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Valley Con 17 – March 25, 2007 – Chicopee, MA – Contact Al Lafleche, wingsnwheelsipms@aol.com, 413-733-9247

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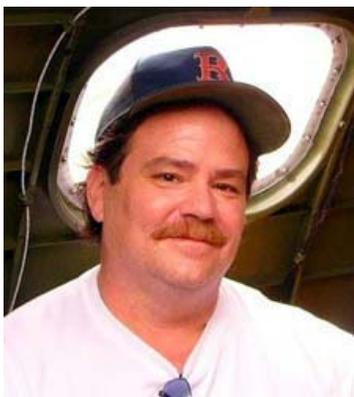
Noreastcon 2007 – April 27-28, 2007 – Poughkeepsie, NY Contact Event Chairman Thomas Walker - IPMS Mid-Hudson - 845-632-1383 - Tholian@optonline.net

IPMS Nationals 2007 – August 22-25, 2007 – Anaheim, CA Contact <http://www.ipmsusa2007.org/>

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Granite ConXIII – October 21, 2007 – Nashua, NH Contact Rodney Currier ipmsgsmc@hotmail.com or 603-726-3876

The Modeler's Bench – Ted Bunn



I started modeling when I was around 7 years old when my uncle bought me a 1964 Chevy Impala car kit. I built it unpainted and I had glue smudges all over the windows, but I was proud of it. From there, I was hooked. I even remember building the Revell Charles W Morgan with my Mom when I was about 11. She did most of the work as the rigging on a sailing ship was a bit beyond an 11 year old's patience and attention span. I built a few more car kits after that but I developed a big interest in ships and aircraft as time went on, particularly WW II. I remember the shelves in my bedroom filled with planes and ships from that era. I keep building ship and aircraft models until my early 20's when life and career intervened resulting in a 25 year hiatus from the hobby. Now in my late 40's life has "evened out" somewhat. About 4 years ago I started to feel the "pull" again. One day I came across a Squadron catalog and started going through the pages. That was it. I was hooked again ! My first model after the 25 year lay off was a Tamiya 1/700 Scharnhorst. Once I experienced the relaxation and satisfaction, not to mention capturing a bit of my childhood again from model building, I knew this was something I would be doing for the rest of my life !

Best Regards,

Ted



Kabaya “Ka-Go”, Model 1 by Finemolds in 1/72nd *By Hal Marshman, Sr.*

Wassat? Yeah, I never heard of it either. In the dim recesses of my mind, I vaguely remember some mention somewhere of a Japanese autogyro, but the memory faded pretty quickly with more important stuff like P-47's and Bf-109's pushing it further and further back into the darkness. Comes the 06 IPMS Nationals at Kansas City, and the “World's Largest Hobbyshop” I spotted the Fine molds kit and at a decent price, and I just had to have it, it was so darned cute. Kinda looked like a mosquito or praying mantis. Spindly landing gear, humped back and so forth. I Googled the thing, but couldn't find much in English. Some Polish stuff and some Japanese language stuff, neither of which I can read. In any event, I cannot provide you with much data except it was developed for the Imperial Army as a recon and army co-op bird. (Insect?) Relatively few were actually built. Might only have been 1, but I did see a photo of one with a small radial engine. The kit Gyro shows a v- 8 version.

How's about we talk about the Fine Molds model, okay? It comes in medium gray plastic, neither too hard or too soft. The surface detail is well done, with the fabric covered areas nicely done and moderately subtle. There are of course, no locating pins, but gently sand down the edges of the fuselage and match them up carefully, and you can get a good match that will require little sanding. When you do get to the sanding, take care with the simulated leather coaming around the cockpits. I ended up sanding mine away, and replacing them with scratch built ones made from Evergreen round stock. Before mating the fuselage halves, the interior has to be built. It's quite simple, with a floor, 2 seats, one stick and pedals for the rear cockpit, although both crew areas feature a basic instrument panel, but no decals for same. The fuselage insides do include some basic cast on framing and control boxes which come off well if shaded and highlighted. The landing gear is rather complex, with little to assist you in their placement. Slow drying super glue is the ticket here, so that you can place and adjust. You want port and starboard units to match through all dimensions, and the gear to sit squarely on the ground, and not list to either side. The model when finished measures 3 and 3 quarters inches in length, so any deviation is going to show. I filed a little off the bottom of each tire to indicate weight. That and hand made seatbelts were the only non kit modifications. The rest of the kit built up rather quickly, with no wings or dihedral to worry about. Handle the rotor blades carefully as they are very delicate once assembled. The 2 bladed prop does feature a well cast front plate with attachment bolts nicely rendered. Keep a good eye on your “carpet monster” while handling and placing the minute clear windscreens, they are very tiny, but well done.

The kit instructions are in Japanese, but moderately well illustrated. 3 different paint schemes are shown, one in silver laquer finish, one in over all IJA green over light gray, and the third like the second, but with a sandy brown splotch type camo applied. Aside from the serial

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number in white, the only other markings consist of the rotor warning stripes. A word about this interesting set up is in order. The stripes are for both the upper and lower surfaces of the rotor blade, with 1 set near the end of the blade, and the other set nearer to the rotor center. For some inscrutable reason now lost to the ages, one blade features one stripe at both locations, the next blade, 2 stripes at both locations, and the third blade, 3 stripes at both sites. Sort of a rather interesting arrangement. Naturally, the sheet carries hinamarus, being the white outline style.

Construction is basic, and I've covered most of the take care areas above. I'd leave the rotors off until the very last item, due to their fragility. It's wise to also omit the pitot tube located on the knee of the starboard gear, until last.

So there it is, a spindly model of a very rare and relatively little known Japanese autogyro. Oh, and it runs about 15 to 19 bucks. Have fun, Hal

Compare the mighty Jug to this wee offering.



IPMS Region 1 Update



Hi everyone,
Some news, and a few observations this time out.

We're about half way through the rechartering process. By now, all chapters should have a handle on the process, and be working on getting their documentation ready to be submitted. Just a few reminders here, when you get everything set, e mail it to me, and I'll forward it to Dick Montgomery. And it is important that each chapter submit a member to receive the \$25.00 Meteor Gift Certificate. Be sure to supply that information in addition to the recipients IPMS number when you send your check to Dick. Whoever you decide is getting it must be an

member of IPMS/USA. It's important to remember that if your chapter is holding elections before the rechartering period is complete, or immediately thereafter, you don't need to wait to complete the rechartering process. It's advisable to submit the Fact Sheet with the current officers, and then update the information after the election is held. And as always, contact me if you're having difficulty in completing the form.

I received this the other day, and think it's a terrific idea. Good idea Mike!!!

This post was in the forum recently. It was posted by Mike Novosad of IPMS Mid Michigan. This is one of those "best practices" ideas that should be shared with other clubs and only IPMS can share it effectively due to our excellent communications network.

"During the ride back from the Nationals this past summer, we were listening to loud music and feeling good about the conventional and discussed how much we enjoyed ourselves. Our chapter president offered a great idea to create more interest and model building diversity within our chapter. I was "asked" to manage the program. Here is how it works: Each month our chapter will purchase a model (\$20.00 kit), and by a drawing (those interested in the build will place their name in a box) one of the chapter members will receive the kit to build. We also have volunteer "building buddies" available for those builders who may be out of their normal modeling comfort range. The building buddy can offer technical assistance but cannot participate in actually assembling or painting the model. The builder will have three months to build it, and at the end of the three months will return the built kit and offer a verbal report to the chapter members at our monthly meeting, plus a written review (for our newsletter). They get to keep the kit after that. Monthly updates are required to assure that the model is being worked on. If not, they must return the kit and the process starts over.

Our first drawing was for aircraft. In October it was armor, and November is automotive. We also plan to have figures, fantasy, sci-fi and ships (maybe). So we will cover the full range of the hobby.

Our chapter also has an annual award for the "Modeler of the Year". Points are given for attending meetings, entering contests, bringing built models, submitting articles for the newsletter, and offering modeling-related seminars for the group. The Modeler of the Year is awarded a year's membership in the National IPMS, plus gets to take a snazzy trophy home to show the wife that his allowance is well spent on modeling. A part of the Builder/Review program is to offer opportunities to all members to achieve this annual award by earning additional points. Since this is a new program the interest for diversity is somewhat lacking. We have gone through two drawings so far and each drawing only had about three builder volunteers. The November drawing is automotive, and few guys in the club build cars. We are after them, plus the aircraft, ship and armor builders to volunteer for this drawing. Does anyone have any ideas on how to spark the enthusiasm for more volunteers? We have considered threats and public floggings, but decided against those tactics. We have a great group of talented modelers, and would like to see their talents exposed to other aspects of the hobby. I would hate to see this program die for lack of interest."

I had the opportunity to join the Wings and Wheels gang for a very nice day at the New England Air Museum at Bradley Airport this past Sunday. They were part of an Open Cockpit day held in conjunction with Veterans Day celebrations, and participated with an awesome display. While we were located as far from the main entrance as was physically possible, and still be in the Museum, we were set up right under the wing of the S-44. The outside weather really was awful, but inside was very cool!!

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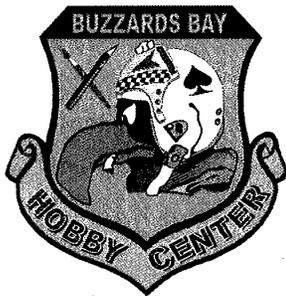
There were about 12 Wings and Wheels members, in addition to myself and Mike Gondor, President of IPMS Stratford in attendance. Participants brought a good many models for display, and some of the folks were actually working on models while there. A good crowd came through during the day, and some very fine comments were heard regarding the quality of the work displayed. As is the case with many public displays such as this, the small children were compelled to "reach out, and touch" a few of the models. This is always a problem where small children get overwhelmed by what they're seeing, but luckily, nothing was damaged. I hadn't been to the museum in a few years, and it was nice to see the changes that have been made since my last visit. The most impressive display, (other than the models of course!!!) was the recently restored B-29. I had an opportunity to get inside this aircraft a number of years ago when it was still a wreck. The restoration staff of the museum should be very proud of the work they did to restore this aircraft to its former glory. It's out- frakin'-

standing!! My sincere thanks to Al LeFleche and the rest of the Wings and Wheels crew for inviting Mike and me to be a part of this event.

There is still no word on any chapter willing to host Noreastcon past 2008. If your chapter would like to submit a bid, contact me, and I'll be happy to forward the guidelines needed to get a running start on the process. It isn't too early to start planning a bid!!

That seems to be all for now, so this will end mercifully!! Until next time.....

Semper Fi
Doug Hamilton
RC-1



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In Range:

October 14th BB-59

No Display

Raffle: 1/72nd Scale USS Gato – Winner Norm Robbie III

Return to Midway Book – Winner Mike Kenny

In Attendance:

Gil Costa
Norman Robbie
Bob Zoglio
John Nickerson
Kevin Conlon

Bob Magina
John Gisetto Sr.
Ted Bunn
Kevin Colburn
Ray Rosario

Joe McDonald Sr.
Gian Montecalvo
Anthony Mila
Dan Angelone
Edmund Rosario
Bill Collins

Cliff L
David Sargood
Bob Don
Mike Kenny
David Tanguay

November 6th Meeting – Gian Montecalvo

200mm GI Bastogne 1944 – Joe McDonald Sr.
1/54th scale Running German – Joe McDonald Sr.

77mm Lingerie Lady – Joe McDonald Sr.

1/87th Scale Slave 1 – Kevin Conlon

54mm Napoleon 1815 – Chris Libucha

1/30th Scale Panther (WIP) – Gian Montecalvo

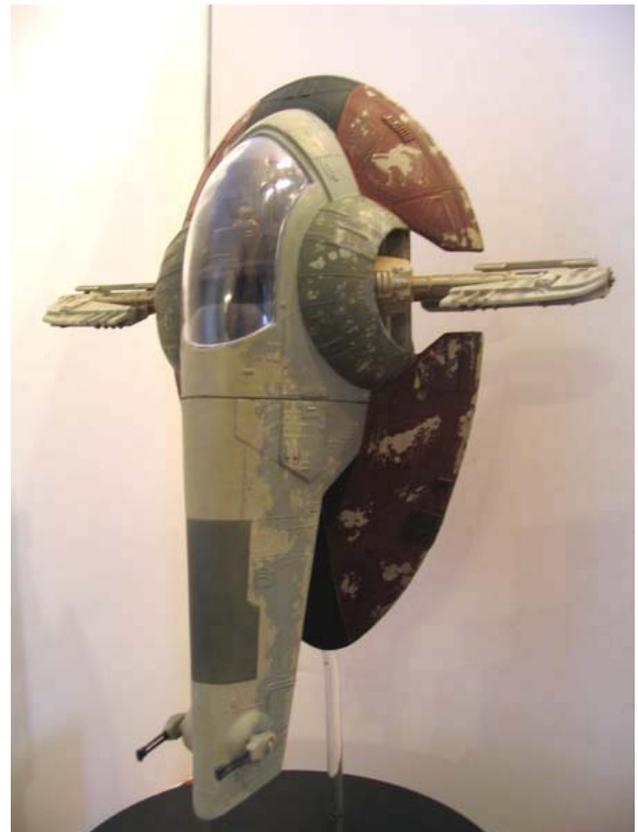
Raffle: Titanic Book – Winner Barry Farnsworth

