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Del's Trivia Corner

Question 1.

What relationship to our hobby do the following three movies have?

A.

The Terminator

w/ Arnold Schwarzenager

B.

Murder at 1600

w/ Wesley Snipes

C.

Three Days of the Condor

w/ Robert Redford

Kit Review:

Special Hobby Polikarpov I-152 1/48

Just to get back on track when I got home from the convalescent center I said to self, "Let's get building, let's get painting, let's get with it." I started with this nice looking kit from Eastern Europe - great instructions step by step sheet. The best part was the page that showed all the pieces (27 plastic, 35 steel, 17 resin, 2 metal, and 2 clear), in 1/48th; then 10 pages of how to assemble them and followed by 15 pages of paint schemes.

All looked good till work began. Everything was orderly, all needed "adjustments" and the biggest judgmental force was my patience.

Never again, but I still love biplanes!

Joe McDonald Sr.

FROM THE BRIDGE

The President's Column

We are now beginning our 49th (2017 – 2018) membership year. Next year, 2018 -2019, will be our 50th year! The membership fee is still only \$10 per year and we accept advanced payment if you wish to get ahead on your membership. There is also a family membership plan. You can catch me at a meeting or send your payments to me by mail, checks to be made payable to Bay Colony Historic Modelers.

Well, it's been a quiet couple of months and not much has happened, so this will be a short column. Ya, right!

I've heard from Joe Mc. and he is home and is well enough to start building again. Joe did say he did appreciate the get well card we sent him. He has worked on a couple kits and painted a bust of Winston Churchill. Joe tells me he has received his 50 year pin from IPMS. I think that is quite an achievement and deserves recognition. So everybody stand up and applaud! Way to go Joe!

Member Gian Montecalvo is now back home and recuperating from double hip replacement. He is home but he is in for weeks of physical therapy. We wish him the best and a speedy recovery. G. did say that he had a choice of surgeons, and that he choose the one that used super glue over the one that used zippers. To quote G. "Now I know how my models feel."

The ballot box was open for the month of June. The final count was 18 for or Yes, to 1 no, to accept the bylaws as written. The Board held a special meeting after the July meeting to count the votes. We met again to sign the document, and as of July 30, 2017 the bylaws are in effect. You can find a copy of the bylaws on the website that you can download and printout. If you wish a copy and don't have access to the internet you can request a copy from Bob.

At the June meeting we voted to sponsor a 'Best Of' award for the IPMS Nationals. The request we had received had said that there were three still unsponsored. They had been sponsored by the time we got to notifying them that we would be glad to help out. So we are sponsoring one of the regular categories. The event was held in Omaha from July 26 to July 29. The 2018 Nationals will be held in Phoenix. I don't know, but I can think of better places to hold a July convention. I wonder how many complaints there will be from the show, people complaining that the wings drooped on their aircraft in the triple digit heat, going from the car to the hotel. Nothing against Phoenix except the timing.

When I started this column I was on time. Then things just went wrong. In the middle of writing this I got an update for Windows 10, not doing anything at the moment, I said sure, go ahead and update. It took five hours to download and update, with numerous restarts in the middle. I was pissed! #@\$% Microsoft! Once I was back up and running, I found that my online experience had been revised and it would freeze up, only the online part, if I tried to access my favorites, my shortcut buttons to my favorite websites. So I decided to connect with Microsoft online. So after they drove my machine for two hours, they agreed that there was a problem but they couldn't figure it out, so I should repeat the download and update process, which I did, following their instructions. So about 3 am, it completed its download and updates, and numerous restarts. I shut it down and finally went to bed.

Next day, when the chance came to work on my column, I turned on the machine, got the guy riding down the hill on his bike screen, clicked on that, typed in my password, and got a blank screen. Plain, black, blank screen, and it just stayed that way, nothing happening. So a couple hours on the phone and I've got something to work with. The guy tells me that I need to do a complete reset. A reset wipes everything and reloads the latest Windows 10, thankfully there are a couple check boxes and I can save my data files, which I do. So a number of hours later the reset is done, my machine works but all of my software is gone. I didn't think I had that much on the machine, you don't realize until you go to use it, that it's not there. I reloaded my security software and Office and I was back to a point where I could accomplish things again. Gradually I have been restoring my software, still haven't found my dictionary. Oh, and by the way, it still freezes when I try to access my favorites.

Our 50th anniversary is coming fast. A few months back I posted a couple poll questions on the forum as to how the membership would like to celebrate the 50th. Very few members responded. What we do now is that 8 members want whatever we do to be a regular meeting and not a special meeting or evening out. Your Board has a different feeling about this, we think this is a special occasion and that we should do something special. We agree that it could be the monthly meeting and in that time frame but we have some questions we need you to answer.

Our thoughts are, that it should be the April 2018 or May 2018 meeting, depending on when we can schedule it. Question one is do we extend an invitation to some others to join us? There are some ex-members out there that are still alive that played a role in developing this club, such as Rollie van Dyke, Eddie Carrig, and Tim Crudden. Do we invite them? There are some wives that have been involved in at least assisting the club in numerous ways, including Betty Gisetto and Debbie Libucha. Do we invite them?

