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IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

Another good turnout for the August meeting. 51 people actually signed in and I am sure a lot of them went away with some bargains as this was our annual swap meet



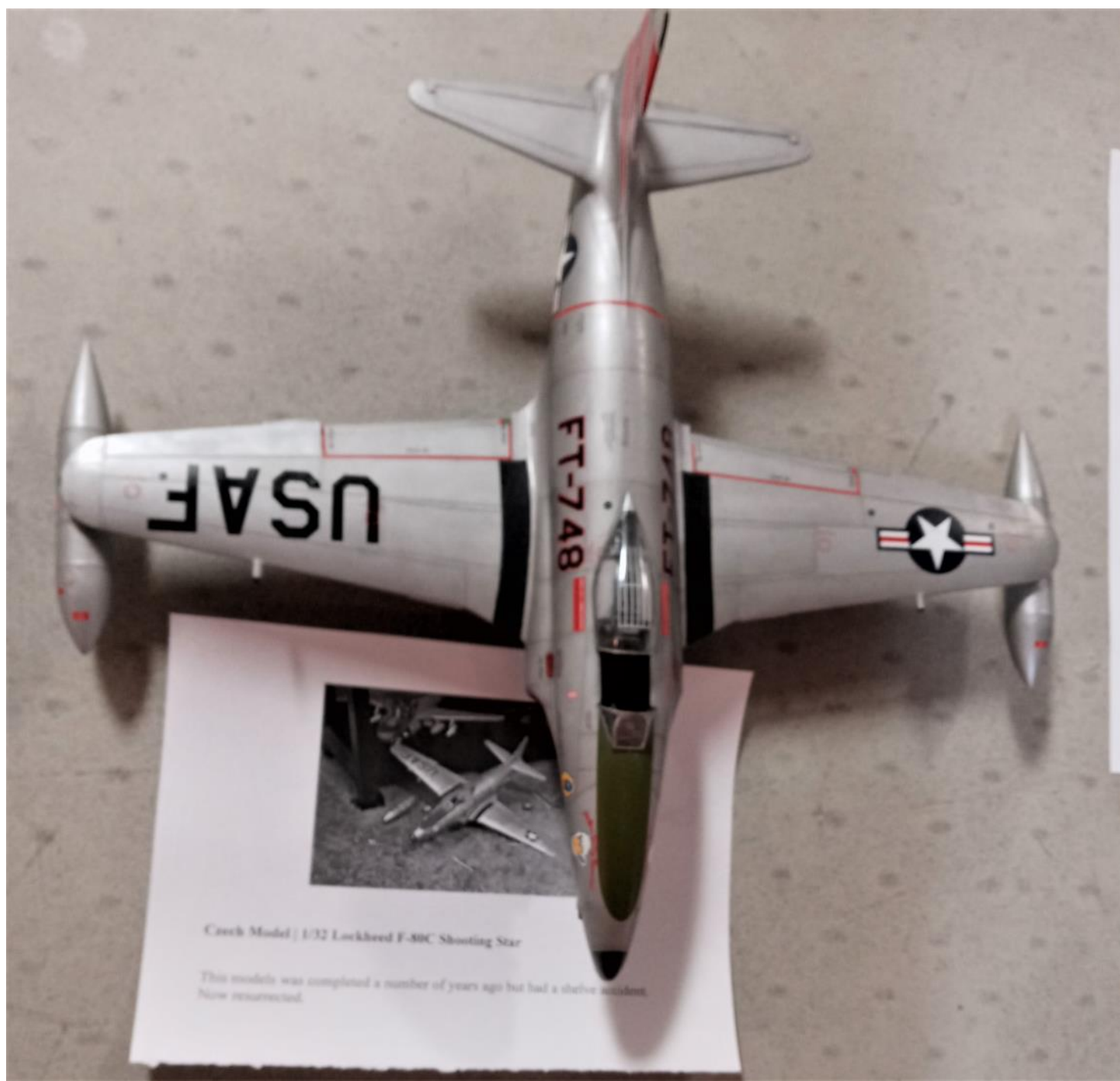
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August Display Models



