

JULY 19 MEETING

This is a contest month. We haven't had any summer weather yet so there's no excuse for a summer slump. Let's see lots of entries there!

This is the last meeting before the National Convention, so if you want to make arrangements to have any of your models taken to Salt Lake, this is your last chance.

We want to thank Matt Hargreaves for last month's demonstration and Norm Filer, Jim Pernikoff and Dan Kehoe for sharing their slides with us.

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IPMS Bellingham?

Bob MacArther is back in the Northwest and is interested in reforming IPMS Bellingham. If this reaches anyone with a similar disposition, please give him a call: Robert E. MacArther, 676-8974, 1206 Washington St, Bellingham, WA 98225.

RUMORS

NOVO: for 1981, 1/72 Spit IIV/IX, Gladiator II, Wildcat, Aircobra, Wyvern, Blenheim I, Boston III, Maryland, Shark II, Marauder, Mitchell II, Ventura PV-1, Whitley, Shackleton, B-17E, Lancaster and Wellington Ic. (We have heard that a well known English mail-order firm will be importing the Wellington, Wyvern and Venturas direct from Russia, before Novo gets them, so if you have the itch and the \$, you might not have to wait until 81.)

MIKRO: 1/72 TS-11, PZL 104, RWD 6, Lubin R.XIII

VEB: 1/72 Junker F.13

HASEGAWA: WWII Troopship, Light Crusier 1919 Catsuta Destroyer 1927 Makazuki, Subs I-171 and I-361.

New in Town

AMERICAN EAGLES: ESCI 1/48 F-5F Tiger II, 1/72 MRCA Tornado; Minicraft Falcon 10; US Airfix 1/72 F-15A/B; Airfix 1/76 Opel Blitz and Pak 40; IMAI 1/144 Zero 52 & Ki-43, B6N & Ki-46, J2M3 & Zero 52, F6F-5 & F4U-1, Me-109E & Me-262, Dauntless & Ju-87.

CAMPUS HOBBIES: ESCI F-5E Tiger II, 1/72 MRCA Tornado; Minicraft 1/72 Falcon 10; US Airfix 1/72 F-15A/B, I1-28, S-3A Viking (new markings, VS-29); Scalemaster 1/72 B-25 "Tondelayo" and "Chow Hound"; ATP, Runway 30 and Fowler have lots of new airliner decals in; US Bombers by Lloyd Jones (revised edition); Detail & Scale F-100, F-15 (updated) and new by Detail & Scale 1/48 conversion parts for the F-15.

Review

Hints and Tips for Plastic Modeling, by IPMS/USA, \$3.95 (Kalmbach Books, 1027 North 7th St, Milwaukee, 53233)

This book, announced at the Milwaukee National last year, is a compilation of hints and tips from IPMS publications. The 48 pages include over 200 ideas, most accompanied by excellent photos and sketches. The tips are loosely organized into seven sections, such as Tools & Equipment, Assembly, Detailing and so forth. I'm sure that all modelers would find some useful ideas in it.

The book is not a handbook. It does not present the "best" way to solve every problem and therefore, many experienced modelers will be disappointed to find that their pet techniques have been omitted and some outmoded or ridiculous ideas perpetuated. For the novice however, the book will be invaluable in two respects. It provides an exposure to the wide range of useful tools and materials to be found outside the hobby shop. Further, the book's format of presenting alternative rather than definitive methods will encourage experimentation.

Australian Connection

A number of kits no longer available in the US are currently in production in Australia. Three more of the ex-Aurora 1/48 WWI aircraft are being marketed under the Monogram label. Several months ago Monogram released cleaned-up reissues of the old Aurora Fokker D.VII, SE.5 and Camel (?), in the US. In Australia they reissued the Neuport 11 "Bebe", Fokker Dr-I and the Albatross D.V. However, these are identical to the old Aurora products including box art, instructions and decals. Only the logo has been changed.

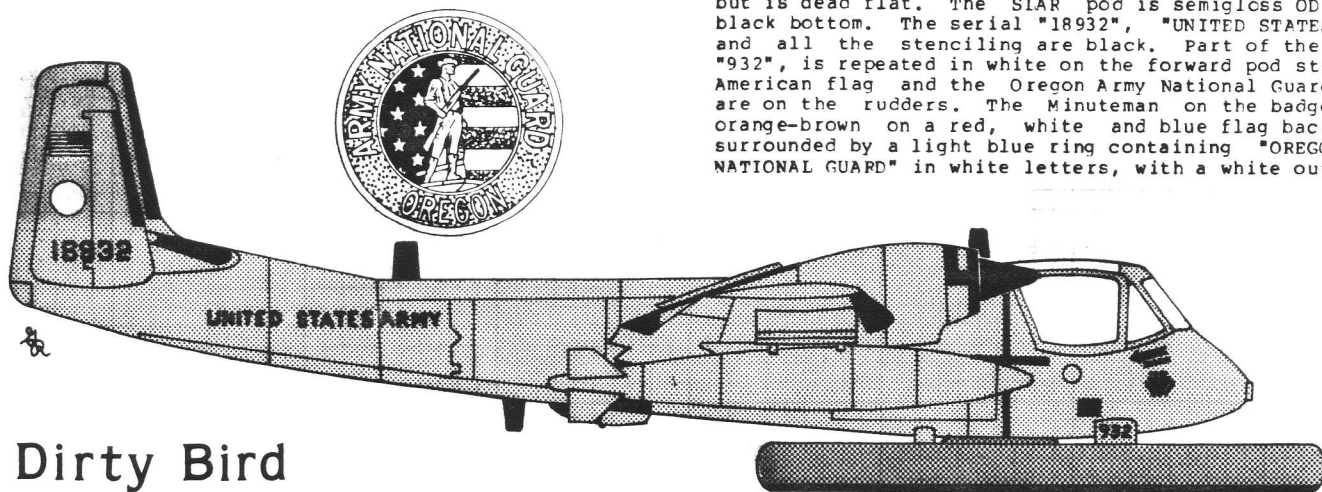
Also twelve of Revell's 1/72 fighters are back "Downunder": the Fiat CR-42, Boeing PT-13, MC-200, SPAD XIII, Zero, Hurricane, P-39, Hawk 75, Albatross D.III F2A Buffalo and P-26 Peashooter. An interesting novelty here is that they have been packaged as "baggies", but are otherwise identical with the original issues. Best of all, the price is right, about \$1.50. They have all been reissued in boxes, but for \$2.50 each.

If you're in the market for any of these goodies, you'll have to find yourself an Australian or New Zealand correspondent since they are not being exported.

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This OV-10D was seen last May at the Fairchild AFB open house in this experimental overall grey scheme. The paint is formulated to reduce the aircraft's IR signature but the only real significant effect (according to the pilots) has been a reduction in airspeed due to the added weight and skin drag. The grey is close to FS26493 but is dead flat. The SIAR pod is semigloss OD with a black bottom. The serial "18932", "UNITED STATES ARMY" and all the stenciling are black. Part of the serial "932", is repeated in white on the forward pod strut. An American flag and the Oregon Army National Guard badge are on the rudders. The Minuteman on the badge is an orange-brown on a red, white and blue flag background surrounded by a light blue ring containing "OREGON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD" in white letters, with a white outline.



Dirty Bird