



THE CORSAIR

IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

President's Message

Strength in Feedback

A significant oddity about our hobby is how we tend to be hermits while wanting to share and show-off what we do. It's very easy to escape to the workshop, den, basement, or whatever retreat you have designated for your building area and get lost in your latest project, but at the same time there is something in all of us that *wants* the fellowship of others who practice the craft, and that is one of the reasons why our club exists. Getting a chance to hang out with folks with similar interests is pretty cool, but if all you are doing is treating our meetings like the monthly routine to touch base with other humans without really engaging, then there is awful lot that you are missing out on. One of the best parts of being a member is a chance to pick the brains of fellow modelers who may just say something, do something, or show something that causes *your* brain to engage and find the solution to that problem or answer that long sought-after question that moves a project from "HOLD" to "GO!". One of our members shared with me that he was recently preparing to build yet another ship and was only marginally enthusiastic about it when another member – who he never realized was interested in the same things he is – inspired him to completely change up the project, making a static model an exciting diorama. But it got even better when the new friend turned out to be as expert, if not more, on the particular topic he was building. A "go figure" moment, to be sure!

With a club that has grown as large as ours, chances are pretty good that there are several people in the club with interests very close to your own. And with so many high-quality modelers in the club, *if you aren't tapping into the expertise of your neighbor, you are ignoring one of the best reasons for belonging!* My hope is that if you are building a project and are stuck, that fellow modelers in the club will help you find the solutions you need to get *unstuck*. If you haven't been building for a while, I hope you get fired up to start building again, and if you are just cruising along with a project, I hope you show it off and share it so others can learn from what you are doing.

To that end, again this month in addition to the regular contest we will have a table out **for you to bring in a Shelf Queen** a stalled project that you can show off to say, "well, this is why I stopped".

It can be for just about any reason from not being able to do something well enough to having made a mistake that needs to be corrected to just plain losing interest. The point is BRING IT!. We will vote on which shelf queen is liked best and it will earn the owner a \$25 gift certificate. *Remember, this is the one contest this year that you don't have to actually have anything finished to enter, so there should be no excuses!!*

Come on out and join the fun. We'll have several things in the meeting where you will hear news, see new things, and get a chance to share so that when you return to that solitary place of yours, you go back a bit richer for it!

See you at the meeting!

Build On and build BOLDLY!

Tim

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February Model Display Photos

Theme Classic Plastic



Michael Priator 1/144 Airfix Vostok
Novice Winner



February Model Photos Cont.

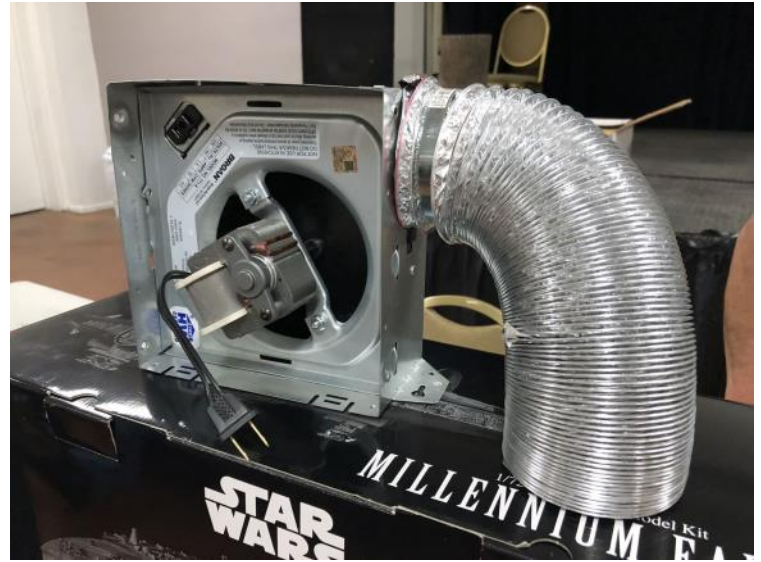
February Model Photos Cont.



Stuart Bricker 1/72 Hasegawa Zero(Advanced Winner)



February Show Us your cool gadget



David Satter with his Extractor fan made at a total cost of \$35 using parts purchased at Home Depot. This is a very portable device that can extract fumes very quickly from your work area. It is not designed as a spray booth extractor as that would require filtration but for all other fume extraction it is a simple and cheap solution.