August Competition Models



August Competition Winner Models



Novice Winner
Ryan Pabis
Golden Warrior



Advance Winner
Craig Brown

Millennium Falcon

"A6M2 Zero" "A6M2-N Float Plane" By "Mark L. Rossmann"

History:

As 1940 continued with the war in China, Japan didn't figure to win the vast countryside, but to hang on to the major cities in the interior and ports. The stalemate continued, then in September the Zero was introduced, pilots were not impressed, and wanted to keep there "Claude's". In one-on-one mock combat the "Claude" out maneuvered the Zero and won every duel. However, the first combat with CAF aircraft proved the Zero was overall superior the "Claude", claiming 27 fighters shot down. Lt. Cdr Fujita stated the "Zero was better than the "Claude" in performance and firepower. So, I liked the Zero".

Combat experience of the Zero pilots in China would provide great confidence to them, heading into 1941 these pilots were dangerous opponents and would prove that in the opening months of the Pacific war.

The A6M2 was the mainstay JNAF as they were committed to the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Philippines. Japanese carriers positioned themselves 200 miles north of Pearl, at 0130 hours Tokyo time the bombers started climbing off the flight decks. The Zero (code named Zeke by the allies) pilots played a key role in the attack, protecting the bombers and torpedo bombers, strafing parked aircraft and shooting down those that did get off the ground... but not all of them. The Japanese pilots were surprised at the aggressiveness of the American pilots flying P-40B's, 2nd Lt's Taylor and Welch were two of them. 55 officers and men were lost in the Pearl raid, which included 9 zeroes lost to all causes, 3 in the first wave and 6 in the second. Those crews that survived grieved their lost brethren.

Coinciding with Pearl raid, Japan hit the Philippines, Hong Kong and Dutch East Indies. The lightning strikes were successful catching many allied aircraft on the ground and leaving them smoldering piles, continuing the story line that the Zero was invincible.

The Battle of Midway would turn the tide in the Pacific for the allies; the battle broke out in the early morning of June 4th. The Akagi, Kaga, Soryu and Hiryu steamed to Midway with over 250 aircraft. American cryptographers however had broken the Japanese code and were lying in wait with the Hornet, Enterprise and Yorktown along with the Midway contingent of aircraft. The loss of 4 fleet carriers stunned the Japanese, losing many valuable veteran pilots and aircraft crew. In order to replace the lost pilots, veteran land-based pilots were recalled to train the new ones. The entrance requirements were lowered, training syllabus shortened, only to produce pilots ill equipped to do front line battle.

The A6M2 carried on as a land based and float plane, after the Midway invasion a more improved A6M3 appeared with more powerful engine and firepower.

A total of 10,449 Zero's were produced, it is the icon of the Japanese fighter planes, like the RAF Spitfire, Luftwaffe BF109, the USAF Mustang.



"A6M2 Zero" "A6M2-N Float Plane" By "Mark L. Rossmann"

Aircraft:

A6M2 came on line in September of 1940, manufactured by Mitsubishi.

Engine: Nakajima NK1C Sakae 12, 14-cylinder radial, air cooled, providing 950 hp.

Weight: 6,164 lbs loaded

Max speed: 332 mph

Ceiling: 32,810 ft

Range: 1930 nautical miles

Armament: 2x20 mm cannons, 2 machine guns and 264 lbs of bombs.

Zero float A6M2-N (allied code name "Rufe") was a last-ditch effort to provide a fighter float plane for forward island bases which landing fields were impossible to build in the southern and northern reaches of Empire. The 15-Shi floatplane fighter was still under development and wouldn't be ready till 1943. The project was accepted and Nakajima began the project with chief engineer Shinobu Mitsutake.

Three used Model 11 Zero's were the starting point, changes included, A) Deck landing gear removed, main float, right and left auxiliary floats were added. B) The fin was strengthened and the rudder area was increased to make up for directional stability and rudder efficiency affected by the floats C) Sealing of the floats and body to prevent them from leaking and corroding. The plane was slightly slower than its wheeled version, but it retained its maneuverability and superiority over the early war allied aircraft. It was accepted for mass production under the "Type 2" Float Plane Fighter. A total of 327 were manufactured between 1941 and 1943.