1/72nd Scale Hudson Mk IV/V – Chris Libucha

In Attendance:

Kevin Colburn
Kevin Conlon
Stan Wright
Chris Libucha
Gian Montecalvo
Bob Don
Ray Rosario
Gil Costa

Bob Magina
John Nickerson
John Gisetto
Joe McDonald Sr.
Norm Robbie
Mike Kenny
Barry Farnsworth



Up Scope:

January 13th 2007 Meeting

- **Host – Bill Collins –**
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113 Powderhorn Lane
Taunton, MA

Take 140N from Taunton or S from Norton. Go right or left on Norton Street. Take a left at first fork, then a right at the second fork. Take first right and follow along to house #113.

February 10th 2007 Meeting

- **Host – Javier Brown –**
145 SUMMIT STREET
PAWTUCKET, RI 02860
PHONE: 401-5245044

IGLESIA LUZ Y ESPERANZA:

From 95 North: Take exit #28/ School Street. onto Vernon Street toward RI-114, turn (R) on Summit (RI-114), arrive at 145 Summit St. Brown building.

From 95 South: Take exit #29/us-1 onto roadway (US-1) toward downtown Pawtucket, continue on RI-114 South, arrive at 145 Summit Street, Pawtucket.

March 10th 2007 Meeting

- **Host – Gil Costa –**
646 Hailes Hill Rd
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508-674-3161

From points west: Rt#95 north/south to Rt#195 east. Take the Rt#6 Swansea exit, right at the end of the ramp approx. 1 mile to set of lights “Mr. Peeper’s ice cream on left. Take left and go 1 mile to fork/ bear right (Hailes Hill Rd). Go another mile to #646. It is a red colonial on left hand side as one descends a hill and is easy to miss. A clue is a huge mansion directly across the street that you can see upon approach.

From points north: Rt#24 to Rt#79 south take Rt#136/6 Somerset exit. Continue over Brightman St. Bridge straight on Rt#6 for approximately 3 miles past the Venus de Milo restaurant on right to next set of lights with “Mr. Peeper’s Ice cream on the right. Continue with directions from above.

If coming from Rt#118 follow to Rt#6 past mall, take left and continue with directions above.

Rt#138 travelers can take a right on Whetstone Hill Rd. in Somerset near the old Quaker fabric plant and follow for 3 miles. This road turns into Hailes Hill Rd and the house will be on the right.

***The President's Column* FROM THE BRIDGE**



We are approaching the halfway point of our membership year. We are now into membership year 2006 – 2007. If you haven't paid your dues, it's time. Still only \$10 per year. If you would like to pay a couple years in advance we can handle that. Mail your payments to me or see me at a meeting, checks to be made payable to Bay Colony Historic Modelers.

Can it be that NoreastCon 2006 is finally behind us? I have received notification that the check has finally been mailed to the hotel. As soon as I verify this we can divvy up what spoils are left.

The first make and take of the season is behind us. We gave out 26 models to cub scouts and a few young ladies. We use the F-18 Blue Angle and Police Cruiser kits for the first time, both have some troublesome areas. Even with an advanced warning we had a number of modelers asking for help and lots of superglue. When properly built and with careful application of decals both built into eye pleasing models. The next make n take is in Attleboro, November 28 and should be behind us by the time you read this.