Hal Sanguinetti shows off the top fuel pistons that he was able to get for next to nothing by just asking nicely at the races

Tim Bongard demonstrates Amazing Mold Putty which can be purchased from Hobby Lobby for \$20 and is ideal for those scratch building times when molds are required



Show Us your Shelf Queens



2018 Club Contest Themes

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January: Vietnam—anything relating to the Vietnam War or of the era

February: Classic Plastic - Any old or classic model kit (Monogram, Frog, Airfix, etc.) produced sometime before 1980.

March: Large Scale. Must be a large sized model with at least one dimension 12-inches or larger.

April: Armor - Armored cars, tanks, assault guns.

May: Sci-fi/Fantasy—Any sci-fi or fantasy model

June: Surface Vessel Ships —self explanatory

July: Diorama/Vignettes—self explanatory

August: Hollywood—Any model connected to a Hollywood TV show or movie

September: On This Day In History - self explanatory, any scale or type.

October: Animal House

November: Autos—self explanatory

December: Helicopters—self explanatory

Whats on your bench ?

Yak on Skis By Lyn Gorton

OK body put together with not too much trouble but there are some small gaps that need filling especially around the wing roots. My preferred filler for this job is made by Vallejo and the beauty of it is that you can smooth it over with a Q-Tip when it is still wet and save a lot of sanding later

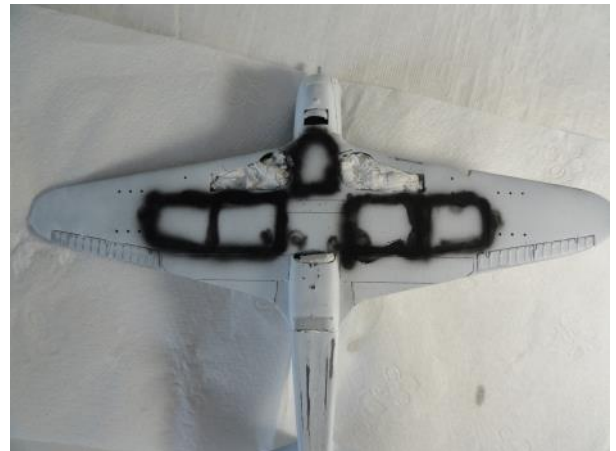


OK job done on the filling but had a small problem with the primer. Basically a paint splash, I have learnt that the best way to deal with this is to blast it with air to spread it around as best you can then give it a light sanding when dry and respray the affected area ,Seems to work OK



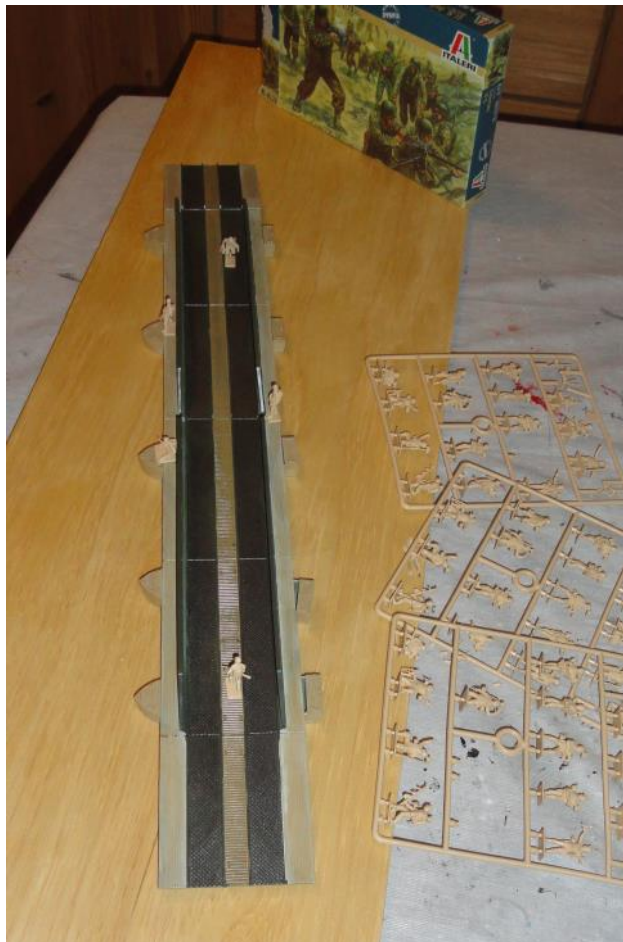
Next up pre shading. The thing about this aircraft is only the bottom half of the wing was metal and the top half was wood so all the access hatches were in two places on the bottom panels , and it is these that will be preshaded

OK thats it for this month, next month should see the aircraft complete and work beginning on the diorama base.



Whats on your bench Continued

Pontoon Bridge by Laura Gorton



OK last month I showed you the completed Bridge (went together very quick). I now have a prepared baseboard (treated Plywood) on which to start building river banks and scenery etc.

I also acquired some 1/72 scale figures to give it some perspective.

As most of you know my usual medium is 1/25 classic muscle cars so these figures are going to be a big challenge. So far I have cut them from the bases and given them a coat of primer. Luckily I got an optovisor from Santa and I am pretty sure this will come into play a lot later

More next month

KittyHawk 1/35 Scale AH-6J and MH-6J

By Floyd Werner

Disclaimer: I helped develop this model. I am an unpaid consultant to Kitty Hawk. I provide them with drawings, photos, proof the CAD, and provide marking options. I like to get that out there so there is no hint of collusion. Those that know me know I'm honest so what you get here is an unbiased review. Some may not agree with that but you've been warned. I also take full responsibility for any errors.

The Little Birds of Task Force 160 (SOAR) are the unsung heroes of the regiment. There were two types of Little Birds, the AH-6J is the armed variant and the MH-6J is the operator hauler. The Kitty Hawk kit allows you to build either variant, but you must choose which one.

The model comes in a very sturdy cardboard box with some fantastic artwork on the top. One thing that is missing on the box top is the Werner's Wings logo. It was just an oversight. I was heavily involved with this kit. That is Kitty Hawk's way of saying thanks by including my logo. We just missed it prior to printing. No harm, no foul.

The kit includes three sprues. The plastic is light grey with very little flash. The detail is refined and beautifully rendered. There are some really small parts. I did find a few parts that were short shot. Contacting Kitty Hawk's Sophia Lymn at Sophialymn@gmail.com for the replacement parts had them on the way. The rivets are recessed which some will not like, but it looks good. The parts allow you to build either version Little Bird.

The clear parts are packaged separately wrapped in a clear wrapper inside a small cardboard box. This ensures that the parts are not cracked or scratched.

Two frets of photo etch are included. One includes the ammo chutes that are required for the two guns.

The instructions look easy enough to follow and is set up in the usual Kitty Hawk manner with the color profiles in the center on fold out pages. The one thing about the instructions is that they aren't too clear as to which parts go to which version. Careful studying is required before cutting parts. The first profile is an AH-6M which is not in this kit. Maybe at a later date.

The decals are a bit of a disappointment. They are printed in a light grey as opposed to the olive drab or black color.

Well it looks good in the box, let's see what it builds up like. I'll do this step by step.



KittyHawk AH-6J Continued

Step 1 starts in the engine compartment. The Allison C-250 is the best rendition of this little engine that I've seen. Where the exhaust comes out should be rectangular but when mounted you can't notice the difference. The fit of the parts is very good. I did need a touch of filler on the exhaust stacks to make them smooth but everything looks great and just needs some painting. Various shades of burnt metal are used. The engine assembly was painted with a mixture of Alclad, AK Metallic and Model

Master which provided color variation. If you are going to display your model closed up you only need to paint the exhaust itself, Part B63. One thing to note in this step is that you may have to drill some small holes in part B1 to fit the ignitor leads.



Step 2- The engine compartment is a thing of beauty. The level of detail here rivals some of the best resin sets. Everything fits as advertised but there is one problem in the instructions. Parts B70 and B71 are mislabeled on the instructions. Just switch them around. If you look at the photos it is easy to understand what is being called out. Once you understand that everything fits perfectly. The engine compartment is flat white. Pretty plain but simple to paint. If you are going to close up the model, then you don't even need to do that. My engine compartment is painted with Alclad White Primer and weathered with Mig Cold Grey Wash.



