocket Books, though they’ve never been particularly big in military nonfiction. (Ironically, they are now owned by Bantam.)

The 1950s-1960s series by Congdon aside, their only real effort has been the 1990s World War II Library, which at least offered some very good titles, including a number by Gerald As-tor. The series had a distinctive cover design with a black header and a red band in the upper left corner. Their main list also has some good choices, including the Congressional Medal of Honor series, which I wish they’d reissue and keep in print. Gabreski’s autobiography and Hugh Mills’ classic *Low Level Hell* are also noteworthy, as is Farago’s well-known book on Patton.

Jove started as Pyramid Books in 1949 and for years was known for science fiction and fantasy fiction. In 1974 they became part of Harcourt Brace and in 1977 changed their name to Jove. The military nonfiction actually started with Playboy Press (yes, *that* Playboy!) with a series having a distinctive cover design: the top 30% was white and had the book title in block letters and whatever other text was needed; the bottom 70% was wraparound artwork.

In 1983, Playboy sold their paperback operation to Jove, and the military series continued with the same cover design. Their first design revision added the phrase “A Jove War Book” prominently to the cover. Later they changed their cover design to have a blue header and a red bottom. While not huge in numbers, their selection of titles was impressive and featured a lot of books not previously available in paperback.

Again, you’ll note that the lists are in alphabetical order rather than chronological. The years listed are, to the best of my knowledge, those of the first Dell or Playboy/Jove edition, but that is almost meaningless because many of these books can be found with of different print dates; usually all editions are the same except for the cover design. And again, the lists are almost entirely of non-fiction titles. Most of these titles are still available on the usual used-book websites.

You will also note that some books are missing the page count; I do not own these and have been unable to find the page counts online. If any of you own any of those books, please let me know the page count so that I can update the checklist.



NOTES FROM THE WORKBENCH – OCTOBER 2018

“I Can Tell You're Smiling”

My model chapter, IPMS Atlanta Scale Modelers, has a wonderful outreach program at Children's Hospital of Atlanta. Members go to the hospital and spend time with the kids (patients) building models. The success of the program is all due to the hard work and dedication of Jim Elmore.

Being that it's a children's hospital there are requirements for the type of models we can bring. They have to be snap-tite. No glue or paints are allowed. The models have to be of a non-war type. No tanks or guns; even though we had some B-17 Egg models which didn't look too war-like. Most of the models were cars, space ships, planes and a few ships. Many of these models are hard to find and Jim does a great job getting them at a reasonable price.

On Wednesday, Oct 3rd Jim and I headed down to CHOA (Art Murray met us down there) with boxes of models. We met with Ansley Johnson who is the volunteer coordinator of special events where she set us up on a couple of large round table in the main lobby of the hospital. With a poster on an easel and kits in hand we were ready to go.

The kids started arriving at 3:00 pm with their parents. Some walked, some came in wheelchairs. Some still have IV's in their small arms. One did not have an opportunity to feel sorry for them because they were there to have some fun and they let you know it. They cheerfully dove into the box of models and picked out the one they liked.

My model partner was Sarah. With her big brown eyes, glasses and face mask she picked one of the B-17 egg planes and promptly started building it. Right from the start, I knew she was in charge and I was there for assistance. We chatted away like we had known each other for years as her mom sat by amused at the process. I did not ask her why she was in the hospital, that's not my business. We just talked models. At some point she told me that she was in the 5th grade and was on her last chemo treatment for this darn leukemia she had. That was it, nothing more was mentioned.

She dove into building her B-17 with determination. Other than pointing out steps in the instructions, she built the plane by herself. She did mention something about the darn decals (stickers for these models) which many of us can relate to. As she was building the plane she kept mentioning to her mom that she was going to give it to her father.

At one point I mentioned to her that she was smiling. She asked me how I knew because she had a mask on. I told her I could see it in her eyes. She then quickly pulled the mask down, stuck her tongue out and back when the mask. The giggles and bright eyes said it all.

After the B-17 was done, she promptly picked out a bright yellow VW Beetle (Bug as we use to call them). As with the plane, she dove into the building of this car with determination. As she was building she was chatting away as little kids do when they are having fun.

Before I knew it, time was over. As Sarah and her mom were heading back to her room, with models in hand, I can't remember a time when I had more fun building models.

I can't wait for the next trip to CHOA. Next time I'll bring my magnifying visor, I was having a hard time

seeing the model parts. A tad of non-toxic glue would be good to help loose parts. I strongly urge all to partake in the next build at CHOA. It will leave you humble and grateful.

I wish Sarah a speedy and complete recovery. Maybe years from now she'll see a couple of dusty models on her shelf smile a little.

Happy Modeling.

Dave



QUIZ ANSWERS FOR OCTOBER

1. On average, lawn grass has 6 plants per square inch. That's 850 per square foot—which can contain as many as 3,000 individual blades of grass.
2. A 150-pound man can burn 380 calories in a half hour of mowing with a push-mower.
3. There are about 40 million acres of lawn in the United States—three times the acreage planted with irrigated corn.

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