



THE CORSAIR

IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

President's Message

The Errors of Hurry, the Grace of a Reset, G'nosko, & the Do Over

Ugly, Poor, Good, Better, Best. It's a continuum, a scale, and a process where you work your way either up or down the scale. It's the shades of gray in-between absolute wrong and absolute right. Most of us could use a healthy reminder that things aren't always black and white and more often than not – *especially in any creative effort* – perfection or “getting it right” is as hard to find as a new Tamiya kit for under \$20. Many model projects die on the workbench because we become disenchanted by how a project is turning out or because we feel as if it just isn't “good enough”, not “contest grade”, or “up to national standards”. But it doesn't have to be that way. In reality, *every model you build, every creative effort you undertake, every time you try ANYTHING, it's a chance to learn something new.*

Here in the west (and I don't mean Arizona west, instead I mean philosophically “The West”...), we have this idea that once you learn something, you are supposed to “get it” and “Know” it. We say things like “Oh, I should have *known* better”, or something obvious or simple goes wrong, “Didn't you know that?”. But the Greeks meant something different with the word that is the root of our word for knowledge. It's pronounced *g'nosko* and the idea behind it is that knowledge isn't static. Learning something you memorize once and then never have to learn again. Instead, knowledge is fluid and *dimensional*, like the facets on a diamond or gem, you are probably going to learn the same lesson over and over like viewing the many faces of a gemstone. *That* concept of knowledge not only makes sense, but it is far more realistic and mirrors many life experiences, and I see it in my model building all the time. *Every model I build is a learning experience and a chance to climb the ladder from Ugly up to Best. And this mindset allows lots of room for making mistakes.* Mistakes are OK. They are part of life. Live on and Build on anyway.

So back up a bit and ditch the not good enough stuff. Instead, practice these three things in order to reclaim the “Hobby” part of your hobby, or the sane part of your life because one actually reflects the other if you think about it.

First, “*Hurry*” is a killer. There is an old Pennsylvania Dutch saying of “The hurrier I go, the behinder I get”, and no truer words have ever been spoken. The more you hurry, the more likely you will be to mess things up, skip steps, overlook something obvious, or have an accident. The trick is to develop enough mindfulness to become aware *when* you are hurrying. Most of the time it should be obvious, but there are occasions when you realize you should have done a little more research or waited to get the right color – should have practiced *patience* – when you feel the sting of this one. Just go slower. Not all of us are speed builders, but all of us *do* have our own working rhythm. Find it and stick to it and don't try to be what you aren't. If you are the tail, don't try to wag the dog, so to speak.

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Second, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Be gracious to yourself. *Everything* takes practice. Cut yourself some slack and be willing to work up the scale from Ugly to Best. Learning the art of the reset is one of the most important life skills you can ever master, and giving yourself permission to junk a model and try it again is actually *healthy*, while forging on with a miserable, screwed up model is the male equivalent of *not* asking for directions in the firm belief that sooner or later you will cross the Trans-Canada highway and figure out where you are from there. Save time - Reset. Try again. It's OK to do that and you grow in wisdom when you do.

Third, **Do Overs** are a great way to learn. Some already practice this by building every Sherman Tank, Panzer IV, or Phantom variant, just to name a few – and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that. In fact, the modelers who *do* do that, are probably better for it because they get to see what many of the rest of us miss when we don't re-do or repeat building a model. *They* get to see how they are improving – and benefit from it in a number of ways. The first time I built *again* one of my favorite models, I was immediately hit with how well it went and how my skill level had improved. It was a *real* confidence booster and one I have practiced occasionally since. If you have never done it, try it. It's a hoot *and* enlightening at the same time.

Try giving yourself a break. We aren't curing cancer by what we build – keep how serious all this is in perspective. Yet, I can also tell you as a cancer survivor how important my model building was when I was fighting the disease. Keeping the hobby as a recreational outlet *and* as a chance to learn something creatively is so important. Being perfect? No so much. Enjoy the climb up from Ugly to Best and the journey of it all. That can be the most rewarding of all!

