

THE FLYER



Show Me State Modelers

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The Holidays are upon us and if most of you are like me, I'm hoping that Santa will leave me a nice big surprise under the tree. (Will the 1:35th Elco PT Boat from Italeri make it in time?) Lots of model pic's from show-and-tell at our regular club meeting and the meeting in Lee's Summit last Wednesday. My thanks to Rick Brownlee for taking the pic's for me at the regular Tuesday meeting as I was in Mexico that week doing research on palm trees (more about that later). Happy Holidays everyone!

Gary Ruhnke, editor

A Few Words from Our President . . .

Ron Reynolds



Hey Guys -
The Christmas Holidays* are right around the corner, as is the start of a New Year. This past year has provided the West Central Missouri - ShowMe State Modelers chapter of IPMS/USA a lot of

POSITIVE exposure to the rest of the national organization. We have participated in a great partnership with the Great Plains Chapter in producing, and hosting, the 2006 National Convention (which is still being praised by those of the Society that had the good fortune to attend). We have increased our membership by approximately 20 per cent. We have finally been assigned to the "correct" Region - number 5. We have rotated the members of our club's "executive board", who have dedicated themselves to the continuation of the POSITIVE promotion of the club, and the hobby, that was established under Kelly's leadership. AND, we have switched our club's annual contest date

from the Fall to the Spring. Plus, the members of the E-board are tossing around a number of other things for the club to consider for the future.

Speaking of the new date for the club's annual contest - the date selected is Saturday, 28 April, 2007. This has been blessed by the new Co-ordinator of Region 5, Mike George. The location will be in the gymnasium/activity room of the new Holy Spirit Catholic Church located at 1800 S.W. M-150 Hwy, in Lee's Summit, MO. This facility is easily accessed via the interstate and state highway system. It provides us with a much better facility, both in display/vending area, and in proximity to fast food and sit-down dining facilities. Maps will be developed and made available on both the club's official website and in THE FLYER. Stay tuned as more information is developed.

Bud Ellis will be the STAR of the December meeting. He will dazzle us with his brilliance, or baffle us with his by providing us with another of his outstanding demonstrations.

See you on the 12th.

Semper Fi - Ron (aka "Gunny Claus")

*The Club's Christmas/New Year's Party will once again be held at Kelly's house. Date to be determined, but will be in January.



Museum of the Pacific War

by Art Miller

My vacations are spent exploring the places that were noteworthy in the history of "The Opening of the West." Sometimes I stumble onto unexpected treasures in places where one would least expect it. Such was the case last October. I had planned a trip to the Hill Country of West Texas to visit Fort Concho at San Angelo. As a side, I would be a short distance from Fredericksburg, the home of Cimarron Firearms, where I planned to purchase a pair of fancy "bone" grips for my Colt. As I rode the highway towards my destination I came upon the billboards for a place called "The National Museum of the Pacific War." What....I wondered, would a Pacific Museum be doing out in the West Texas desert. I was soon to be pleasantly surprised at what was in store at Fredericksburg.

Fredericksburg, Texas is a German community 80 miles West of Austin on U.S. Highway 290. It is a "touristy" town of about 10,000 friendly Texans. The attractions are the shops, German cafes, micro breweries and boutiques. It is also the birthplace of Chester W. Nimitz. He was conveniently born on Main Street across from his grandfather's hotel which is still standing and looks somewhat like a steamboat. The one thing that is noticeable about Fredericksburg is the respect and preservation of its history and German heritage. Hence the Nimitz birthplace and hotel began what eventually became the Museum of the Pacific War. Fleet Admiral Nimitz is another of those heroic figures that emerged within the greatest generation. He was able to marshal the forces that remained after the attack on Pearl Harbor and direct the Pacific War towards the signing of the instruments of surrender aboard the USS Missouri in 1945.

The Pacific Museum is truly impressive. The grounds cover nine acres which includes 34,000 square feet of indoor display space. The outdoor exhibits feature displays of allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks and naval guns. The history of World War II in the Pacific is told in chronologically organized exhibits with narrative text and graphics. Of special interest to modellers are the excellent artifacts which support the exhibits. The most unique feature of this museum are the full size dioramas. Many of them you can actually walk through and touch.

As an example, you can walk the deck of the Japanese submarine I-24 as she lay at anchor in Kure, Japan in December,

1941. On her deck is the midget submarine HA-19. HA-19 was launched to penetrate Pearl Harbor on December 7th. However, due to a faulty compass, she ran aground on the East coast of Oahu and was captured. HA-19 spent the rest of the war featured in War Bond tours. Her commander, Ensign Sakamaki spent the rest of the war wondering "what's for dinner". With subdued lighting, the sound of the tide against the hull and a Japanese sailor peering down from the conning tower, you can well reflect on the night before her fateful voyage.



HA-19 on the deck of the I-24.

It would easily take a day or more to digest all to be seen and read at the National Museum of the Pacific War. Many items are from personal collections and from Americans that served in all branches of the military. Most poignant are the drawings and recollections of the allied POW's held by the Japanese. These men and women are truly heroes to be remembered and revered by all future generations.

A small fee is charged and well worth the experience at twice the price. Pack the family in the ol' station wagon and hit the road. Give momma the Visa card for Main Street and you will surely enjoy the museum undisturbed. Do not miss the fifteen foot long model of the carrier USS Nimitz. Her air group is proudly displayed on deck in 1/72nd scale. The model is strangely familiar to one appearing in the model magazines a few years back.

In the end, Cimarron Firearms did not have the "bone" grips I longed for. The experience of the museum was far more enjoyable and I saved 70 bucks!!