Step 3 is the beginning of the cockpit. It also contains the first short shot part. Part C54 is missing the very bottom of the stick. It is barely noticeable but shouldn't have happened. Another thing that I noticed which was annoying is that part C57 is a mirror or part B58. It should be exactly the same. I had two kits so I used one from another box. The other kit has the wrong parts but at least they are the same shape. One error in the instruction is that C57 should actually be B57. C21 and C20 are the side mounted screens on the side of the instrument panel and are only installed when the FLIR is installed. The kit doesn't include the FLIR or mount. One side of the instrument panel is lacking a hole. It is easy enough to add with a drill bit if you want to add the detail or filled if you don't but shouldn't have happened. Since my MH didn't have the FLIR installed I filled the holes. The rest of the step is nicely detailed.

I recommend that you paint the entire cockpit assembly Tamiya NATO Flat Black. The instrument panel and center console are provided as decals. I thought I'd check out how they worked. After carefully cutting away the decal clear film I could then use the decals normally by adding the decals to the instrument panel right over the kit detail. My technique is to slide the decal off the backing paper and through a puddle of Future. I carefully apply it to the model. I let it set up for about an hour. Then apply a coat of Solvaset and let it dry thoroughly. After it dried, I used a brand new #11 Xacto blade and pierced any bubbles and reapplied Solvaset until the decal had set down completely. It is amazing that the detail matched up perfectly. This is not the first time that Kitty Hawk has done this with the same amazing results. The entire assembly is sprayed Alclad Flat, then the gauges were highlighted with drops of Micro Krystal Kleer.

KittyHawk AH-6J Continued

Step 4 continues with the cockpit bulkhead. I made a mistake and missed the avionics above the pilot's seats and behind them while proofing them. I'm sorry. I'm working on it. **DO NOT REMOVE THE LITTLE TABS** on the side of A50. These are mounts for the fuselage halves later and easy enough to remove if you aren't careful. Assembly is easy enough. Part B32 which is the cockpit light does require you to drill a hole because it isn't on the kit. Assembly of the seats is pretty impressive, but you must follow the assembly sequence. Add A-18/19 to the floor but **DON'T REMOVE** the support rods from these parts. They are needed to support the seat. Then add the seat backing, A63 and A64, before you add the seat bottom A27/A28. I left the backs and bottoms off until I put some paint under and behind them. The seats can be either flat black, faded olive green or a combination of the two. The seatbelts can be green, black to a faded deck tan.



Step 5 is the rudder pedals and again we are presented with a short shot part. One of my part B49 is missing the actual pedal. I made my own with some brass tubing that was sanded down to shape and cut to shape. I was pretty impressed with my scratch building but what bothered me is why I should have to do it on a brand-new kit. The other issue with this assembly is that rudder pedals don't have holes drilled in them to fit part B41. You can handle it a number of ways, I drilled holes that addressed what should have been there. Another option is to cut off the tabs off of B41 and flush mount them. Either way works. The parts are really small and a pain to clean up but take your time and you are rewarded with a beautiful assembly.

Step 6 is only required if you are building the AH-6J. I am doing one of them as well, so I cleaned up the platform. The placement of B12 and B11 are a little vague but if you look at the instructions it is pretty clear. One thing that is not quite correct is that the end armament platforms, C22 and C23, should be solid and not cut out. The cutout is on the short version of the platform. It is easy to modify if you want the short version just sand off some of the attachment arms. The ones in Somalia are the longer type so I added some .040 plastic to fill the hole. Everything fit perfectly.



Step 7 is for the MH-6J version. If you follow the instructions, they would have you add the benches in this step. **DON'T! DO NOT** add the benches at this time. There is no way to put them through the doors once mounted and you'll just have to break them off. One note about this step is that A20 and A21 are mis-marked on the instructions, as are A5 and A6. A20 and A21 will only fit one way so no real issue. The key with A5 and A6 is there is a small cutout on them. It should be facing aft to fit properly. I recommend that you add A20 and A21 to the floor now and build up the benches and their supports at this time then set them aside. If you are going to add the fuel tank, then make sure you open the holes in the floor.

I took the time to paint the interior, including the fuselage halves and doorways, now **BEFORE** I added the canopy. Tamiya NATO Black was painted overall. Then a panel line wash from AK

Interactive for Black Camouflage was added to the panel lines. Allowed to dry slightly and then a slightly damp flat brush was used to blend the excess around the interior. This gives a nice used look. Some sponge weathering was used with Model

Master Magnesium and some silver pencils. Some Mig Pigments for North Africa was used to add some dirt to the floor.