Build On, and Build Boldly!

Tim

May Model Contest Photos

Theme Sci Fi/Fantasy



Novice Winner Chris Rinninger Zaku 2

May Model Contest Photos Cont.



Advanced Winner John Brubaker
Puggoyle Delight Figurine



May Model Contest Photos Cont.



May Display Models



Cool Things

The presentation in May was given by Pat Arnold, who not only runs our monthly competitions, but is also one of our judges.

Pat gave a very informative presentation entitled "Judging 101" in which he explained what judges look for in competitions and some of the pitfalls to avoid.

Basically most models are judged on Construction, painting and decals and all other attributes such as after market additions are used as tie breakers.



Pat also brought with him some of his own "failures" as a demonstration on things to avoid. The whole lecture was a definite eye opener to anyone who was wondering why they never win competitions. There is a guest presentation at each club meeting with the exception of December which is our "White Elephant". I would advise you all to give that extra 30-40 minutes you never know what you may learn.

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 my bench ?

OK so due to a complete lack of response from you all, unless of course nobody is building anything (not very likely), I am going to continue this section with completely indulgent stuff. Hence I have changed the title to reflect from "Your" to "My" bench. I will stop as soon as I get some input from the rest of you.

I won a 1/32 Revell BF109-G in the white elephant at Christmas and I was looking through my stash and noticed the squadron emblem looks a lot like the Arizona flag. So fate has dictated that this is the next project.



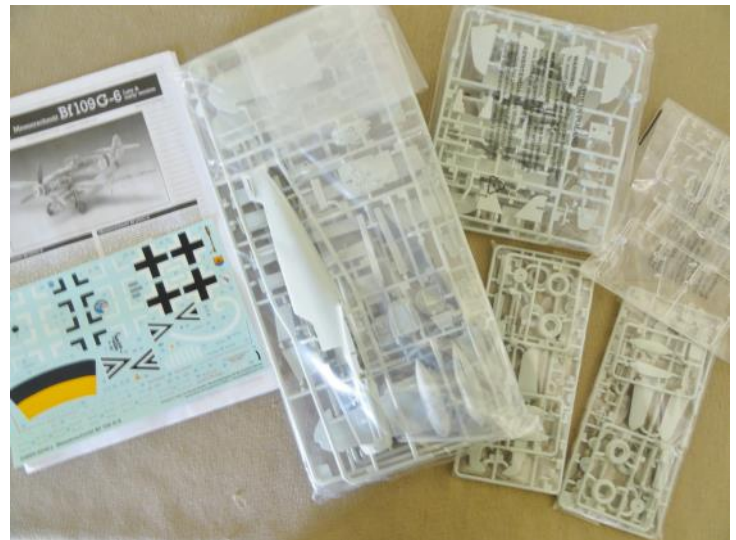
I usually build 1/48 but I am working my way up to the 1/24 Mosquito from Airfix so this will be good practice.

This will be a straight out of the box build with no after market additions..

There are two choices of finish and as I have said I will be building the one with the JG.5 emblem as it resembles the Arizona flag.

This particular aircraft was flown by Hauptman Franz Dorr from Gossen Air Base in Norway ,May 1945.He was credited with 122 kills all of which were achieved in Norway.