The next question involves location and food. I checked at local establishment, the Boston Tavern, because we (my family), used them for a bereavement brunch when my Father-in-law passed. They have a nice room for no cost as long as you are buying food. They have some varied menus and we could work one out for around \$15 to \$20 per person. The room is listed for 50 to 150 people, so I suspect they would rather see 50 and not 20. There are some other fees, but nothing unreasonable. The club is in a position to underwrite some of the expenses to reduce the cost to the members. I spoke with them briefly, told them what I expected, such as putting out a couple tables for models, etc. They had no problem with that. We would do some sort of buffet and not a sit down dinner. We don't have to use this location, if anyone knows of a more central location with similar features, please let us know.

Another option would be to rent a small hall and bring food. We could get a cake, and some party platters, etc. Some members could bring their specialties. To do this we would probably have to rent the hall. My local Hannaford's does a good job with cakes, and I know they do platters. If you know of a hall we could get, cheap, let me know? Parking is the biggest problem so there must be decent parking. We are open to suggestions on this. We welcome your emails and we will start a couple threads on the forum. Looking forward to your responses.

We have received a request from Granite State to sponsor a trophy category. We will take a vote on this at the September meeting.

BayCon is coming fast, it's just a couple months away. If you have been a trophy sponsor in the past, you will be contacted by me shortly. Trophy packs are still \$32. If you would like to become a sponsor, please let me know.

Members Ted Bunn and Paul Champigny started a friendly build competition earlier this year, involving 1/72 scale US WW2 bombers. A few other members joined in. You can follow their progress on the club forum. I think this is a great idea and I almost joined myself. If it wasn't for all of the other projects I already have on the ways, I think I would have. Ted was involved in a similar build last year involving custom truck kits with Pat McColgan. I think a challenge like this works even better when all parties use the same kit or subject.

One of the few hobby related magazines I receive is *Model Cars*. (www.modelcarsmag.com) I like it because it is different from the other model car magazine on the market. Some of the articles are the same, with popular model car authors writing for both magazines, or at least very similar, but in general it's different. One of the advertisers is Fisher Model & Pattern, www.fishermodels.com. They do 1/24 resin racing cars and 1/32 aircraft and conversion kits. They do some conversion and detail parts for 1/72 and 1/48 also. I'm saving for the 1955 D-type Jag, it comes with decals for the black 6 Le Mans winner and the white 9 Cunningham car. I may need two because I don't know if I can make up my mind. If I was into 1/32 scale aircraft I would find it hard to stay away from this site. Besides their F9F-2 and -5 Panthers they have a Vought F7U-3M Cutlass, a Douglas F4D-1 Skyray, and conversion noses for RF-8A and -8G Crusaders. Check it out.

One of the negatives of the magazine is its irregular issue policy. I don't think they have a schedule any more, just issue when ready. In the latest issue, No. 204, there is an article geared to you Beetle fans, I know you are out there. WeeDub, an Australian company, has produced a 1/4 scale 1600cc engine. Read that as 1/4 scale and not 1/48. It's a resin, multi-media kit and it looks fantastic built up. Try looking it up on www.TheWeeDub.com. At Aus. \$179, it's a bit expensive but I don't know what that equates to in US, this could be a good deal.

Another article takes Revell's popular '29 Model A Roadster kit and shows you the results from 14 different modelers. As can be expected, 14 different models.

In Airfix news, they have released their 1/48 Hawker Sea Hurricane Mk. IB. It comes with two schemes, both Fleet Air Arm aircraft, in the typical slate gray (green gray) and extra dark sea gray (blue gray), which is an attractive scheme when done right. (I'm a big fan of the Hurricane, it did most of the work and the Spitfire got all of the credit.) One scheme is for an aircraft from No. 880 Squadron FAA off HMS Indomitable during Operation 'Ironclad' in May of 1942. We don't know a lot about 'Ironclad', mostly because we (US), weren't involved. Ironclad was the first large scale combined operation, using sea, land and air components, by the Allies in WW2. Operation 'Ironclad', May 5, 1942, was to capture Diego Suarez on Madagascar and deny its use to the Japanese navy. Madagascar was held by the Vichy French and they did offer resistance.

Most of the Airfix new releases have been in England, very few here, and what they have released as new has been in 1/48. The new releases here in the states have been re-issues of older raised panel line kits or re-issues of some of their new tools with new markings. I'm still waiting for the promised B-25.

Battlewagon

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I don't know if you follow racing, they are now televising Formula E or Formula E-prix, it is electric grand prix cars. It is a little strange to watch, there is a whine but no roar, the driving is different because they are trying to go fast while trying to conserve energy. They have pit stops for tires and wing problems, but when they would normally drive in for fuel, they pull into the garage, jump out of their car and jump into a new one and drive off. The first time you see it, it catches you by surprise. I believe the series is over for the season, but both Mercedes and Chrysler-Fiat are talking about joining in the next couple seasons.