KittyHawk AH-6J Continued

Step 8- Add the fuel tank if you are going to. I didn't need to add it to my MH as it appears that the MHs in Somalia didn't have them. Assembling the cockpit and the rear bulkhead is a very sturdy assembly. If you are doing the AH version, it is a good time to add the armament bench. Don't forget to open the hole for the fire extinguisher regardless of version.

Step 9 will require you to open some holes on both fuselage halves prior to assembly. Make sure you open up the correct holes. Parts A4 and A2 are for the MH FRIES mounts but are on all versions of the J model Little Bird. I deviated from the instructions here. I added my tailboom halves to the corresponding fuselage half. This proved to be an easy way to ensure alignment at this time. PE8 barely fits the hole so be sure to add it before you close up the fuselage. Another thing that I recommend IF you are going to have the engine cowlings closed is to add the engine compartment access doors to the fuselage halves at this time. Do it now while you have the ability to align everything. When you bring everything together the fit is remarkable. There are tabs on the bottom of the fuselage halves that aid in the process. Another recommendation is to decide which type of intake is going to go on the left side and install that part now and not at Step 15. This allows you to work it should you need to. Also, it allows you to add a small backing plate for PE-9 as the fit is very loose.

Step 10 has you adding the windscreen. I masked off the rear portion of the canopy and sprayed AK Smoke on the inside. BEFORE you add the canopy don't forget that you have to add the magnetic compass to the clear canopy. The instructions are vague at best where to add the compass and has no mounting point. I painted the compass then used Tamiya cement, not the extra thin type, and very carefully added a stripe of it to the compass and added it to the canopy. It worked perfectly, however, I think I have my compasses a little bit too high. It should mount just above the instrument panel. I did have to sand the front of my instrument panel while test fitting the canopy, but it is no big deal and hidden once the canopy is added. I also sanded the back of the light housing which is on the clear part. Once all that was done the canopy fit really well. I used some Tamiya cement to hold things in place then used Tamiya tape to hold it all together while I added some Elmer's White Glue to the entire circumference of the window. Once everything dried I used a cotton swab and blended and removed the white glue from the window.

Step 11 is building up the M-134 guns. This is a pain in the butt. I decided to build mine up from tubing instead of the plastic parts. That meant that I didn't have to clean up the mold lines. Using the kit parts as patterns I used Albion Alloy telescopic tubing cut to length. The photo etch flash suppressor, PE6, requires you to bend it. Here is how I did mine. I first cut off the round end caps. First off you only need one end cap. I set them

aside and used my Small Tools SMS006 Photo Etch Bending & Rolling Deluxe Brass Assist. It is expensive but so worth the money, especially on a project like this. I finished rolling this so that it was circular and held in place with some superglue. Then I was just a matter of adding one of the end caps and attaching it to the tubing. I think the next time I do it I'll use Live Resin M-134 minigun barrels. So much simpler. The guns themselves go together remarkably well as long as you take your time.



KittyHawk AH-6J Continued

Step 12 is the GAU-19. I did not build up the GAU-19 as my AH-6J didn't need it.

Step 13 has you add the guns. Don't do it at this time. It also has you build up the landing gear. Some have complained about the landing gear being multiple parts. I like the ability to add either type of skid. Some have questioned whether of the skids are the thicker type used on the A/MH-6M, if they are then it isn't obvious to me. I know I provided the measurements from an actual aircraft. The fit of the landing gear tips was good. Adding the skids to the model was pretty easy. The mounting areas are a little small but attached well enough with Tamiya cement. I used tape to hold the gear down and then used a sanding stick on top of the housing to make sure the top of the model was parallel.

Step 14 concentrates on antennas and ammo chutes. Since this was an MH-6 I didn't need the ammo chutes. You have to look at your subject to figure out which antennas to use. I left the doors off as they are not installed on operations. There were no issues. Antenna, A33, seems a little large. I used a Werner's Wings APR-39 blade antenna where A33 goes.