Standard packing with all sprues laid out and parts identified from the instruction sheet by sprue letter and individual number

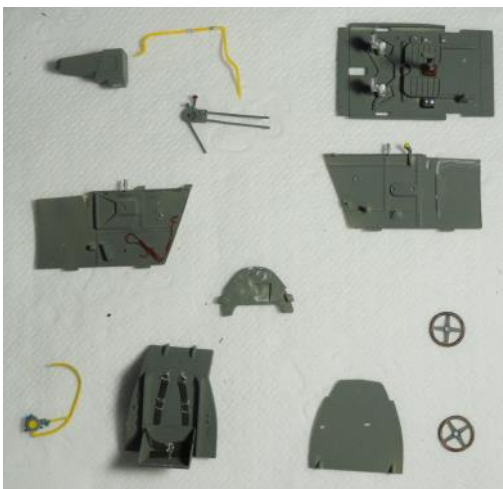


Whats on my bench Continued



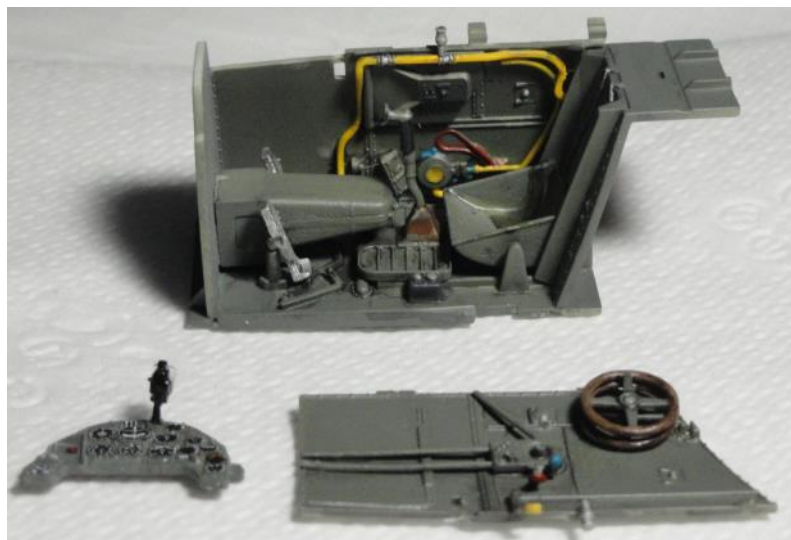
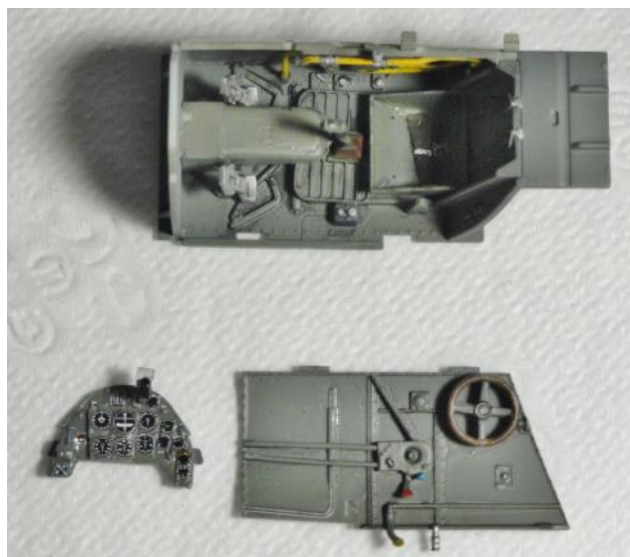
First up as usual is the cockpit. I find it easier to remove all parts from the sprue and clean them with sanding sticks and sharp knives before assembly. Because this is a larger scale kit I keep all associated parts in separate trays once they are off the sprue. These are all the parts for the cockpit tub including clear plastic fuel lines etc (never seen that before)

I also try and think ahead so I have removed the propeller and drop tank parts to be assembled as the join on the drop tank will probably need some work, and with a spiral decal destined for the spinner I want it fully painted sooner rather than later

