



IPMS

Seattle Chapter News

10/81

OCT 17 MEET

The reaction to Bill Hawkin's editorial in last month's Newsletter has been very positive so far. The discussion at last month's meeting resulted in a number of good suggestions and willing volunteers. One thing which we tried last meeting with some success was "Show and Tell". At the end of the business meeting the builders of displayed models are identified and asked to describe their work and field questions. Most members also expressed an interest in seeing more Modeling in Action. To this end we will try to have more demonstrations and also institute, starting this month, the Brown-Bag Build-In. Henceforth the meetings shall start earlier and run longer. After the usual portion of the meeting, we shall break out the tools, kits and LUNCH, and settle in to do what modelers do best - make a mess! (Regarding the latter, we will be meeting in an uncarpeted room at the other end of the building.) Here's the plan:

- 10:00 Doors Open
- 11:00 Business Meeting, followed by "Show & Tell"
- 11:30 Demonstration: Tom Weinel will show us some figure painting techniques.
- 12:00 Brown-Bag Build-In. Dig in while sanding it off. Just keep the mayo off the decals. If you don't want to pack your own, there's Pizza and Burgers on the Island.

We were surprised at the number of unfinished projects brought to swap at last month's Tag-Team Modeling Contest. Remember the December deadline. If you took one of those orphan's home, the Build-In is the perfect time to work on it.

The winners of last month's contest were:

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| AIRCRAFT: | 1 Dan Kehoe | 1/72 Hasegawa F4U-1 Corsair |
| | 2 Larry Baldwin | 1/72 KPM Avia B.634 |
| | 3 Bob Doran | 1/72 Airfix C-130 |
| Vehicles: | 1 Steve Cook | 1/35 Tamiya BMW R75, sidecar |
| | 2 Matt Hargreaves | 1/24 Lifelike 1910 Buick |
| | 3 Cris Ronde | 1/24 AMT Kenworth Transport |

We also want to thank our helpers at the second Painting Party: Steve Lewis, Earl Otto, Bob LaBouy, Marc Hansen, Frank Morgan, Ed and Bill Hawkins, Terry and Jill Moore. We're all in your debt.

Can-Am. Dec 5

We have received word that the Pacific Westcoast Modelers are planning to hold a "Can-Am" late this year. It looks like it will be essentially the same as last year's (at the Burnaby Community Center?) on December 5. More details later, we hope.

Toytown Contest

Toytown (16809 Hwy 99 in Lynnwood) will sponsor a plastic model contest from October 15 to November 15. The competition will be divided into four age groups: 8 and under, 9 to 13, 14 to 17 and 18 and older. Entries will be accepted, and placed on (secure) display, from Oct 15 through Nov 14. Judging, by members of IPMS Seattle, will be on the 15th. Trophies or prizes will be awarded all winners, including a Grand Prize of a Dremel Delux Saw & Sander. If you have any questions, call the Toytown Hobby Department, 745-8697.

Review: 1/72 Heller Ouragon

After you pry the close tolerance lid from the box, this bird looks like one of Heller's best efforts. It is molded in light tan plastic instead of the usual gray. The control surfaces, speed brakes (molded shut) and aft fuselage separation line are engraved. The access panels and skin joint lines are finely raised detail. There is detail in the main wheel wells, but none in the nose well which is formed by the halves of the bifurcated intake walls. (You'll need to get quite a bit of weight in there to balance this model.) The rear of the nose wheel well is molded as a separate piece with the cannon blast tubes. The landing gear itself is good, including retraction cylinders, brake drum detail and a split molded nose wheel. The cockpit consists of a tub with rudder pedals and bare side consoles, a two piece seat, stick, and clear unsight. Unfortunately, you'll want to do your own instrument panel. The canopy is one piece with raised framing which may need to be thinned down a bit. The horizontal stabilizer is in two pieces and the trailing edges look a tad thick. A really well molded tail pipe fits into the rear fuselage which blocks off the view.

The decal sheet is for two aircraft, an Israeli AF bird from 1956 with a shark-mouth (check those squadron markings), and one from the 12th wing French AF 1954 (a real sharp scheme). Unfortunately no markings are given for an Indian AF "Toofani". The decal are very good. Heller may make it up to Microscale quality yet.

All in all, a very good kit not likely to be molded by any US company. If you want additional color schemes, and don't have it in your library, beg borrow or embezzle a copy of Profile #143

Earl Otto

Another View

As I sit here looking at the Guest Editorial in the 9/81 Newsletter, I'm trying to figure out way it bothers me. Maybe it's just that it comes from a different point of view. Anyway, for what it's worth, here's mine.

Our club is IPMS Seattle. But really - what are we? Almost exclusively, we are individualists. "Playing with plastic toys" is not an activity that conformists get involved in - at least not publicly. (Wouldn't you like to know how many "closet model builders" there are?) As individualists, we are a widely (and wildly) diverse group: Some of us are fanatic kit bashers. Some of us are kit collectors who rarely, if ever, build. Some build one masterpiece a year. Some build six or more a month. For some modeling is their only real hobby. For some it is only one of many interests. Some are family men. Some are bachelors. Some are organizers. Some just prefer pull sessions.