Step 15 adds the other side of antennas. One thing that was left out for some reason was the sail type antenna. I raided the Dragon/DML kit for this antenna. We proofed it but for some reason it didn't make the kit. Werner's Wings is working on that as well. The upper portion of the doghouse gives you two options. My option was the plain type but the square antenna on it that is shown on the instructions is not included. I added one made from styrene. In case you didn't add this back at Step 9. There are two types of plugs for the left side depending on your subject. My MH didn't have the inlet scoop, so the flush mount was used. Before you put A54 on I recommend that you add a backing plate for the PE part, PE9. The fit is really loose. The mounts for the FRIES are added at this time. Pay attention to the drawings to see how they go. I have mine slightly off but decided to live with it. The landing light is installed. There is a hole for the FLIR mount but since no FLIR is included I had to fill the hole with Apoxy Sculpt. While that was drying I added a pitot tube from Albion Ally tubing, which for some reason is not included in the kit even though it was on the CAD. Another thing missing is the IR formation light inside the vent on the inlet on the nose. Luckily, I had some from Werner's Wings that I added. You could always do the same thing with a little bit of Elmer's Glue and toothpick.

Step 16 is the tailboom portion. I added mine earlier in the build as part of the fuselage halves. This made life easier for me. The vertical tail was built up by adding the end caps first which is just a butt join. After drying the vertical part of the tail was added to the horizontal. You have to decide which lighting assembly to use as there are two different types. One of the things that is 'interesting' is that the rear mounting lugs are not included in the kit, but they are shown on the instructions. I used some .30 tubing to add them, but you shouldn't have to do that.

Assembling the tail rotor gearbox is easy if you take your time. The key is to line up the mounting points. The tail rotor assembly was a pain to put together. The first thing to do is to be careful when removing A32, the tail rotor crosshead, if you cut off the mounting point inadvertently all is not lost. Leave a little bit of a tab to mount in the hole. Then there is the clean up of the pitch change rods and the corresponding tabs on the blade assembly. If you clean them up they will slide together perfectly. It took some time but was doable easily. I set my tail rotor aside to paint separately.

Step 17 is the main rotor controls and swashplate assembly. The very first thing to do is to drill the holes in part B78 to mount things to. Mine had one hole in the part but not in the other three holes. Once you do that the build up of the swashplate is easy. I recommend that you DON'T add C56 and A47. These will be added in the next step with the blades and make it easier to have them removable. When built up the swashplate assembly is perfect.

Step 18 is the rotor assembly. I cleaned up the hub, A46 to make sure everything sets solid. The blades are very secure when adding them to the hub assembly. Since I didn't add C56 and A47 now was the time to bring them together with the hub. Here is how I did it. Using A47 to align things up. Add C56 to the hub, A46, and allow to dry completely. Once dry add, B40, the pitch change links. They will allow you to mount the swashplate to the bottom of the PC links and end of the swashplate. The PC links fit into the end of the swashplate. If done properly they will line up perfectly. Now you can remove the blade assembly.

KittyHawk AH-6J Continued

Rotor blades weathered with silver underneath, Tamiya NATO black on top of that. Then using Model Casters sanding sticks I wore out the leading edge. This was touched up with Model Master Magnesium dry brush. Then some Tamiya modeling pigments.

Then another light coat of Alclad Flat was sprayed over everything to seal it and to unify things.

The masks were removed and the canopy polished inside and out. The clear parts were added. Clear red, green and smoke were added to the appropriate parts. The final thing was to add the benches and the engine access doors. Tamiya cement plus some tape held them in place while they dried.

Overall this is a very nice kit that builds up beautifully, but it does require some modeling skills. Basic skills but still skills. It is not a shake and bake Tamiya kit. There are things that Kitty Hawk did or didn't do that made me scratch my head. Some things are my fault and for that I'm sorry. The kit is not for a beginner but even a moderate modeler can make this into a winning kit. Kitty Hawk continues to improve with each kit, especially their helicopter kits, but there is still some room for improvement. I can't wait to see what they do next.

Take this review and make notes in your instructions and you shouldn't have any problems. I've got the AH in construction. Werner's Wings is coming out with the downward exhausts and some other upgrades for the kit. The kit decals are disappointing. I hope that I will be able to fix that too.

Bottom line, I had a great time building this kit and really enjoy what the end product looks like. I can't wait to finish up the AH-6J. I've really enjoyed building Kitty Hawk's kits.

One last disclaimer, I helped Kitty Hawk design this kit. I had more than a little bit to do with it. With that said, I think you can see from this review I don't pull any punches with Kitty Hawk or myself. You get an honest and upfront review. Use it to make your build easier. I don't claim it to be a perfect kit but it one of the best fitting kits I've built.