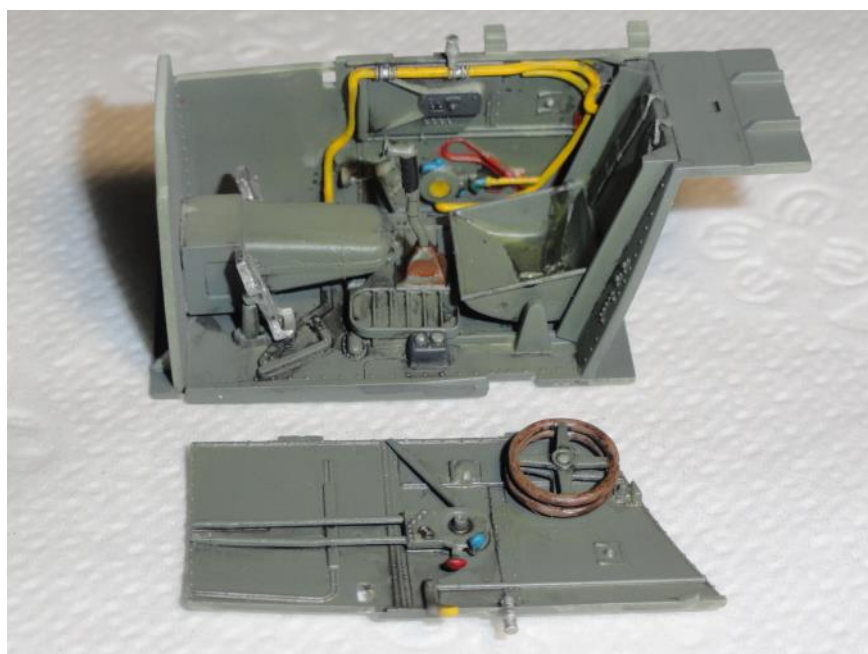


The advantage of working with a larger scale is that I can get more details done. Here I have added some detailing to the cockpit components before assembling the cockpit

Whats on my bench Continued



Components all painted and detailed ready for the final assembly



More next month, unless you submit something different

Minicraft 1/144 P-51D Mustang By Jim Pearsall IPMS

When Phil Peterson sent out an announcement that there were new items for review, I went to the list with only a certain amount of excitement. There are very few 1/144 scale items available for review, and that's my scale. I was glad to find a new 1/144 item from Minicraft. A P-51D Mustang. I sent an immediate email begging and pleading for this kit. And I got it. And I'm glad I did.



About 17 years ago, I met a fellow in Vandalia, Illinois who was a member of the maintenance crews for the 52nd Fighter Group in Italy. He had a photo which was taken in late 1944 of the Group's P-51 Mustangs lined up. The planes all had a yellow tail with the individual aircraft ID letter on the tail. They were lined up to spell VICTORY. There's a book called "Spitfires and Yellow Tail Mustangs" which is a history of this group. I made a copy of this photo, and kept it for all these years. A few years back I started the project of building all 7 of these planes. I finished 2 before I lost interest.

THE KIT

On the end of the box this kit is listed as "Skill Level 2". This is just fine with me, and it turns out that the kit's simplicity makes it quite easy to build. And it's pretty easy to get a good looking model without a lot of cutting, puttying or bad words. The scan of the instructions covers the whole project.



THE BUILD

I assembled the fuselage halves, cleaned up the seams a little and glued on the wing. I then attached the horizontal stabilizers. I used a tiny bit of putty on the wing roots. These steps took about an hour. Fit was quite good, the parts had no flash, and everything went together very well. I didn't put the prop on because I have a terrible habit of breaking small and delicate parts while painting and decaling.



Minicraft 1/144 P-51D MustangCont.

PAINTING

A nice thing about a late WW2 P-51 is that they were overall aluminum. I painted the whole thing Testors Aluminum Metalizer, leaving the tail alone. I also painted the landing gear doors silver. I then masked the wing tips and the tail and painted the yellow areas with Tamiya Flat Yellow. I used Floquil Reefer Yellow on the previous two, but that



paint is sadly gone. I put another mask on the wingtips and sprayed Tamiya Red. I brush painted the spinner red.

I did the interior of the wheel wells in light green for the zinc chromate, as well as the inside of the tail wheel well and the inside of the landing gear doors.

