

April 19 Meeting

This month's modeling demonstration will be by Terry Moore, who will show us some techniques he uses to weather aircraft. We will also have Tom Foote show us some slides he has collected of Korean War aircraft.

Thank you all for the excellent turn-out of models last month. Participation like that makes the meetings more interesting for everyone, and while we're not sure if it was due to our badgering or inspite of it, we hope it will continue. The winners from last month's contest were:

- ARMOR:** 1 Bruce Johnson, scratchbuilt 1/76 T-60
2 Wayne Snowdon, Tamiya 1/35 Flakverling
3 Gary Woodburn, Tamiya 1/35 Jagdpanzer
- AIRCRAFT:** 1 (tie) J. Prantil, Williams Bro. 1/32 Wedell Racer
Bob LaBouy, Hasegawa 1/72 3F-9D
2 Terry Moore, Fujimi 1/48 Fw-190D-9
3 Matt Hargreaves, GAZW 1/72 IK-2
- MISC:** 1 Steve Lewis, 1/24 Ford LN-8000
2 Joe Tinaco, Cylon Raider
3 Gary Woodburn, 54mm French Legionaire

Congratulations all!

NEW ROSTER

Enclosed you will all find the 1980 Membership Roster. I want to encourage our newer members in particular to put it to use. When you have a question or problem, give a fellow member a call. I think you'll find that most of us will be delighted to help, after all, helping each other is why we got together in the first place. (Who knows, senior types, you might find that helping a novice will rekindle your own waning enthusiasm!)

CHAPTER LIBRARY

We want to remind the membership that we own a very respectable library of aircraft, armor, figure, ship, military history and even some car information. Oddly enough hardly anyone has used it. It's now fairly well organized on shelves so I can find things rapidly. (It was all jumbled together in boxes.) If anyone has a request, just give me a call. If you don't have a list of what we have, pick one up from Bill at any meeting.

Vancouver Contest

The IPMS Vancouver (BC) Chapter will be holding their annual Spring contest next month. They are planning to have talks, slides, participation of their local Military Vehicle Collector's Club and possibly wheeled & tracked vehicles displayed by one of their Regiments. Sounds like a good show in the making. Details that we have at this time are:

DATE: May 24, 1980 (Saturday)
PLACE: Mount Pleasant Community Center, W 16th & Ontario St, Vancouver BC, Canada.

TIME: 12:00 to 5:00, model registration 12:00 to 2:00.
ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 plus 25¢ for each additional model over five.
CATEGORIES: Armor, Aircraft, Cars, Trucks, Figures, Dioramas, Spacecraft, Misc, Junior & Senior (16 & over) division.

RULES: "Standard IPMS" (whatever that means!) except no restriction on materials.

(Note that this is not the 1980 Can-Am which will be held a little later this year by the Pacific Coast Modellers Club in the Richmond/Burnaby area.)

Bulletin Board

Jim Pernikoff (771-3204) is looking for a roommate for the IPMS National Convention in Salt Lake City. He has made reservations for a double at the Hotel Utah.

Bob LaBouy (232-7784) has a Binks air compressor (\$35) and water trap (\$15) for sale. Quiet, low mileage.

Bill Hawkins (525-7673) is looking for photos and plans of the Hansa Brandenburg W-29 floatplane to scratchbuild a model.

FOUND: Russian T-34 tank in the woods. When we changed the models in the display at American Eagles we came away with an unclaimed armor diorama. If you think it might be yours call Greg Reynolds.

Dan Kehoe (747-3763) is converting the Monogram Kingfisher into the Brewster SB2A Buccaneer and needs information on the landing gear and wheel wells.

New in Town

CAMPUS HOBBIES: four 1/48 Microscale sheets, F-4 stenciling, Skyraider, and two F-100; Italaerei 1/35 Kangaroo personnel carrier; USAirfix 1/72 H-131 Blue Angles' Fat Albert and 1/144 Braniff 747 "Big Orange".

AMERICAN EAGLES: four 1/48 Microscale sheets, F-4 stenciling, Skyraider and two F-100.

AIRSHOWS!

Airshow season is upon us once more! The dates we know of so far are:

- May 2 McChord AFB, Open House, Snowbirds (?)
- May 3-4 Pangborn Field, Apple Blossom Air Fair, Canadian reds, Bob Hoover, Golden Knights, Eagles.
- Jul 19-20 Paine Field, Thunderbirds
- Aug 8-10 Abbotsford (info via Jim Pernikoff)

Reviews

RAREPLANES Pfalz D.III, 1/72

SURPRISE! After 7 years Rareplanes has released another Warbirds kit -- the Pfalz D.III. The Pfalz has only appeared twice in the past (once was in 1/4" by Aurora back in '56 or '57, repeated in '73 by K&B with our own John Amendola's artwork, and the other in 1/72nd by Renwal in '66). Neither of these is commonly available any more (and you wouldn't want the Renwal if it WERE).