Highly recommended

Thanks to Kitty Hawk for the review copy.

Here is my list that I provided to Kitty Hawk to improve

- 1-Missing the Avionics behind seats
- 2-Missing Avionics shelf above the seats
- 3-Sail antenna on the tailboom not included
- 4-IR light inside the nose opening is missing
- 5-APR-39 antenna on the belly is missing
- 6-Square antenna on the doghouse missing.
- 7-No FLIR or mount



2018 IPMS NATIONALS

www.ipmsusnationals2018.org

The Phoenix convention will feature a full slate of seminars (free to registered attendees), covering everything from the latest techniques in model building to the history of what we build. We'll also have free airbrush demos and hands-on classes for an additional fee. Here are some of the confirmed topics and presenters.

Military History	Barrett Tillman
Prowler operator + author	LCDR Rick Morgan
Aviation history	Herb Zinn
Atlas ICBM rocket	David Weeks
Scratch building structures	Mark Nickelson
Scratch building ships	David Straub
History via Magazine Covers	David Straub
Packing and Transporting Models	Bill & Dick Engar
Casting with Smooth-On	Scott Campbell
Wire wrap trees	Don Stewart
3D printing	Mike Idacavage
Sailing Ship Modeling	Dave Lockhart
Organizing an IPMS Chapter	Dave Lockhart
What Judges Look For	Mark Persichetti
Real Space Modeling	Rob Schorry
Early Rockets	Dave Carlton
Gundam and Mecha techniques	Clem Eng
Dioramas in IPMS Competitions	Mike McFadden



Membership

For only \$1 a month you get all of this

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

Make sure to see Treasurer, Bill Dunkle, at the club meeting to sign up for membership.

Some of the February Raffle winners



2018 CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

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

JANUARY 2018

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Tim Bongard
Thermoforming and de-stressing plastic

JULY 2018

Tuesday 3rd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

FEBRUARY 2018

Tuesday 6th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Ethan Dunsford
Why Tanks ?

AUGUST 2018

Tuesday 7th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

MARCH 2018

Tuesday 6th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Lyn Gorton
Some British Airfields, their history
and exhibits.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

APRIL 2018

Tuesday 3rd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

OCTOBER 2018

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

MAY 2018

Tuesday 1st, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

NOVEMBER 2018

Tuesday 6th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

JUNE 2018

Tuesday 5th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

DECEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4th, 7pm
Event: New Kit White Elephant
Exchange



Raffle Update

March Raffle Items

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

Item A: Tamiya 1/72 Vosper Fast Patrol Perkasa

Item B: Revell 1/72 Bell UH-1H Gunship

Item C: Airfix 1/72 Fairey Swordfish Mk.1

Item D: AFV Club 1.35 M1126 8x8 ICV Stryker

Item E: AMT 1/25 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 454

Item F: New Item From Hobby Depot



Special Raffle: Bandai 1/72 Millennium Falcon, Perfect Grade.

Tickets will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. If enough tickets are sold, the draw will take place in March.

(100% of the raffle proceeds will go to the club)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14th — Desert Scale Classic

August 1- 4 IPMS Nationals

IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

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.org for more meeting info.

American Legion Post #1

364 N. 7th Ave.
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EDITORS CORNER

BY LYN GORTON

The picture is from the February meeting, and is typical of the turnout that we have at most meetings, with between 60-80 members turning out. This is a good sign of a healthy club and I am sure most of us come along for not only the club business but also the socializing.

The meetings are designed to accommodate both with a decent break between the club business and the raffle where you can meet and chat with your friends. Because we are a well organized club we deal with the club business at the very start, this is important to keep the membership apprised of upcoming activities and also recap on outstanding issues. It is therefore important to let the speaker who is on the floor have the full attention of the room, it is often very off putting when you can not hear the speaker because other people are having their own little meetings, social or otherwise.

Everybody can speak on the club business in hand and opportunities are given to move the microphone or identify the speaker who has the floor. Whilst this may seem a little high handed it is a well practiced system that allows everyone to participate and also hear the speakers. I have been involved in many committees both as a professional and at a non professional level and I have seen meetings become so disrupted by “side Meetings” that business was severely hampered, this has, and will lead to those who are interested in the club becoming very disenchanted and we may even lose some membership.

Please show respect for the speakers, if you really have something that you need to discuss with your Friends/ Colleagues that is not currently on the floor either do it before the meeting or wait until the break. This is surely good manners if nothing else and by following this simple guideline the clubs business can be conducted in an amenable atmosphere.

Here is another picture, this one taken at Makerfest on February 17th. Thank you to our club members who helped out at our booth (I would have been there but I was struck down with some sort of germ which laid me out for a few days) These events are so important as a way of showing the general public what our club is about. The guys on the Make and Take did a great job and all of the kits were gone by 3PM. There will be other opportunities to take part in similar “Meet the public” events throughout the year. We have had a booth at Saboten for the last three years and I am sure we will have one again this year, so take a turn and just come out to talk to complete strangers about what you find so great about our hobby.



You may have noticed that I am the seminar speaker this month, finally giving my talk postponed from November on some British airfields. I promise that the content is not as dull as the title and it is not a collection of holiday snaps. The lecture reveals some of the history behind three very different airfields that I visited in the UK last year. It's about a 20 minute power point presentation, so come with an open mind—you may be pleasantly surprised.



EDITORS CORNER

Last month we started a new section all about some of your cool gadgets. Check out the Cool Gadgets page for this month to see entries from David Satter/Tim Bongard and Hal Sanguinetti.

Also we started our “shelf queens” contest (Check out the pictures) so let's see if we can get those models back later this year as finished products.

Remember this is your club and if you have contributions to make I have no problem in getting them into The Corsair but please remember that I need two or three days to get things arranged and the Corsair will always be published on the last day of the month. So if you want to contribute let me have your articles/pictures etc at least three days before months end.

Pictures should be in jpg format and text should be plain text or word. I have difficulty extracting text/pictures from pdf format so please bear that in mind.

See you all at the meeting on March 6th

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Secretary's report, February 2018
by Substitute Secretary Hal Sanguinetti

President Tim Bongard asked me to fill in for Mike Reeves this evening, who couldn't be at the meeting.

Since I didn't have my laptop and my handwriting is truly appalling, this report may be a little bit weak.

Tim invited members to their seats for the February 2018 meeting at around 7:15, and after welcoming our guests & visitors, we commenced with the Officers reports. Short & simple, we have plenty of money, Facebook & the club website are doing fine, the evening's raffle prizes were introduced and Steve Collins announced the anonymous donation of an

incredible (and huge) Bandai kit of the Millennium Falcon to be raffled off in the future. The contest for the evening was Classic Plastic, and there were a lot of models on the table. Next month will be large scale - model must be at least 12' long or better.

There was no old business. New business: the Mesa Makerfest was discussed, to take place February 17th, volunteers were requested. A motion was made, seconded and (somewhat) discussed to spend club funds for a new stock of Make & Take kits, as our stash is getting low. Motion passed almost unanimously. It was also moved, seconded and passed to support the upcoming Desert Scale Classic contest with a \$250 donation. The COM-MIES model club from Colorado has an upcoming contest, and it was moved, seconded & passed to support them with 2 trophy packages. It was reported that our friends from TruColor paints have done a lot of promos for our 2018 IPMS National Convention on as many forums as they could come up with - much appreciated. Ethan reported on the date and new location for their next tank battle. There was some discussion about a "hospitality suite", but I neglected to catch the details, sorry.

We then broke for the contest judging & raffle. Winners tonight were Michael Prater's Vostok and Stuart Bricker's 1/72 Zero. Then Tim presented a cool discussion on mold making and the excellent line of casting resin he has found, called Mold Putty (I think).

Next meeting is Tuesday evening March 6 - see you then!

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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
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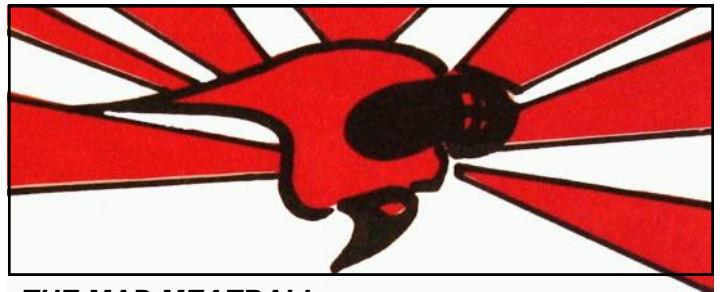
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