The main point is, there is room for all in the club. In fact, it is the diversity of the group that is its strength. It is the reason we have survived and will continue to survive. Conflicts and near break-ups in the past were generally caused by attempts to push the membership as a whole into a single mold. That won't work any better than putting a P-51 canopy on a Sherman tank. The question was asked in last month's editorial, "Do we have a valid reason to meet?" We have 60+ valid reasons - our members.

Last summer we had a convention. Recon 7 was outstanding. It was so because a small group worked their tails off to make it so. They deserve all of our admiration and applause for the job they did. But to expect the entire membership to put forth effort on such a project - on any project - is not only a pipe dream; it is wrong. Some of our members; indeed, some of our best modelers, are just not into that kind of thing. Are we to look down on them for that? I should hope not.

I enjoy a meeting where 40+ "wackos" can get together and hash over similar (and diverse) interests - from P-36s to 36Ds. I'm happy to be a member of IPMS Seattle. I like what we have and I expect to be around for Saturday meetings in 2000 AD, cracking up over a Mesopotamian BD-5555555555555555 conversion. John Greer

New in Town

AMERICAN EAGLES: Airfix (re) 1/12 Bentley; MPC AT-AT; Heller 1/72 Ouragon, 1/24 Delage D8SS, 1/24 Talbot Lago, 1/8 BMW Honda, Kawasaki 950SS, 1/200 N/O Le Suroit (research snip); Minicraft 1/72 F4U-1D, F4U-1, 1/200 A.300, 1/8 SE.5a; Nitto 1/100 737; KP Yak-23; Mikro Yak-1/1M; Tamiya 1/15 Sherman (computerized); Monogram 1/48 F-111A (ketooled Aurora. Not so good), Harrier, F-4J, F-14, B-25J, F-18; ESCI 1/72 F-104G/S, F-104C, 1/48 Fire Department UH-1D, 1/72 Brumbar, Sherman M4A3; Revell 1/32 F-14, 1/48 CH-53G, (re) Neiuport 17c; Books: Building and Displaying Model Aircraft, Model Building Handbook (very good), Military Aircraft of the World, Darkly Dangerous (Fred Johnson, P-61), Detail & Scale F-4 Phantom (new improved format).

CAMPUS HOBBIES: Monogram 1/48 F-14, Harrier, B-25J, F-4J F-111; Revell 1/32 F-14, 1/48 CH-53; MPC 1/16 Codra 427; Tamiya 1/35 T-62A; Starline 1/150 DC-3 (includes Scalemaster decals); Minicraft 1/72 F4U-1, F4U-1D, 1/200 A.300 Airbus; Testors/Italaerei 1/720 Carl Vinson; Micro scale F-101B, Marine F-4s (2 sheets).

TRIPLE ALLIANCE: Minicraft 1/72 F4U-1, F4U-1D, 1/48 F4U-4, 1/200 A.300; Hasegawa issue 1/200 L 1011, DC-9, 737; Revell 1/32 Tomcat; Heller 1/24 Jaguar E3L8, Talbot Lago Record 1950, Bentley Blower, Delage D-8SS, Talbot Lago Grand Prix, 1/72 Ouragon, revised Me-109K, 1/200 N/O Le Suroit; Monogram 1/48 F-14 (super), AV-8A (super), F-4J (it really is!), B-25J, F-111, 1/24 Landrover; ESCI 1/72 F-104C, F-104 G/S, M4A3 Sherman, Brumbar, 1/48 Fire Department Huey; Revell (re) 1/72 Albatross D.III, SE.5a, Spad 13, F4F, Neiuport 17c; Wings72 1/72 Hansa-Brandenburg Cl, Cl UPAG, Skoda Kauba V.4, Arado 68E, 1/48 Buckler 131; MPC 1/16 427 Ford Cobra, 1/25 82 Chev Cavalier, 82 Corvette, 82 Mustang; AMT (re) 1/25 289 Ford Cobra, 32 Ford Roadster, 63 Studebaker Avanti; Nova 1/72 C-141 (seriously!); Microscale 1/72 ANG (F-101, F-105, A-7D) TAC Badges #3, F-101B (2 sheets), 1/48 WWI Lozenge pattern (upper & lower), F-86, P-38; Runway 30 Sudan 707, Singapore Concorde, Malaysian DC-10; Aerodata F-104, Koku Fan B-26, Detail & Scale F-4 Phantom, C-130 in Action Ventura in Action.

Rumors

Hasegawa SR-71 in by next month. Tamiya 1/35 M4A3. Testors/(Italaerei?) 1/35 Abrams M1 for Xmas. Wings72 (announced) Gotha 145, FFG 227 (yawn), Ki-10 Perry (I), Ki-36 and 55 Ida. Hasegawa 1/72 A-10, F-105G. ESCI 1/48 Corsair (WWII type), A6M5, F-105D, 1/72 A-10. Monogram 1/48 B-57 (?), 1/48 AC-130H (????).