Think 50th!

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

John J. Nickerson

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B-24D "Strawberry Bitch" – By Paul Champigny

Up Scope

Sept 9th Meeting

John Nickerson
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Oct 14th Meeting

Steve Kwasny
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Directions

From the west: Rte. 495 South to the Rte. 44 East & West (Plymouth / Taunton) exit. Go right at the top of the ramp, East, toward Plymouth. Go half way around the rotary and continue east on Rte. 44. Take the Rte. 58 exit and go right, South towards Carver, through two sets of lights, at the top of the rise, in front of QuickeeZ, take a right on to Forest, then first right onto Fuller. Thru the cranberry bogs, at the town line Fuller becomes Stone, and in about ½ mile you will see the intermediate blue raised ranch on your right.

From the east/Rte. 3: Take Rte 44 East to the third exit, Rte 58, Carver / Plympton; at the bottom of the ramp go left, South. (Follow the directions above.)

From downtown Middleboro: Follow Rte. 105 north, right on Plymouth St., bear right onto Wall St., 4th left onto Stone, 6th house on the left.

Directions

Take I-495 N, or 495 S. Take exit 16 for King St toward Franklin/Woonsocket RI. Turn left onto King St, go under overpass and follow (if taking 495S, take right off exit) 1.0 mi. Continue onto Washington St (same road) 2.8 mi. Continue onto Pulaski Blvd (same road) 2.1 mi. At the set of lights, bear right onto MA-126 N/S Main St. At the intersection you will see a strip mall with a Dean Bank, you will also see a Walgreens in front of you, and Bellingham Vet Clinic 0.7 mi. At the set of lights, turn left onto Elm St 1.3 mi. Turn left toward Summer St 108 ft. Keep right onto Summer St 0.4 mi. Go through intersection of Farm St and Summer St 0.7 mi. Turn right onto Blackstone St at stop sign. Destination will be on the right, you can park on side of the street in front of house, or on Susan Drive.

From I-295 N or S

Take exit 9B for RI-146 N toward Woonsocket 0.6 mi. Keep left at the fork and merge onto RI-146 N/Eddie Dowling Hwy. Continue to follow RI-146 N 5.5 mi. Take the exit toward Slatersville/Forestdale Rhode Island Rts 5/102 0.2 mi. Turn right onto School St 328 ft. Turn right onto Rhode Island 146A S/State Hwy 146A S 0.3 mi. Take the 2nd left onto St Paul St at the set of lights. Firestation on left and convenience store on right. Entering Massachusetts-Go underneath railway bridge, and pass the Blackstone Municipal Center 1.8 mi. Turn left onto MA-122 N/Main St 312 ft. Slight right onto Blackstone St. Destination will be on the right 1.3 mi.

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Finnish BT-42
by Steve Kwasny

Do You Have A Hidden Modeling Passion?

Some of us are very focused on our hobby, we build in a very narrow window, such as 1/32 Navy aircraft, or 1/350 ships. Others use the shotgun approach and build just about anything that shows up on the hobby shop shelves. I don't think it matters which type of builder you are, I'm willing to bet that you have a secret passion, a model that you would build, if they made it, if you could find it. Why we have this passion, I don't know. I can't explain mine.

My hidden passion is a D-type Jaguar and I don't know why. That's the kit I would most like to build. I was five when it won at Le Mans. TV was young and a foreign race probably wasn't of great interest. I do build sports/racing cars so it fits from that aspect. I understand my attraction to the Ford GT, I was 16 when they dominated at Le Mans with lots of publicity and we had the "Thrill of Victory, and the Agony of Defeat". There is no commercially available kit of D Jag, out of plastic. It's an important car to the Brits, so you would think that they would have covered it. Why hasn't Airfix done it in 1/32? Fisher Models has a resin kit for \$125, and I'm working towards one of these. Hero has one, mixed-media, for \$275 -\$300.

What's your hidden modeling passion? That one kit you would build if it became available for a reasonable price? (Fully realizing that the term 'reasonable price' is relative and personal.)

John Nickerson

This Space is Available!

This space is available to you. Just write a kit review, an observation, a personal history, etc. Get it off to Bob the Editor, and see it printed here. Tell us about your collection, why you build what you do, Tell us about the worst building experience you have ever had, or the best. Tell us about the kit you would build over and over again, and why. We want to know. Give us your 'Wish List'. Tell us about your first hobby shop experience, or about the hole in the wall you walked into and were blown away. Tell us about the catalogs you used to receive and spend hours with. Yes this space could be yours, just tell us a hobby related story.

John Nickerson

IPMS Bay Colony Modelers meet the second Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The meetings take place at selected members houses. Look at the Battlewagon or the club website for location and directions. Guests are always welcome. Membership is \$10.00 per year. Members and guests are encouraged to bring completed models or works in progress for display and discussion.

The Battlewagon is published six times per year. All opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect IPMS Bay Colony or IPMS USA views. Submissions relevant to modeling are welcome, and may be published at the discretion of the editor. All material is subject to editing. There is no payment for articles.

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