The museum is open seven days a week all year except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission is \$6.00 for adults.

For more information write or call:

The National Museum of the Pacific War
328 E Main Street
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
830-997-4379

Website: www.nimitz-museum.org



Restored PT 309

WANTS & DISPOSALS

Wanted:

POLAR LIGHTS - Forbidden Planet C-57D Star Cruiser, 1:72 scale Cash, trade, or both
Ron Denning 816-587-8815

Want to Trade:

I have the Monogram B-24J that I would like to trade, even up, for the Monogram 1/48 B-24D. Also looking for 1/48 crew members from the Pro Modeler B-24 or B-17 kits. If interested, get hold of Kelly. Email keldq@aol.com or call 816-415-9745.

Wanted: Ford Pinto kit

Show Me State Chapter member Mike Williams is trying to find an unbuilt car model kit of the early 1970s Ford Pinto. As Mike remembers it, he thinks it was the old AMT kit. Anyone willing to part with the kit, or if you're aware of one being available, please contact Mike Williams.

LEE'S SUMMIT MEETING

Eight of us from the Hobbytown club attended the Lee's Summit satellite group inaugural meeting Wednesday night, December 6th. Four of their seven members were there. "Show and Tell" included a lot of really nice models, three of which were built by the two female members of the group. The meeting was held at the Summit Barbeque Pit on Blue Pkwy. which has a great meeting



Rebecca Davis, Justin Carlson, Brian Aldridge and Jami Aldridge

area that allowed everyone to enjoy some very good barbeque as well as talk shop and look at some fine models. Meetings here are planned for the 3rd Thursday of each month. Again, we're glad to have them as a part of the club. ed.

"ON DISPLAY" AT THE NOVEMBER "LEE'S SUMMIT" MEETING . . .



1:32nd Hasegawa Komet - Greg Higginbotham



Polar Lights Jetsons Spaceship - Rebecca Davis

RESEARCHING THE PALM

by Gary Rubnke, ed.



In search of the elusive coconut palm tree, I convinced my wife, Debbie, that a trip to Mexico to do research was in order. Needless to say that I found many palm trees and a sufficient amount of

CORONA to prevent dehydration in the hot, Mexican climate. Below are some close-up reference photos of palm tree details for those 1:35th scale copies.





1:72nd Hasegawa Seahawk - Justin Carlson



1:48th Hasegawa A1 Skyraider - Justin Carlson



1:72nd Academy ME-109 - Justin Carlson



1:24th Revell Viper - Rebecca Davis



1:200th Testors C-141 - Brian Aldridge



1:48th Revell A-37 - Brian Aldridge



1:48th Hasegawa Hornet - Jami Aldridge



1:48th Hobbycraft I-16 Rata - Rick Brownlee



1:48th Tamiya A1 Skyraider - Terry Nichol



1:48th Revell F-15 Eagle - Terry Nichol



1:48th Grand Phoenix F3H Demon - Terry Nichol



1:35th Tamiya Jeep w/Verlinden Figures - Art Miller



1:48th Hasegawa P-40E Tomahawk - Art Miller



1:48th Tamiya F4U-1 - Carlos Padilla



1:48th Hasegawa F86-F - Frank Holsburg



1:48th Academy F16-C - Frank Holsburg



1:48th Monogram TF104-W - Frank Holsburg



1:48th Monogram F100-F - Frank Holsburg

"ON DISPLAY" AT THE NOVEMBER "HOBBYTOWN" MEETING . . .



1:48th Hobby Craft T-33A - Frank Holsburg



1:48th F-94B Scratchbuilt/kitbash; parts from four different kits needed to complete. - Frank Holsburg



1:48th Hobby Craft T-33A out of box - Carlos Padilla



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1:32nd Hasegawa Bf 109 G-10 - Greg Higginbotham



1:48th AMT A-20 Havoc - Ron Denning



1:32nd HE-219 C-1 Completely scratchbuilt - Larry Hawkins



1:32nd Combat Vacuform kit, Ta-152 HO - Larry Hawkins



1:35th Dragon King Tiger (under construction) - Alan Millsap



1:48th Tamiya Sherman Tank - Terry Barrow



1:48th AMT F7F Tigercat (under construction) - Terry Barrow



1:72nd Zvezda Lavochkin La-5 - Terry Barrow



1:48th Tamiya Fairey Swordfish - Mike Perrin



1:25th Five car models, One Revell and four Tamiya kits - Mike Harmon



Collection of various scale, Military vehicles - Ernie Storm



Large scale Ed Roth Resin Cast Head - Ellis Kendrick



1:25th Revell 1959 model Cadillac Custom (under construction) - Ellis Kendrick



1:24th Five AMT car models, Two Fords, three Plymouth Dusters - Mike Williams



1:48th Grand Phoenix kit, FH3 Demon - Terry Nichol



1:48th Revell F-15D - Terry Nichol

**Blast From
the Past!**



MITSUBISHI J2M3 "RAIDEN" ©1971

(1:32nd Scale)

The molds for this kit were supposedly destroyed in a shipping accident, so if you're lucky enough to have one or two like I do, enjoy them because you won't see any repops coming from Revell. In spite of it's age, this is a finely detailed old kit. The rivets and panel lines are all delicately recessed...impressive for a kit of it's age. In my opinion, the Raiden was one of the better looking Japanese aircraft designs and this 35 year old kit is a great representation.

Gary Ruhnke, ed.



1:48th Tamiya Focke Wulf Fw 190 A - Kelly Quirk

On A Final Note ...

Don't forget that our December meeting is Tuesday evening, December 12th at HobbyTown, 8 PM.

See you there!
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