

# The Assembler



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# 1 Meeting Themes

**12-15-17:** This year's must build model review

**01-19-18:** What is your must build model of 2018

**02-16-18:** Your sweetheart kit: the one you like most

**Location:** The Church

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

First Presbyterian Church of Homewood

17929 Gottschalk Ave., Homewood, IL 60430

**Cover Image:** Green Lantern by Ken Kwilinski

## 2 Bill's Banter

Are you stuck in a rut? Do you keep building the same thing again and again? What would you do to change this, if you could or want to? I only ask because I think we all get stuck in the same place every so often. Another name for this may be...Comfort Zone.

I am guilty of this for a certainty. I like jets, new jets, gray jets, camouflaged jets but not so much natural metal or Glossy Sea Blue ones. Why not? Because they take an inordinate amount of time to look good. They are out of my comfort zone. What do I do when I have to have one of these though? What procedures do I turn to? If it's natural metal, there are choices to make for a decent finish. My "Go to" solution is "Bare Metal Foil" for these naked aircraft. I have tried all different kinds of silver paints; Model Master, Tamiya, Model Master Acryl, Krylon, Alclad, Alclad II, Metalizers, Rub-N-Buffer. You get the picture. But after all of the attempts at a metal finish I go with the one that I feel most comfortable with, FOIL. How I got to that I still kind of wonder why.

I remember the first time I tried foiling was a Monogram F-100 Super Saber. I used Microscale foil glue. You brush this on a piece of household aluminum foil and wait for it to get tacky, press it on the model and burnish it down. I would do a large section at a time. Then I would cut it along which ever panel line was close enough and grab another chunk and do it again until it was covered. It wasn't the most realistic but at the time I thought it looked pretty good. I could use either side of the foil for either a nice shiny panel or use the other side for a dull, used look.

Then I tried BMF (Bare Metal Foil). Here was an amazing product that let me get a metal finish that actually was metal, like the foil but it is thinner and more pliable. You can kind of stretch it a bit to get it over curves or around them. Why did I not use one of the other products that I listed, because I was uncomfortable using them. So here I am now putting foil on a plane one panel at a time. I cut each one out and move on at a tortoise like speed. I could have sprayed something on and been done in 15 minutes. No, that is too easy I guess. So, now I just have gotten more and more comfortable using the foil. I use other things once in a while but I just don't think it looks like a natural metal finish.

I told you that so I could tell you this:

I have been wracking my brain for a club build. I would like the entire club to get behind this project. But, I am having a hard time coming up with a theme for the build. We have talked about this a couple of times and I was met with answers that made me a little surprised. I know we don't want to have to build something that doesn't interest the club but it's a way to get them of their comfort zone. I don't build a lot of different kinds of subjects as most of you know. Jets, Helicopters and ships are way high on my list. In the last year I have built a car for a contest at our

local hobby shop. Mind you. I haven't built one of those since I was around twelve years old. We had the club build airliners last year. Again, I don't build airliners. But I did for the club build.

I guess what I am saying is get out of your comfort zone and try something different that we can all get behind. Let's come up with a theme that might be a stretch for some of us to get behind but everyone would join in anyway. Modeling is such a solitary hobby to start with, let's make this something like a community build. You may not like the theme or subject matter but it's not like I'm trying to change everything about what or why you build something. I'm asking you to get out of your comfort zones for a bit and contribute. Even the people who haven't put glue to plastic in a while, I'm asking you to enter this great endeavor. What will it cost you, some time back at the hobby bench maybe?

The New Year is just around the corner. Challenge yourself to build something different this year. You may surprise yourself and come up with something valuable you may learn some new techniques that you wouldn't otherwise in what you are currently modeling. Sounds like a win-win to me. Now go build something! Bill

## 3 News

### October Raffle Winners:

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:**

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<http://ipms-gateway.com/Region5coordinator.html>

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## 4 Feature

### **Beware my power! Green Lantern's LIGHT!**

By Ken Kwilinski

There have been many different superhero models over the years. Most of the superhero models that have come out have been of MARVEL™ characters like Spider-Man and HULK. For me it was refreshing to finally see a kit of DC Comics™ Green Lantern instead of a Superman or Batman kit. When I first laid eyes on this new model by Moebius, I right away thought it needs something. So after thinking about it I thought it should have lights. After all it's about a lantern.



For those not familiar here are a few facts about the Green Lantern.

- \* 1<sup>st</sup> appeared in Showcase #22 (1959).
- \* Secret identity: Hal Jordan.
- \* Got to be the Green Lantern when he rescued the previous Green Lantern who was dying and the Power Ring was passed on to him.
- \* The Power Ring gives him the ability to fly, acts as a force field, and generates hard-light constructs from his thoughts.
- \* Member of the Justice League.
- \* Member of the Green Lantern Corps.

This model builds very easy. No problems at all. Painting was no problem either. I used Testor® enamels. Airbrushing and hand painting went fine. One thing I did want to address was the look of the “beamed light” from Green Lantern’s power ring. I painted this clear plastic part with Tamiya® clear green and clear yellow. By doing this, it gave it less of a toy look to the part.

Adding lights to this model was not hard at all. For the robot’s chest I cut away the existing plastic that is suppose to be a light, and attached a “Tea” light from underneath the base. The “Tea” light fits perfectly into the spot I cut out. I also added red Nano lights to the robot’s head for eyes which required some simple drilling through the plastic. For Green Lantern’s power ring I ran a white Nano light up through the beamed light hand to Green Lantern’s power ring. All the wires for the lights are hidden in the base along with the On/Off switches. When the switches are turned on the model looks great. The robot’s eyes and

chest light all glow bright like he's about to fight back. The power ring light looks cool too. It lights up the whole hand light beam. It kind of looks like it really is coming from Green Lantern's ring. I like how Green Lantern looks like he is flying above the robot. This was a fun kit to build. Anyone thinking about building this Moebius kit will not be disappointed.



## 5 November 2017 Meet Models



*1/144 C-47 by Dave Stukel*

*1/72 HS-123s by Sam Buonadonna*





***1/48 P-47s and Vigilante by Ed Mate***



***1/32 Lakota by Bill Hunoway***