The allies were cautious as the plane was as dangerous as its wheeled brother as it fought against bombers and fighters. On the 10th of October, 1942 Sergeant Kawai and Maruyama engaged over 20 Wildcats in the Shortland Islands, both were killed in the ensuing battle, but they in turn destroyed 4 Wildcats, one by ramming. In the end all front-line unit float planes were destroyed.



"A6M2 Zero"
"A6M2-N Float Plane"
By "Mark L. Rossmann"

Aircraft:

A6M2-N was manufactured by Nakajima Hikoki K.K..

Engine: Nakajima NK1C Sakae 12, 14-cylinder radial, air cooled, providing 940 hp.

Weight: 5,423 lbs loaded

Max speed: 270 mph

Ceiling: 32,810 ft

Range: 1107 nautical miles

Armament: 2x20 mm cannons, 2 machine guns and 264 lbs of bombs.

Model:

I built these 20 years ago and through a couple of moves they saw their wear and tear. I thought about building new ones, but decided I had a reclamation project instead. All small pieces, antenna, canopy, Pitot tube etc were removed. I used oven spray on it to strip paint and decals off. It started out like the picture of the A6M3. This process took about six times to complete, spray (well ventilated area), let sit for 12 hours, take an old tooth brush into a bucket of water to brush it off. Once done a thorough rinse and set aside to dry. From there it was like any other model that you would paint and decal.



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The Tamiya 1/48 A6M2 I used Tamiya TS-29 Semi Gloss Black Spray for the cowling, then the new and very well done AS-29 IJN Gray Green for the body. According to the instruction sheet, the aircraft markings were for Lt. Commander Shigeru Itaya, Flying Corps Commander for the carrier AKAGI, Pearl Harbor attack. The Grey Green color was used for a very short time from about October of "41" through to about May of "42".

The A6M2-N type 2 is another 1/48 Tamiya kit. Used TS-29 Semi Gloss Black spray for cowling, undersides used AS-2 IJN Light Gray and upper surfaces AS-1 IJN Dark Green. The instruction sheet says the markings are from November "42" to January "45" at the Aquatic Base of Shumushu Island, North Kuril.

Overall, one plane took maybe about the same time to build brand new, because of the stripping job. But I am satisfied with results.

References:

Osprey Aircraft of the Aces 22 – IJN Navy Aces

Tamiya Instruction Sheet

World War II Airplanes volume 2, by Enzo Angelucci and Paolo Matricardi, a Rand McNally book.

Respectfully,

Mark L. Rossmann



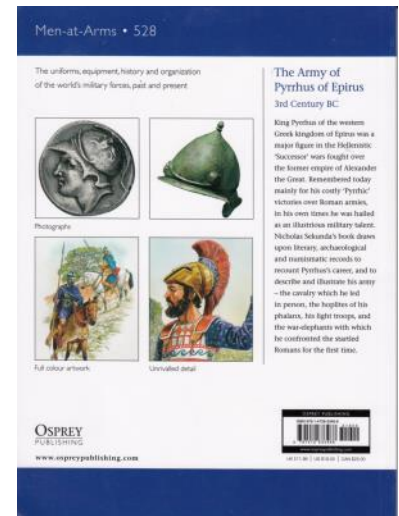
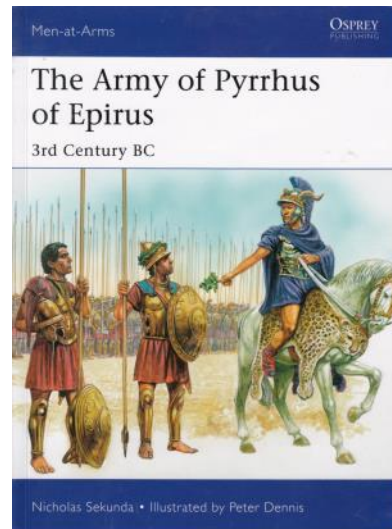
The Army of Pyrrhus of Epirus, 3rd Century BC

Jim Pearsall

Most of us have only heard of Pyrrhus through the phrase “Pyrrhic victory”, referring to someone who wins all the battles, but loses the war. There’s a lot more to his story than that one campaign, and he was a very successful general, right up to the end, where he was killed at the Battle of Argos in 272 BC.

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PYRRHUS' STORY

Pyrrhus was a successful battle leader. He also formed alliances with neighboring kingdoms, sometimes at their request against other groups in the area. His successes allowed him to annex areas, making his kingdom even larger. Sometimes these annexations were as payment for his service to his allies, sometimes as reparations from the losers.

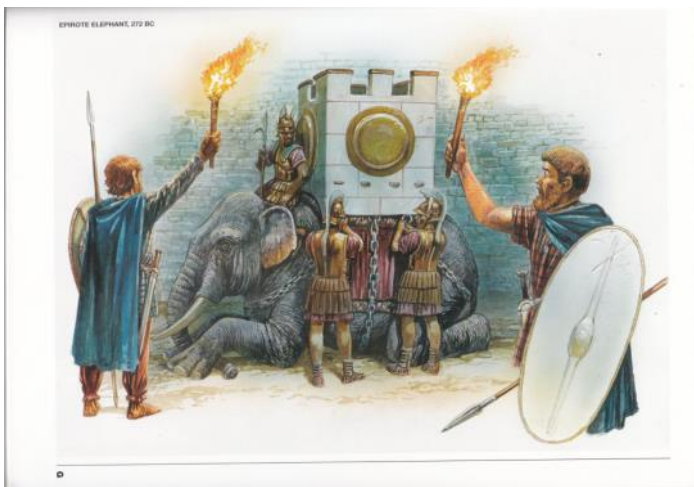
The armies of Pyrrhus were much larger than I thought, with 40,000 in his army. I also learned that Pyrrhus used elephants in battle, much like tanks were used in World War I, to disrupt infantry and cavalry formations. I have read histories of the Carthaginian army of Hannibal, which made his elephants sound like a new technology, although this was over 100 years after Pyrrhus. Most of Pyrrhus' battles were fought in the Balkans, in current Macedonia and Albania. But he also went to help a neighbor who had invaded Italy, and was losing to the Romans. Pyrrhus' forces did defeat the Roman army he first faced, but his losses were great enough that he was worried. But he received reinforcements, and in a second battle he won again, but then perceived that the Romans still had more troops coming, and he was running out of troops. This is the source of the "Pyrrhic Victory". He won, but couldn't keep going.

Pyrrhus kept on fighting successfully until his death in battle.

OVERALL EVALUATION: This isn't a full coverage of the wars and armies of this period. The main reason is that it's been 2300 years, and the surviving histories don't agree on many of the facts. So a lot of the book is based on interpretation. If historians still disagree on happenings from World War II, I suspect that this book had a lot of interpolating to figure out a reasonable discussion of the history.

The best part of this book is the color illustrations. Anyone who does figures, or wants to, can have a great time doing some 300 to 250 BC era figures. And the elephant is very useful too.

This book is a look into a history not often covered by our sources.



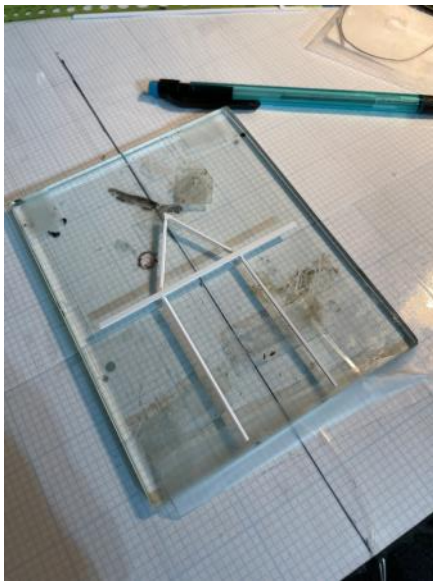
REDNECK 'DELUXE' PORTA POTTY

1/35 scale- (SCRATCH BUILT)
Mike McFadden

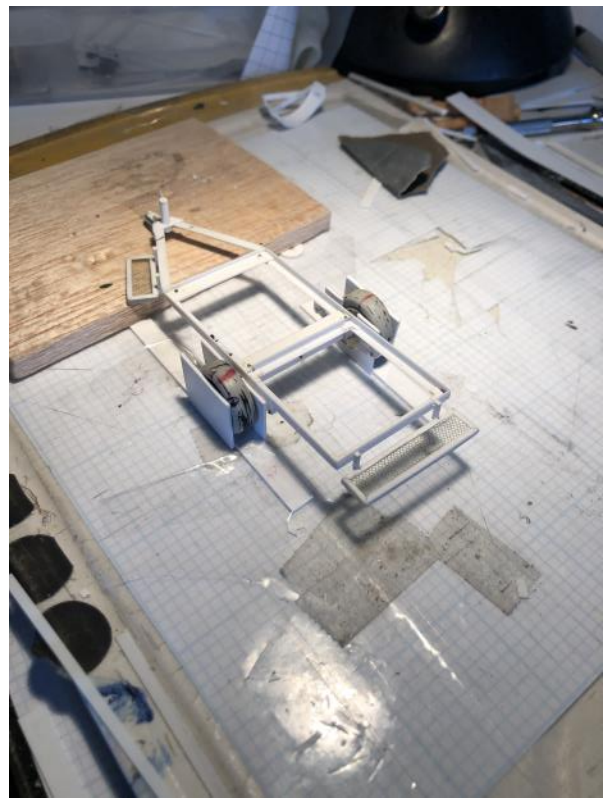
Seeing the ubiquitous construction site porta potty's around our area, I saw one with a back porch- it was 'on'. To make the outhouse model/architectural wood panel strips were used, with PE hinges, brass wire handles and TP holder, holed and duct taped styrene aluminum corrugated roof.

On to a fun dilemma, -what goes on the back of the outhouse. After much Zen thought I couldn't think of anything more gross than a BBQ. Good place to start.

Even a fun project should be built well. A specific choice I made was to use 'L' shaped styrene strip which would allow placement of the PE mesh exactly like the prototype. As the styrene was so thin in the size I wanted to use, keeping everything flat and symmetrical required planning. I ended up building the main portion of the trailer frame on a clear glass frame over gridded 10 x 10mm graph paper.



After good alignment of the two pieces, a 1 x 10 piece of strip was placed over the joint, for support. Building this way allowed the outhouse and wood porch floor to be seated into the frame, same for each PE step and the mesh landing.

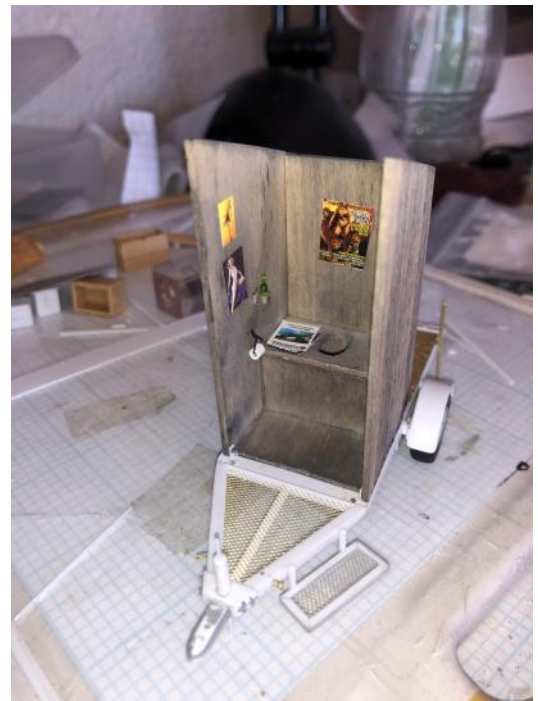


REDNECK 'DELUXE' PORTA POTTY

1/35 scale- (SCRATCH BUILT)

Mike McFadden

To keep the wheel/axle area level and at 90 degrees to the frame, it was flipped over, exactly matching spring leaf springs were placed and topped with the wheel's axle for the small wheels. Had to do the rims in chrome. I wanted the trailer plumbed; out of brass wire and bits and pieces from the parts box I added the ball mount, locking lever/latch, safety chains, trailer coupler and adjustable post. The rear brake lights are wired and support/steadying drop attachment rods support the trailer on the level. Reflective tape added from decal. I placed support railings on the porch of styrene to allow attachment of many of the eye candy items- gun racks, beer holders, tie downs.



A good goal is to use PE parts whenever possible, as they aid scale thickness and fidelity. I used PE for door hinges, trailer hitch handle, the BBQ side rack and server plates, BBQ handle.

I choose to build in 1/35th as I have many items in the spare parts box. Cans, weapons, tools, bottles, ice box (with ice), cow skull, deer.

- *Outhouse- RR wood planking *wheels- out of 1/48 aircraft bits box
- *Fenders- vacuum formed over wood dowel *BBQ from styrene rod/vacuum formed cover/lid
- *Frame built from 'L' shaped styrene/ to allow PE steel mesh, outhouse, rear wood platform insertion.
- *Electrical- from trailer coupler, lines to brake lights, attachments, it all there.
- *Supports- front trailer ball attachment cover, adjustable post, safety chains, rear support poles and pins.
- *Leaf spring suspension, metal/mesh steps, rear wood platform
- *Goodies- camping/hunting gear, beverage holders, libations, lots of guns, extra clothes/boots, a target deer, reading material, bucket of corn cobs (just in case); everything needed to complete your upcoming hunt/travel

REDNECK 'DELUXE' PORTA POTTY
1/35 scale- (SCRATCH BUILT)
Mike McFadden

The cooking utensils were done from scratch.

Model RR sources have good wood aging products; it worked well on the outhouse. Added a crescent moon, pair of long johns, boots, pin-up's, IPMS journal reading material, bucket with dental proxy-brush corn cobs (thanks Jack Kennedy for the idea!).

With the frame being basically black and the outhouse wood, the end-product looked plain. I placed it along a paved road and used bright foliage to raise the visual appeal of the trailer scene. Add some duct tape, spent shell casings, spare boots, moonshine, your own personal target deer, corn cobs in a bucket (if TP runs out), the ubiquitous 'Get' Er Done' sign and we're off to the fairgrounds.....

License plate on the trailer- the author's



2021 Club Contest Themes

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January: TBA

February: TBA

March: TBA

April: TBA

May: TBA

June: “Your Best Covid Build” one model entry only

July: Navy (surface and submerged)

August: Sci Fi

September: Airplanes(fixed and rotary)

October: Armour

November: Autos

December: “White Elephant”

Note there will be no competition due to the White Elephant but displays are welcome



EDITORS CORNER

BY LYN GORTON

At the time of writing the Nationals would have been in full swing in Vegas. If you were fortunate enough to be able to attend I hope you had a good time and I look forward to hearing some of your stories.

Next up of course will be Modelzona on November 6th (See the flyer on the last page), for those of you who may not know about Modelzona, it is the Clubs signature event and attracts visitors from not only our state but many from other states too.

At the meeting in August Ed followed up on the email appeal that was sent out asking for volunteers. We still need you to step up for this especially on registration, and Make & Take. Ed let it be known that he would be stepping down after this Modelzona so now would be a good time to step up and find out what the job entails. We are also looking for a number of volunteers to steer people in the right direction within Modelzona and basically project the club image within the walls of the building. We are expecting a large turnout (I have 1500 wristbands) so we will need you to help even if you can only manage an hour or two. In this instance if you want to email me directly I will pass your emails onto the appropriate committee member. My email in case you have forgotten is lyngorton@hotmail.com

Thanks to Mark and Mike for supplying some good articles for this issue. Also you may have noticed that I still have some legacy articles from Jim Pearsal. If you were at the Nats you may have noticed a tribute to him as Jim was not only the IPMS Historian but could also be found at the registration desk at Nationals.



Mike has won awards for his dioramas and will be the seminar speaker at the September meeting on the 7th, so you will be able to ask him questions about his Red Neck Porta Potty as well as pick up some good diorama tips.

The September competition is Airplanes so I expect Mark to have a few on show. Just to refresh you on the rules you can enter as a novice as many times as you want but once you have won 3 times as a novice you must move up and be judged in the Advanced section. Also you must be a member in good standing to enter any of the club competitions, and also take part in any club votes.

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- . Modelzona**
- . Monthly Raffle Prizes**
- . Monthly contest awards**
- . Annual club Christmas party**
- . And more**

Remember that you have to be a member **in good standing to enter and win competitions, get a copy of the monthly newsletter sent directly to your email, and vote for anything that the club brings to the table.**

**So Make sure to see Treasurer,
“Bill Dunkle”, at the club meeting to sign up
for membership**

2021 CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings held at American Legion Post #1, 364 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003

JANUARY 2021

Tuesday 5th, 7pm

Seminar/Speaker:

JULY 2021

Tuesday 6th, 7pm

Seminar/Speaker:

FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday 2nd 7pm

Seminar/Speaker:

AUGUST 2021

Tuesday 3rd, 7pm

Event : **Club Swapmeet****MARCH 2021**

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm

Seminar/Speaker:

SEPTEMBER 2021

Tuesday 7th, 7pm

Seminar/Speaker: Mike Mcfadden—
making Dioramas**APRIL 2021**

Tuesday 6th 7pm

Seminar/Speaker:

OCTOBER 2021

Tuesday 5th, 7pm

Seminar/Speaker: Tim Bongard-
applying carbon fibre decals**MAY 2021**

Tuesday 4th, 7pm

Seminar/Speaker:

NOVEMBER 2021

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm

Seminar/Speaker:

JUNE 2021

Tuesday 1st, 7pm

Seminar/Speaker:

DECEMBER 2021

Tuesday 7th, 7pm

Event: **White Elephant**



September Raffle

Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5.

- Item A: Hasegawa 1/350 IJN Destroyer Yukikaze 1940
- Item B: Ma. K. 1/20 Grosser Hund
- Item C: Hobby Boss 1/72 AH-64D Long Bow Apache
- Item D: Academy 1/35 Achilles British Tank Destroyer
- Item E: Hasegawa 1/48 F-16CJ (Block 50) Fighting Falcon
- Item F: Hasegawa 1/72 F-35A Lightning II Prototype
- Item G: AMT 1/25 1960 Ford Ranchero
- Item H: New Item from Hobby Depot

UPCOMING EVENTS

Modelzona—6th November 2021

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2021 Chapter Officers

The club meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post #1 in Phoenix. Check the club website at www.ipms-phoenix.com for more meeting info.

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Sky Harbor Informational site	http://www.visitingphx.com/index.html
Military Colors And Camouflage	http://www.theworldwars.net/resources/

If you have a good reference site let me have a brief description and a web address and we will keep this list as a reference.

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Membership also gives you access to the online Discussion Forum, where you can exchange ideas and information with other members of IPMS.



CONTENT NEEDED!!!!

The Corsair needs your help! To keep this newsletter filled with all the great content, I need your help with content. Here are some useful items that I can use to put together future issues each month:

- Kit reviews/In-box reviews
- Website links
- Modeling related articles
- Commentary and featured columns
- Neat, strange or otherwise shareable pictures
- Book reviews
- Trip and vacation write-ups

Anything you have can be used. Don't hesitate. Even a few paragraphs are great.



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ModelZona 2021



Back in the Saddle



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9am - 4pm**

Model Registration - 9am to 1pm

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Adult - \$5 (first 5 models)

Additional models - \$1 each

Junior (under 17) - \$2 (unlimited models)

A fillable model registration form is available on our website. We encourage you to fill your forms out in advance so that you have more time to enjoy the show!

Email Keith at avalon_war_books@yahoo.com for Vendor Table Info

Visit our website for more info: www.ipms-phoenix.com

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