This part of the project took about 3 days, waiting for the paint to dry.

I also had to paint the anti-glare panel, the prop, and the wheels black.

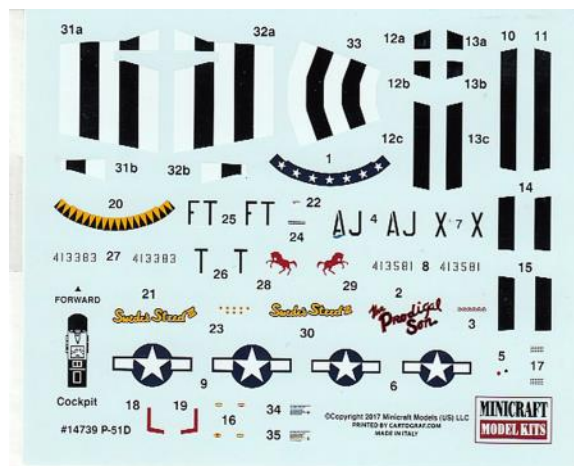
After that I put a coat of Future on the model, partly to protect the aluminum

DECALS

I only used the "stars & bars" and the no step markings on the wing roots. But these decals were first class. The decals came off the backing paper nicely, floated nicely into place, and pretty much stayed where I wanted them to. They were thin enough to snuggle nicely, but heavy enough to stand up to some handling. This is what we've grown to expect from Cartograf Decals, and that's who printed them.

The markings provided are first class as far as being colorful and interesting. I've put them in the spares box, because I WILL use them later. In fact I plan to buy another of these Minicraft P-51s just for the decal.

Another coat of Future to protect the decals, and it's time for the "fiddly bits"



Minicraft 1/144 P-51D Mustang Cont.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

Now it was time to put on all those parts I would have broken off while handling the model during painting and decals.

I put the inner landing gear doors on. They have a nice extension to glue them to the wing. These can only be installed in the "door open" position. This is fine. If you're building the plane gear up, there are alternate doors which look easy to install and don't have that gap between the inner and outer doors. I sometimes like to build a P-51 with these inner doors closed. They were hydraulic operated, and as the pressure dropped, the

doors could droop open. But as soon as the engine started, they would close. My friend, CMS Don Neill told me that the Mustangs he worked on in the early 50s had a latch which held the doors closed. But if a pilot was any good, he'd pull the little lever in the cockpit when the engine was shut down, allowing the doors to open, so the ground crew could get to the wheel wells to service whatever needed to be done in there.



The wheels are part of the main gear doors, and just need some detail painting, along with the silver gear legs. The doors just mount in the gear wells. The tail wheel goes into a hole in the well. The prop and spinner go together nicely, and mount on the nose.

The last thing I put on was the canopy. This was marvelous. Minicraft provides you with a pair of canopies, and ONE OF THEM IS PRE-PAINTED! It's nice to have a spare canopy to fit a P-51Dm but the painted one is so nice. I used Micro Krystal Kleer to put it on, and I'm happy with that.



OVERALL EVALUATION

Highly recommended. Good fit, great decals, and it's a great build. The decals are super.

Many thanks to Minicraft and IPMS USA for allowing me to build this great kit, and for getting me back into a project which had hibernated for too long.



2018 OPMS NATIONALS

Volunteers

The key to a successful convention is volunteers and that is where you all come in

We hope that you will support us by volunteering in some of the following positions



As you all know the Arizona IPMS chapters are hosting the IPMS USA National Convention this year. As the Volunteer Coordinator for the planning committee we are looking for people who would be interested in helping out at the convention.

We would like to ask all members of the Arizona IPMS Chapters and members of other IPMS Chapters to consider giving a little time to making this another great convention. In 2004 and again in 2010 we had successful conventions and this year with your help we can do it again. At former conventions where a few people did all the work the results were less than satisfactory. You have all heard the complaints and horror stories. Arizona has a reputation in the IPMS organization for putting together a great convention. Our most valuable resource is the willingness of our members and all other IPMS chapters members to help out where needed.

Although the convention is not until August 1-4 we would like to have people in positions where they have some expertise or interest. Below is a list of positions for which we will need volunteers. Some positions that require prior training will only be open to Arizona Chapter members. This is because training will be provided here as we get closer to the convention. You DO NOT have to be an IPMS USA member to volunteer. We will have some perks for those members who volunteer their time. If you volunteer for two 2hr shifts (4 hr's) you will receive a free 2018 Convention Volunteer T-Shirt.

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We will be using signupgenius to coordinate the positions, times, slots, and dates that we will require volunteers as well as letting volunteers pick their date and time slots to volunteer their time. We will try and accommodate all selected positions. Be advised that due to staffing requirements we may ask you to fill other positions if required.

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2018 IPMS NATIONALS

Volunteers Cont.

Registration: We would like to have volunteers to help out with registration and give out the registration packages, T-shirts, etc. as required. These people don't have to be Arizona IPMS Chapter members. We will need 3-4 volunteers to actually register members these positions are only open to Arizona IPMS Chapter members. A little computer knowledge will be helpful here. There will be 2 or 3 training classes so everyone can become proficient with the process and we can test the systems.

Model Entry: We would like to have volunteers to assist entrants fill out the contest entry forms. With all the different categories and some new rule changes this can be quite confusing. We will have a short class to insure everyone is up to speed on the rules and categories. There are some positions that require some prior training and these will be handled by Arizona IPMS Chapter members.

Contest/Vendor Room Security: We would like to have volunteers to act as security for the contest and vendor rooms. This position requires checking tickets and wrist bands to allow guests access to these rooms. They will also patrol the contest room to remind visitors not to touch the models. After the contest they will need to check the models leaving the contest room to insure that none go missing.

Make -N-Take: We would like to have volunteers to help with Make-N-Take. These people will need to be able to mentor children and teens in building model kits. Volunteers will need to have patience and be good with children.

Subject to screening by Make -N- Take coordinator.

Raffles: We would like to have volunteers to assist with the raffle. They will sell raffle tickets and give out prizes to the winners.

Tour Bus Guides: We would like to have one person on each tour bus to do a head count before the buses leave the hotel and before they leave the tour destination. They will also hand out water we will provide on the tours.

Vendor Helpers: We would like to have volunteers to assist Vendors load and unload their vehicles at the loading dock.

Seminar Helpers : We would like to have volunteers to assist in the setup and running of AV equipment

Hospitality Room Helpers : We would like to have volunteers to assist in the Spouses Hospitality Room. We will need to give directions and have knowledge of places of interest to spouses of convention attendees. **This position will only be open to spouses of IPMS Phoenix Members.**

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Volunteer Coordinator

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Remember that you have to be a member in good standing to win competitions 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



EDITORS CORNER

BY LYN GORTON

Saboten 2018 will be on August 31st to September 3rd and will be at The Sheraton on North 3rd Street in Phoenix

Our chapter will have an information booth at the event on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd September from 10am to 6PM.

We will be looking for volunteers to man the booth ,and I will have sign up sheets available at the next two meetings. Shifts are for three hours but you can sign up for all day if you want. we would like to have two people at a time on Booth duty to give each other bathroom breaks etc. The only thing you have to do is be prepared to talk about your hobby and the club. If you have not been to Saboten before I would recommend it as it is a fun event with plenty of people donning costumes etc.



In case you hadn't noticed the movie "Dunkirk" is now being streamed on HBO Now.

If you have any interest in WW2 era flying I would advise you check out the flying sequences in this movie as they are superb.

I originally watched the movie at an Imax theatre and was afraid that it would lose some of its impact on the smaller screen, but I was quite happy to watch it again.

