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# 1 Meeting Themes

**07-20-18:** Christmas in July

**08-17-18:** The Big Screen: Models from movies

**09-21-18:** Operation Husky: The WW2 Invasion of Italy

**Location:** The Church

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

**Cover Image:** Republic P-47 Thunderbolt Logo

## 2 Bill's Banter

Happy summer! We are about halfway through summer already and I haven't finished a model yet this year. I am disappointed in myself. I was supposed to have had the ship model done two months ago and been on my way to finishing up my model for the year. Even my best plans had gone awry.

Oh well, the ship gets closer every month and I at least have started on my model for the year. It's not like I haven't tried. It's more like I'm really tired! Summer is when we have outside chores to do. Even with the heat this year, I have been working on replanting and reinvigorating my yard. I get home from work and I'm outside working until dark.

Too tired to work on a model, I sit and look at them staring at me. "What about us", they seem to be saying. I paint a few things and glue some parts just to keep them happy. Anyway, I'm almost finished with the yardwork and also the ship. Maybe this is how it's supposed to work out for me. I give some time to modeling and a lot of time to home "work" this summer season. In the winter, it's the opposite.

So, seek some balance, relax, enjoy whatever you do. There is always going to be something to do. Make it worthy of your time.

Bill

# 3 News

## **June Raffle Winners:**

Don Klein won the 1/24 Revell Enzo Ferrari

## **Must Build Models 2018:**

Max Bryant

Sam Buonadonna 1/35 Italeri PT Boat

Steve Butt 1/48 Eduard F6F-5 Hellcat

Bob Ford 1/35 Amusing Hobby VK201(K)

Bill Hunoway 1/48 Airfix TSR.2

Don Klein 1/32 HK Models Do-335

Ken Kwilinski Earth vs the Spider

Ed Mate 1/48 Italeri H-21C Shawnee

Jeremy Petersen Open Hawker Hobbies

Ken Scott 1/72 Trumpeter J-31 Gyrfalcon

Dave Stukel

John Truby

Mike Valentine 1/35 Club Build Jeep

Ed Wahl 1/48 Hasegawa TF-104

## **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 [galleries@ipmsusa.org](mailto:galleries@ipmsusa.org) to post photos of your models on the web site.

# 4 Feature

## Modeling notes for a "Fix it" project by Ed Mate

Do you have one of those models in your collection that bothers you when you look at it? Maybe your skills have improved and it shows your more novice techniques. Maybe there is an error in the markings that you discovered later. My very first Thunderbolt project was Glenn Eagleston's airplane done with a Hasegawa kit. I did his airplane first because I liked it so much, but there were a number of things I knew could be improved so not too long ago I replaced it with a new build from a Tamiya kit. But what if that model in your collection that bothers you has some stuff you really like about it as well? Can it be fixed? ...or do you consider your projects over and done when completed? For me, this bothersome model is Mike Jackson's P-47D-28 "Teddy".

Here is the model as I completed it back in May 2013:



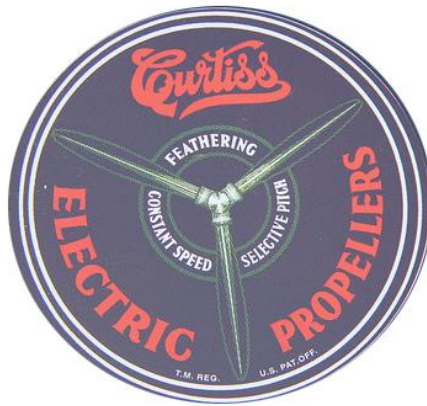
The glaring issue that got me every time I looked at it was that upper wing insignia. For some reason I placed it well too far inboard, but it is also undersized. The undersized insignias are a problem with Super Scale P-47 decal sheets in the 600-700 range. Here's a closer look:



Another silly thing was the Aeromaster blue and yellow Curtiss Electric logos on the symmetric paddle blade prop. "Teddy" was my first subject with a CE symmetric blade and that was another reason I chose this airplane as one of my modeling projects. Here's the prop:



...and this is a real CE logo:



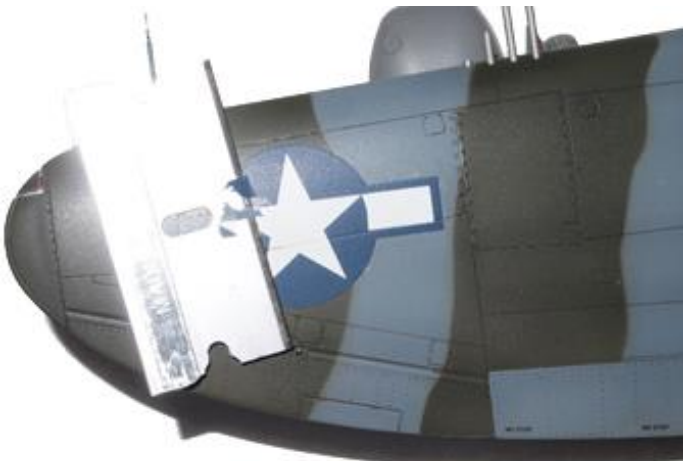
The final part that bothered me was that Norris Graser provided me with research that indicated the serial numbers on the fin were black, not yellow as was typical. I even made some black serial number decals but then chickened out and used the yellow decals provided by Super Scale because I thought the black over grey wouldn't have enough contrast to show up properly - so why would they have deviated from the standard? (Clearly this is a 56th FG repaint so they could have done whatever they wanted.) Later, after seeing many more P-47 photos, I decided I shouldn't have ignored Norris's research.



So why not just re-do the project entirely like I did with Eagleston's airplane? Well, because there were some things I really like about the model. I had replicated the "fat" drop tanks the 56th FG used later in the war (another "first" for me and another reason I chose to model this subject). Also, I liked the way I replicated the red overspray on the cowl:



So, I decided to fix the model I had by correcting these items that bother me. I started by finding another Super Scale decal sheet with a properly sized 40" insignia and a blue color match as close as I could get to the insignia still on the model. The proper CE logos come from a Thundercats sheet, and I found the black s/n decals I made 5 years ago. Work began by taking a new razor blade and carefully slicing off the offending decals:





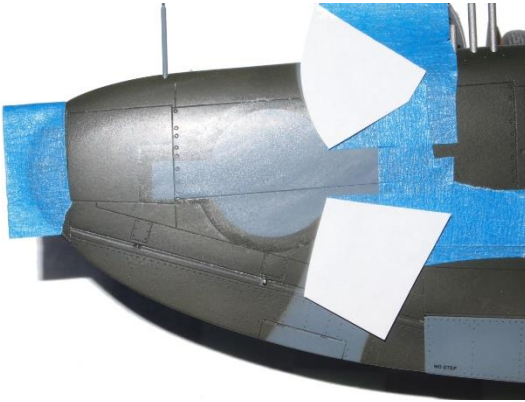
This worked far better than I ever dreamed because I ended up with the decals removed without any real damage to the paint underneath.





One of the reasons I put off doing this project earlier was because I was not sure what paint I used for the grey, but I am running out of the British green I used so I figured I should do this rework before the green paint was gone.

The removed decal areas were sanded with an 8000 grit sanding pad to smooth the areas to prepare them for the new decals. The insignia shape on the wing is from having only one color under the white of the insignia. This needed to be revised with the new insignia location so I masked for spraying the area green instead of keeping the grey.



Then the green around the new, properly sized, wing insignia was touched up. A coat of Future sealed the paint and prepared the area for the new insignia decal.



Replacement decals were done like the originals - Future for gloss coat underneath, apply decals with Micro-Set, clean residue, seal with Future, sand edges, and seal again. Finally the areas were restored with a final coat of Testors Dullcoat.

The "after" pictures:

