



President's Message

As you all probably know, we've decided to cancel the April meeting of the IPMS Phoenix/Craig Hewitt Chapter. Given the health guidelines that have been issued, the fact that so many of our members are among the more vulnerable to the virus, and a strong desire to do everything we could to prevent its spread, we thought it was the best thing to do. We will continue to monitor the status of the disease here in the valley and will decide on whether to hold the May meeting at a time closer to that date.

On the bright side, since I've been directed to work from home, I find it easier to make time to get into the model room in the evenings. Hopefully, for those of you in the same circumstance, you'll be able to get more done, too. Perhaps your work time at home is less stressful and I know not commuting to work and back will save a lot of you much time and aggravation. I would suggest you use that extra time to work on your latest masterpiece. If you're not feeling the mojo right now, reorganize your stash, start or update an inventory of what you have, or, if you're like me, discover there really is a floor in your model room.

My point is that, while you're taking care of your physical health and that of those around you, you also have to remember to take care of your mental and emotional health. It's fairly easy to become a model hermit for some of us. Please try to resist the temptation. Get out of the hobby room, get out of the house. Go for a walk, work in the back yard, sit on the patio and enjoy a sunset, talk to your neighbors (from a safe distance, of course). Take care of yourself and your family.

Times like these can be very difficult in lots of ways. And in difficult times, the best thing we can do is help each other. If you should find yourself in need of help, don't be afraid or too proud to ask for that help. Go to the club website, click on 'Contact Us.' Fill out the 'General Information Request' form on that page and submit it. It will get to me and I will do anything I can to get you what you need.

We will keep you all informed as to the activities of the club as soon as we can. In the meantime, be safe.

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March Models(Competition Vehicles)













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Novice Winner—Laura Gorton

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March Display Models









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March Raffle Winners













Bell P-39Q Airacobra Keenan Chittester

This is the first release in a new series by Mushroom Model Publications.



I am a big fan of their products, so I looked forward to reviewing this book. It is a soft cover publication of 24 pages, 6 of which are in color. The cover is a heavy card stock with a color top view of a Russian P-39Q. There are also color side and bottom views of the same aircraft in the book.

The text in the book is limited to photo captions. There are 36 black and white pictures along with 10 color pictures. The pictures are of a good size and of good quality throughout. There is a mixture of walkaround style photos from restored aircraft and wartime photos of U.S. aircraft in the Pacific theater. A couple of the photos are of P-39s undergoing maintenance and show several areas of the aircraft exposed.

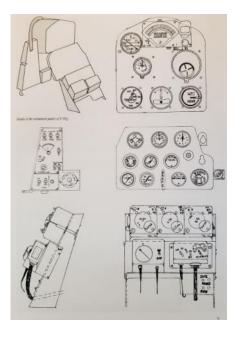


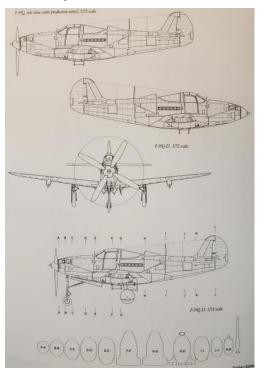


Engine maintenance: (US National Archive)

Bell P-39Q Airacobra Keenan Chittester

There are eight pages of technical drawings and plans in both 1/72 and 1/48 scale. There is a page that contains two large pictures of the Allison engine that appear to be from a technical manual. Two of the black and white pages are devoted to good pictures of the cockpit interior. The color section contains a couple of nice photos of the nose guns with the nose panels removed to show lots of detail.





In a few instances, the translation of the captions leaves a little to be desired. One caption refers the reader to compare the image to that on page 93. Not an easy task in a 24 page book.

Overall, this is a quality product at a reasonable price. The photos of the aircraft under maintenance will give some modelers inspiration for a diorama, and the color profile aircraft would make an interesting and different subject to build. If you are looking for a history of the P-39, then this book is not for you. But if you need some additional technical and walkaround information for your next P-39 build, this would make a great addition to your library. Many thanks to MMP for the opportunity to review this book. Hasegawa 1/48 Sabre F-86 E(M)" by "Mark L. Rossmann"

The F-86 Sabre was the U.S. Air Forces successor to the P-51. The F-86 was manufactured in several countries most significantly after the U.S., was Canada via the Canadair and Japan via Mitsubishi Industries.

At the end of WWII as the allies were quickly capturing the German scientists involved with designing jet aircraft, the U.S. quickly developed the swept wing XP-86 in 1947, going into production with the F-86A just in time to deploy to Korea once the swept winged MiG-15 showed up.

The Hellenic Air Force has utilized many U.S. aircraft types in its inventory, including the A-7, F-16, SB2C-5, F-102, C-47, C-130 and the venerable F-86 E and D models.



During the NATO Military Assistance Program, the HAF received 110 Canadair CL-13 Sabres Mk II and at least one MK IV, from June 1954. Serving in the newly created 341, 342, and 343 squadrons of the 112-combat wing. The squadrons were moved to Tanagra Air Base in 1957, forming the 114 Combat Wing. All aircraft were powered by the J47-GE-13 engine. "E(M)" designated the aircraft had been modified to the 6-3 wing, therefore the use of the F-86F Hasegawa kit for this model. They also sported the early style "V" windshield, which up to this point I had not heard of, so something new. Since no such windscreen is available in any kit in any scale, I retained the kits screen as not wanting to kitbash an unknown. I did finally find a picture of an HAF F-86 with the screen, very interesting.

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Hasegawa 1/48 Sabre F-86 E(M)" by "Mark L. Rossmann"





The 343 was moved to 111th Combat Wing in 1958, followed by the 341st in 1960. The 341st was the last squadron to fly the Sabre until 1965. The most famous Sabres were that of the "Hellenic Flame" Aerobatic team flying Saber's obtained from the 341st, until 1965.

The Hasegawa model is well designed and crisply manufactured.

These are the markings of 341 squadron of the 114 CW. Aircraft is silver metallic lacquer with a red tail, used Testors silver, flat red and flat black spray paints. The Icarus decals run about \$17, are printed quite well, but had a problem with them adhering to the model. I used my normal Solveset solution, but they easily slid hours after application. Even wiping the model down 48 hours afterwards, a bit of moister caused larger decals to slide off. After thoroughly drying for 72 hours, I decided to give it a coat of testers dullcoat, after that they stayed on fine.

It is a good representation of a Hellenic Sabre, but not accurate because of the missing "V" screen.



2020 Club Contest Themes

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January: OPEN (Anything you like)

- February: Hollywood (Anything from movie or TV show)
- **March:** Competition Vehicles (Anything Built For Racing)
- **April:** Sci Fi/Fantasy
- **May:** Getting Wet (Anything to do with Water)
- **June:** Battle of Britain
- **July:** Red, White & Blue (Must have all 3 colors on model)

August: Swap Meet Note there will be no competition due to the Swap Meet

September: Vietnam(50th Anniversary of last major land battle in VN)

October: Coming In Hot (Anything made primarily for speed)

November: Personal relationship with subject

December: "White Elephant"

Note there will be no competition due to the White Elephant





EDITORS CORNER BY LYN GORTON

Some things to be aware of during this enforced absence of meetings.

There will not be any club competitions until we return to normal schedules but I have spoken to our esteemed contest chair and he has agreed that you can still earn points by submitting a picture of your latest build ie a virtual display table.

You will be awarded one point per model (not picture) so go ahead and forward to me pictures and a brief description of your latest work. Pictures should be jpg format and plain text is good . Get the pictures and a brief text including your name to me byApril 25th to give me time to get them into the May Corsair

The Desert Scale Classic is moving to an online format and you can find information on their website on the last page of this Corsair. Closing date for entries is May1st—please go through their website for entry form and rules, at the time of writing they have at least 100 entries including out of state ones

You should already have received an email informing you of the April meeting cancellation, those of you who do not have email have also received a text or phone call from me. We will keep you informed asap about the May meeting.

The monthly raffle is suspended until we return to normal but the raffle prizes will be as noted in this Corsair once we are back.

Should you wish to pay your dues you can email Bill Dunkle and he will supply you with instructions and address to send the cheque to.

As some of you know my wife Laura is a teacher and is now working from home—yes I have to stand in line in the mornings but I have been suspended for misbehavior and have had to move in with the next door neighbor's still have the same email address however so please keep your pictures and articles coming in—especially for the May edition which due to lack of an April meeting will be short of pictures.



