

# The Assembler



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## 1 Meeting Themes

**07-21-17:** Christmas in July

**08-18-17:** Patriotic and Anniversary paint schemes

**09-15-17:** The model you're most looking forward to building

**Location:** The Church

**Meeting Time:** 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Homewood  
17929 Gottschalk Ave., Homewood, IL 60430

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## 2 Bill's Banter

Happy Independence Day!  
Merry Christmas!

Yes, it's that time of the year again. What a conundrum this is too. We are in the heat of the summer and the club has its Christmas party. Why do this every year; because it's Chicago that's why. No snow, no getting stuck in a blizzard, no cold. This is a perfect time for a party.

The National's are this month. Who decided to go? I was planning on going this year but alas this trip is not in my future this year. The theme this year "Going Downtown" seemed like a great theme too. We have a group build being entered. I still can't go. With that, I am planning to try to get to a couple of other contests by the end of the year. I may even a model or two. I am trying to get the BIG project done this year. The boat is calling me back along with my helicopter; now to find the time. I hope some of you make some time to get to a contest this year even just to see some of the models being built by others. It gets my creative juices going seeing a well built model. I get that feeling by our own members when they come and bring in something new. You guys rock! Keep building and bringing them in for all of us to see. I keep telling you to put in an article for the newsletter also. Let's make some more news for the letter.

Now go build something.

Bill

## 3 News

### June Raffle Winner:

No raffle was held

### Must Build Models 2017:

Max Bryant	1/32 Moebius BSG Colonial Viper (TOS)
Sam Buonadonna	1/35 Italeri PT Boat
Steve Butt	1/48 Monogram North American PBJ
Bob Ford	1/35 DML Scud B
Bill Hunoway	1/32 Revell U-72 Lakota
Don Klein	Moebius Johnny Quest "The Dragonfly"
Ken Kwilinski	Moebius Green Lantern (..and many more)
Ed Mate	1/48 Hasegawa F/A-18E Super Hornet
Jeremy Petersen	Open brick and mortar Hawker Hobbies
Ken Scott	1/72 Sukhoi T-50
Dave Stukel	1/72 Revell C-54D
John Truby	1/25 Revell Corvette Indy 500 Pace Car
Mike Valentine	?
Ed Wahl	1/43 Deagostini Millennium Falcon

### IPMS/USA News:

IPMS USA membership dues are: \$30 Adult 1 Yr., \$58 Adult 2 yr., \$86 Adult 3 Yr.

The IPMS/Region 5 web site is:  
<http://ipms-gateway.com/Region5coordinator.html>

Any IPMS/USA member who recruits a new member will receive a two journal membership extension up to two full years.

IPMS Gallery Photos: Contact [gallery@ipmsusa.org](mailto:gallery@ipmsusa.org) to post photos of your models on the web site.

## 4 Feature

### Model Kit Review of ROCKETSHIP X-M

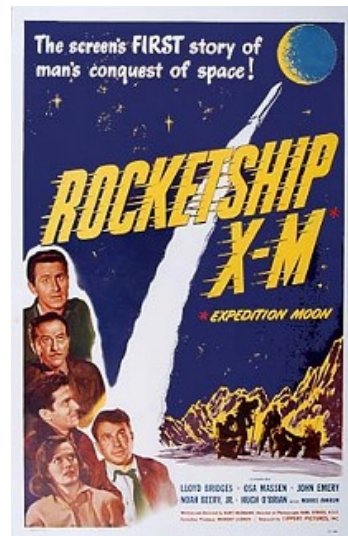
By Ken Kwilinski



The Rocketship X-M model is a Pegasus® kit that was released in early 2017. It is a simple kit to put together and doesn't have many problems. But first, before getting into the review of the model, let us take a moment to offer some history for those not familiar with this spaceship.

Rocketship X-M comes from a science fiction movie that came to theaters in May of 1950. It stars Lloyd Bridges and Hugh O'Brian. Bridges later became famous for the TV show Sea

Hunt and O'Brian went on to doing The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp TV series. The movie is about a group of space explorers that plan to go to the Moon but end up going to Mars instead. The "X-M" comes from "Expedition Moon" as explained in the movie. Rocketship X-M is the 1<sup>st</sup> space movie that shows a rocket landing tail first to the ground. This method of landing is now being tested with much success with today's



newer spacecraft. Because the movie was rushed into theaters some of the special effects of the rocketship were replaced with stock footage of a V-2 rocket taking off and reversed the film for the X-M's landing. This is believed to be the reason why the movie never received better acclaim. It could have been a better movie. The footage that was left out of the film still exists today. Maybe someday a new release of the movie to home DVD will have the missing scenes. Well that about tells what you need to know about the movie and Rocketship X-M.



As I said before Rocketship X-M goes together very easy.

Pegasus did an excellent job hiding seam lines. The seam lines are hidden beneath the ship's fins. There are two seams that do show on each side of the ship. These two seams were the hardest part of building this kit. Trying to hide them is almost impossible, with all the



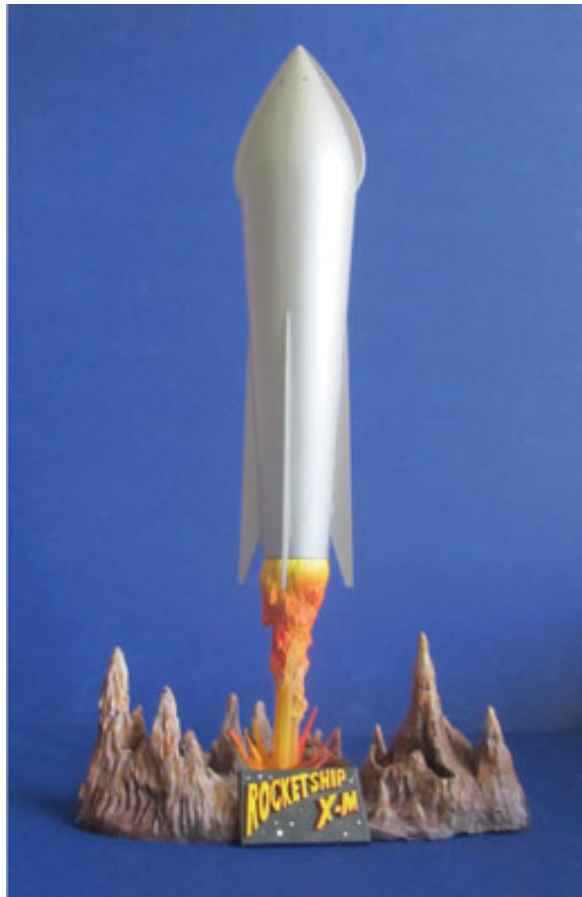
sanding and painting that I did, still there are slight signs of the seam. Since the model does not come with a base I decided to make one from Avery® Apoxie Sculpt clay.

I also decided the spaceship should be shown descending tail



first as shown in the movie. Using Plastruct® Plastic and clay I was able to make a good landing. I also made a nameplate for the model from plastic. I airbrushed and hand painted this kit using

Testor® enamel paints. The finished model looks great. Exactly how I wanted it to look. Rocketship X-M landing on Mars. Just like in the movie. If you like building rockets this is an easy one to work on. It looks great built straight out of the box too.



## 5 June 2017 Meet Models



***2001 A Space Odyssey Moonbus***



***2001 A Space Odyssey Orion III***



**Tanks**



**Sci-Fi/Anime Vehicles**



**Cessna Skymaster**



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**P-47D Razorback**



**P-47D Bubble Canopy**



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