As a personal note I did have two uncles who were at Dunkirk, one of them passed when I was quite young but I do remember talking to the other uncle about his experiences when he deemed I was old enough. Quite a harrowing experience standing in line (its what the British do very well) not knowing if you would make it to the boat.



EDITORS CORNER

Nationals Club Group Build

Materials for the display base were approved and funded at the May meeting and have been ordered. Construction will commence shortly. If need be, we may need volunteers.

Also, a test run of the kits on the display will be held at the July meeting. At that time, the kits that have been built and will be included in the display will be arranged, test fit and placed for the final showing at Nationals.

Any questions please direct to Mike Pabis, but do not forget to bring your model to the July meeting as that is the last club meeting before 2018 Nationals.



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SECRETARIES NOTES

Hal Sanguinetti

Vice President Don Stewart brought the meeting to order at 30 seconds past the hour. President Tim Bongard was absent for his wife's wedding anniversary. Good call.

The Secretaryps gave their reports; we're solvent and all in good shape.

We welcomed one new member.

Steve Collins made us aware that we need to come up with about \$1000 worth of make 'N take kits, primarily for the upcoming IPMS Nationals. He made a motion to purchase same which was seconded and voted, approved.

Mike Pabis brought up the National group build. He and Maurice have been working on a display base for our "GM Through the Ages" theme. There will be a tarmack for the planes, an area for the car show, and another for the armor vehicles. It was moved & seconded for the club to donate \$200 towards cost of materials.

Mike McFadden talked about the non-contest aspect of the Nationals this year. All clubs & such are invited to participate. See him for information.

There was also sine additional and thoughtful discussion on the scraper; it was decided that the final sales price would be \$8.00, which will allow for a markup of around 50% considering shipping, packaging & sales tax.

Brian Baker had some books for sale from a modeler who passed recently.

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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: Tim Bongard
3D Printing Demo

OCTOBER 2018

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

MAY 2018

Tuesday 1st, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Pat Arnold
Judging 101

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

June Raffle Items

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

Item A: Hobby Boss 1/35 Chinese ZSL-92A APC

Item B: Revell 1/25 '68 Mustang GT 2 in 1

Item C: Shala 1/72 Bell 205/UH-1N

Item D: Hobby Boss 1/48 A-7P Corsair II

Item E: AMT 1/1400? Star Trek Klingon Battle Cruiser

Item F: Fujimi 1/72 E-2C Hawkeye

Item G: Trumpeter 1/144 SSN-21 Seawolf Submarine

Item H: New Item from Hobby Depot

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1- 4 IPMS Nationals

September 1-2 Saboten

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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.

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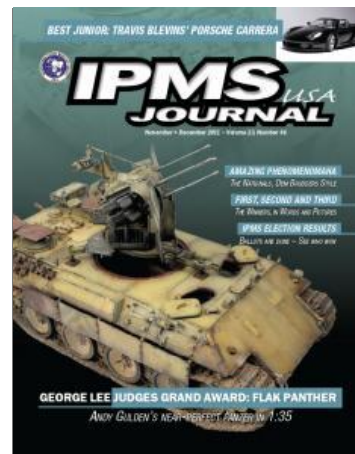
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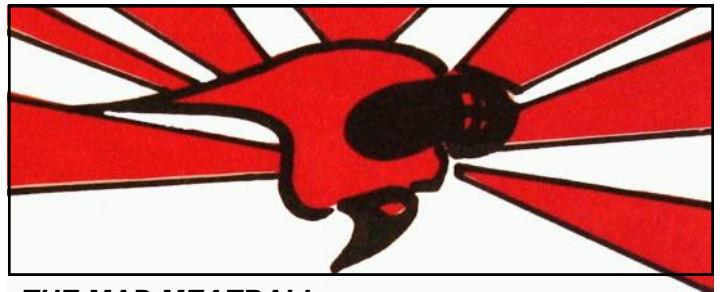
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