Al Llovd had an example of this new Warbird at the last meeting and if you saw it you know how good it looks. Like the first two (Sopwith 7F.1 Snipe, and Thomas-Morse S-4C) the parts are molded compactly on a sheet about 6" square. Parts' edges are sharply delineated and the surface detailing is fine and lightly done.

You COULD 'zap' it - the body is about 6" too short when compared to M.A.P. plans, and the wings are just a single surface so there won't be any detail on the bottoms unless you put it there, and the airfoils seem to have a mite more curve than necessary (War One 'foils were not only thin but rather flat too). These points will only deter the fanatic -- the rest of us are glad to see a Pfalz again, and a good one at that.

For a summary -- this kit appears to have been turned out by a person who cared, it looks like it'll 'read' right when assembled and it'll make a perfect companion piece to the German 'R' bomber just released by Sutcliffe.

References: Aero Modeller FEB 65
Scale Models MAY 72
Scale Models NOV/DEC 76
(Other refs with kit)

Availability: Eagles (but they've only got a few) and Bill Osborn

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MATCHBOX Flower Class Corvette, 1/72

The first thing that strikes the builder is the size of the beast - it's almost three feet from stem to stern, and is said to contain 1003 parts. (I haven't counted them, I'll take their word for it!) Parts are well molded in the usual Matchbox multicolor style, and it seems that the matchbox Phantom Ditchdigger wasn't allowed to come anywhere near the molds. The surface detail is commendably restrained, although a bit prolific, as might be expected in this scale. Thus far, the fit of the parts is excellent and although I've barely started construction, there is nothing to suggest that it will be any different for the rest.

The kit comes with a comprehensive instruction leaflet in pictorial form, with notes in six languages. There is also another, glossy leaflet with color diagrams for the three vessels for which optional markings are provided (HMS Bluebell, HMCS Snowberry and USS Saucy), a history of the class and a potted history of each of the three vessels. A decal sheet provides pennant numbers and other marking details for each vessel. There is also a set of signal flags and two ensigns printed on fabric. My only complaint is that although the instructions give full details for the rigging of the aerials and lines on the mast, no details whatsoever are given for the rigging of the liftboats or other small items. Still I suppose that's only carping really.

It's not a cheap kit (the AMT issue is expected to retail for \$84) but if you are into Grey Funnel Line floating thingies, it's hard to beat the value.

(This review was lifted from the Australian Plastic Modelers Association, Dec. 79.)

PEGASUS Strut Stock

An interesting new product has appeared. Pegasus Model Products has marketed lengths of injection molded struts with an airfoil cross-section. Several lengths of four different widths come in the package: 10 x 1/16, 8 x 3/32, 6 x 1/8 and 6 x 5/32". All pieces are 2 1/2" long. The molding is clean and sharp. It looks like this product could be very helpful in scratchbuilding and correcting biplanes, although only the smaller widths would be applicable to 1/72. The only disadvantage is the price, \$1.98 per package seems a bit steep. I guess it depends on how easily you can whittle out your own struts. (Pegasus Model Products Inc, 10221 Slater Ave. Suite 118, Fountain Valley, CA 92708) GR

Modeler's Vices

There's a good deal on right now, if you need a vice. Duco Cement is offering the X-Acto Vice at half-price! The Vice has a good vacuum base. It is molded out of plastic, but is plenty stiff and rugged for our kind of work. The jaws have metal faces. You have to buy a tube of their cement (the styrene stuff works fine) and mail them the coupon on the package plus \$2.00. Drug, grocery and hardware stores carry Duco cements. This one's a bargain deal.

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Rumors

AOSHIMA: 1/700 Kiev, Minsk
LS: 1/600 Yamato, 1/144 F-4E/J, F-15B, F-16A, F-18
NITTO: reissue 251/1 Halftrack w/rocket launcher
FUJIMI: 1/48 Bell AH-1S, AH-1T, Hughes 500MD, Bell 206
VEEDAY: 1/72 Pfalz D.III
AIRFIX: 1/48 Fury I, 1/24 FW-190 (??? very doubtful)
HASEGAWA: 1/72 F6F-3, F4U-1/1D (??? not announced for this year)
MINICRAFT: will finally pick up the 1/72 P-47Ds
MPC: "Black Hole" Cygnus, Vincent, Maximillian

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