EDITORS CORNER BY LYN GORTON

Article From Ed Kucharski

First two "new" Coulson Aviation C-130H Hercules' will leave AMARG soon With a few days to go, the first two former Luftforsvaret (RNoAF, Royal Norwegian Air Force) C-130H Hercules will leave AMARG (AZ) to become aerial firefighting platforms with Coulson Aviation *). The company will modernize the aircraft with new glass cockpits and other firefighting-specific equipment. Both aircraft were towed to the Pima Air & Space Museum grounds (Tucson, AZ) where the aircraft will be serviced and made ready to depart.

Hercules 'BRAGE' (ex RNoAF serial 957) is expected to leave this week with Hercules 'TY' less than a week behind it. Both aircraft will most probably fly to the Coulson Aviation base at Sacramento/McClellan Airfield (CA) to be modernized.

BRAGE has had its engines serviced, hydraulic system online, flight control lubrication and rigging checks completed, pitot static re-certification completed, and got new wheels and tires. Once its off jacks it is ready for fuel and engine runs along with the final pre-flight checks. TY gets its new wheels and tires some days later, then it will come off jacks and go through the same process.

Coulson Aviation - Next Gen Firefighting reported that they are not allowed to fly an aircraft with the official markings of another government on the side. Therefore they have removed the ROYAL NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE livery and installed COULSON AIR FORCE livery for their inaugural flights to maintenance.





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- . Monthly contest awards
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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

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2020 CLUB MEETONG CALENDAR All meetings held at American Legion Post #1, 364 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003		
JANUARY 2020 Tuesday 7th, 7pm Seminar/Speaker: Materials and Technique/Stuart Bricker	JULY 2020 Tuesday 7th,7pm Seminar/Speaker:	
FEBRUARY 2020 Tuesday 4th 7pm Seminar/Speaker: How to do Research/Scott Cohen	AUGUST 2020 Tuesday 4th, 7pm Seminar/Speaker:	
MARCH 2020 Tuesday 3rd, 7pm Seminar/Speaker: Airbrush Cleaning and Maintenance Mike Mackowski	SEPTEMBER 2020 Tuesday 1st, 7pm Seminar/Speaker:	
APRIL 2020 Tuesday 7th 7pm Seminar/Speaker:	OCTOBER 2020 Tuesday 6th, 7pm Seminar/Speaker:	
MAY 2020 Tuesday 5th, 7pm Seminar/Speaker: Brian Baker Aircraft at Oshkosh air show	NOVEMBER 2020 Tuesday 3rd, 7pm Seminar/Speaker:	
JUNE 2020 Tuesday 2nd, 7pm Seminar/Speaker:	DECEMBER 2020 Tuesday 1st, 7pm Event: <i>White Elephant</i>	



Raffle will resume once our meetings recommence with the following items

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

Item A: Emhar 1/72 9th Century Viking Ship Item B: Ban Dai 1/144 Star Wars Millennium Falcon Item C: Hobby Boss 1/72 UH-60A Blackhawk Item D: Revell 1/72 M2A2 Bradley Item E: Hasegawa 1/48 F6F-3 Hellcat "USS Essex" Item F: Italeri 1/72 A-6E Intruder USN/USMC Item G: AMT/ERTL 1/25 1966 Ford Thunderbird Item H: New Item from Hobby Depot Note that there will be a Special Raffle this month .The kit is an **Academy 1/32 scale F/A-18C Hornet**. This is a nice model and the box is still sealed. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Bring money, don't forget to stop by the bank for your cash!

UPCOMDNG EVENTS

May 1st—Desert Scale Classic (Online version) November 7th—Modelzona

PMS Phoenix / Graig Hewitt Chapter 7pm on the 2020 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 <u>www.ipms-phoenix.org</u> for more meeting info.

American Legion Post #1 364 N. 7th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85003

The post is located South of I-10 just a few blocks North of Van Buren. Look for the huge American flag.

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Competition Points info from Pat Arnold (Competition Chair)

Points as of March are: 1st Place: Brian Baker @ 50 2nd Place: Chris Porche @ 45 3rd Place: tied between Gary Thomas and Dale Mickley@ 35 pts. each

Point awards are as follows: Display: 1pt per kit Contest: 5pts per kit/ Limit 3 kits per person Winner (advanced and Novice): 15 pts Thus: if I put in 3 kits on display, one kit in the contest, and win, I can get 23 points. Novice to Advanced: win three times as a novice automatically moves you to Advanced.

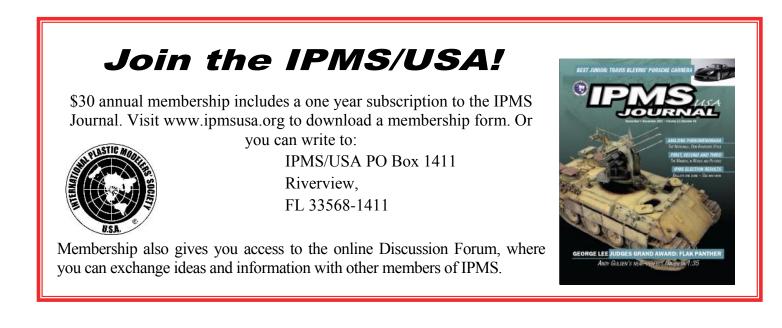
As for pics in the April Corsair, if you want, we can offer 1pt per kit pic and just call it a digital display. Reminder; 5 pics of the same kit only counts as ONE point total.

Useful Links

Bjorn Jacobsen—Aircraft Dioramas	www.dioramas-and-models.com
Plasmo—good visual instructions on "You Tube"	just search for plasmo
Kittyhawk replacement parts	Sophialynn@gmail.com
Trumpeter replacement parts	Joanna@trumpeter-china.com
Special Hobby	www.specialhobby.Ev/contact
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Rivet detail and schematic drawings	www.airwar.ru
Fine Scale modeling techniques	http://paulbudzik.com
"How to "Videos	Youtube.com/Andyshobbyheadquarters
Online magazine for all things avionic	www.wingleadermagazine.co.uk
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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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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A message from Tim Bongard about The Desert Scale Classic Please Read

Maybe we all should have seen this coming, but here we are in the middle of an unprecedented National Health Emergency. The COVID-19 Virus is a serious matter and, as we write this in the middle of March, it looks as if our treasured freedoms like gathering and attending great events like the **Desert Scale Classic** have to be set aside for the sake of our common good. When the **Desert Scale Classic** Management Team learned we had to cancel our traditional live Event here in Phoenix, we immediately started brainstorming to come up with a way to keep the show going. But how the heck do you do that in the middle of a pandemic, where we have to hunker down and isolate ourselves for a while? (Not that car modelers mind either hunkering down or isolating.) The fact is, for fifteen years we have all enjoyed the annual gathering of model car crafters known as **Desert Scale Classic**! Frankly, we were bummed that it was looking like we wouldn't be able to host our **Sweet 16Event** at all.

We considered alternative dates and alternative venues (who knows how long this virus quarantine might go on, or if we would have to cancel yet again?). Then we hit on a somewhat wild and crazy idea – "If we can't count on a live venue, let's just do DSC in a Virtual Venue, as a Virtual Championship, all online!"

There were some blank looks exchanged at first, but then we realized - we can do this! We have the capability of pulling this off! Maybe even extend the reach of **DSC**, giving others who usually can't travel to Phoenix an opportunity to participate.

How are we going to make this work?

Once you register for the show, we will send you information and instructions with which you can upload a set of photos for each model you enter. You can even add information about you and your Entry. There isn't a limit to the number of models you can enter, (there is a small fee for each of course). As with any ordinary competition, there are some rules outlining eligibility, categories, definitions, and parameters. And, just like in the live and in-person *DSC Model Car Championship*, we will continue with all the usual categories and awards. Even our recently announced *DSC* Tag Award is on board.

All Entries will appear on this website in the **www.dscV16.com** Virtual Championship Gallery, arranged by category and published as they arrive. Each Entry will be represented in a folio of five to eight digital photo images provided by its builder. Entrants' names will be hidden from view.

Entries need not be professionally photographed, or even photographed using an expensive camera and lighting equipment. A decent cell phone camera will do! We will publish some tips and hints right here on the website to help you take good quality photos.

We know this is going to be a little different. The **Desert Scale Classic** and **dscV16** staff will do whatever we can to support your participation.

The deadline for Competitor Registration and Entry submissions is 11:59 p.m. MST, Friday, May 1, 2020. Entries will remain on dispaly in the **www.dscV16.com** Virtual Championship Gallery throughout the Event. Awards will be announced Friday, May 22, 2020.

But the big question is: "Are you game?".

If so, sign-up, join us OnLine at the **www.dscV16.com Virtual Venue Model Car Championship** in this grand effort to bring a little cheer and enjoyment to your home - as we weather this storm together.

All of us here at the **www.dscV16.com** and **Desert Scale Classic** and **Cactus Car Modelers** wish you and your families well, and we pray for good health for all.