I have had inquiries recently about the Hobbies for Heroes program. Yes! Yes, we are still

involved with Hobbies for Heroes. We are supporting both Bagrahm and Baghdad hobby clubs. We will continue to do so until all the troops are home, if that is all right with the club membership. John Gisetto is still the coordinator for this project. Kits, tools or cash donations can be turned over to John. Only super glues and acrylic type paints are acceptable for shipment overseas. If you have other items you might like to ship to the troops such as reading material or toiletries I'm sure we can slip them in. Please let John know in advance so we can decide if appropriate. On a personal note, our troops overseas and here back at home are in need of our support in many ways. Many troops returning home with wounds are finding it very difficult for them and their families. Please consider donating to such organizations as the USO, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Paralyzed Veterans of America. They know how and where best to use the funds. If you need addresses or web sites please let me know, I can provide them. Ok, speech over, back to club business.

The BayCon results are in. I think we'll call it a success. We had 79 modelers enter 307 models. That's down from 84 modelers and 333 models last year. It's been a downhill trend over the last two years. It was noticeable, there being white space in some categories that have had good turnouts in the past. The automotive categories saw excellent response again. Ships were still strong even with the split of subs into a separate category. A large number of vignettes and dioramas turned out in response to the new categories. Bob Magina has photos of the models posted on our web site for your viewing pleasure. If you haven't been there yet go to www.ipmsbaycolony.com.

Beyond the fact that it has become tradition, I really must give a shout out to all the people that helped make Baycon the fun event it was. From behind the scenes to those that are in your face that day. First thank you should go to Bob

Magina. Bob is usually the first person involved. He pushes me for the categories in January and any changes from the previous year. He designs the show flier, gets them printed and distributed, prepares and puts out the roadside signs the day of the show, brings the table leg extenders, and now takes pictures of the models. The next thank you's should go out to John and Bette Gisetto. John creates many of the masters for the paperwork we use, he and Bette pick up the trophies, sort and verify they are all there, John serves as the civilian line judge, hands out trophies, and Bette also helps with the results tabulation. Thank you to Ray Rosario he served as military line judge again this year. Thank you to Chris Libucha who stepped in as aircraft line judge after helping to get the raffle organized. A big thank you to all of our vendors and trophy sponsors this year. I will have to double check, I know we had more categories this year but I'd don't believe we had any more un-sponsored categories than last year. Thank you to Stan Wright who ran the raffle with some help from Frank Knight. Thank you to Monte and Barry for stepping up as first team at the registration table. I know that other people helped out here, and I thank them, but at this moment I can't remember who they were, sorry! A big thank you to all those that step forward as judges and helped with this large task. And another big thank you to those people that helped set up the hall and also helped break it down again. I'd like to list them all but once again this crew works so quickly and I'm normally busy with other things that I don't even notice until the work is done. Thanks again guys! My thanks go out to Frank Knight and Jim Hayman for assisting me in judging masters. If you don't think this is a tough job, just notice those people that run from me when they think I'm coming to ask them to judge. I apologize to anyone that I missed its not intentional. I see so many people and talk with so many people that day that I do forget the who and why. Thanks all! As you can tell it takes a great number of people to make this event come off as it does.

Every year we have a controversy! This year is no different. Some trophies were handed back in protest. The protester made it known that it was in protest but declined to announce what he was protesting. (I don't think the protest will be that effective. Anyone care to comment?) Maybe he was protesting receiving too many awards?

Currently we have a small number of judging guidelines posted on the web site. You can print these out and use them to help in your model building. They will point out many of the things that judges are looking for. Right now we have aircraft, armor, automobiles and figures. Vignettes and dioramas and apprentice level were written for this year's show and will hopefully be posted soon. We are still in the process of writing journeyman and I hope we will have that done shortly. We still need to write the guidelines for ships and submarines. We also need to generate guidelines for science fiction and fantasy. These have been started but have proven to be difficult because of the wide range of material they cover. I know I have written it here many times that I think that judging is a great tool for learning how to build better models. I hope that someone that may have judged for the first time this past BayCon will write an article for this newsletter about that experience and what they may have gained from it.

OK, last thing, we are and IPMS/USA chapter and it is chapter renewal time. We must have five IPMS members to register as a chapter. All officers must be an IPMS member. That covers the five member requirement. Over the years there have been a number of additional members that are also IPMS members, but I see that number dwindling. If you would like to find out more about IPMS or would like to join I have applications. You can also speak with any board member to learn about IPMS. If you are an IPMS member please make sure I have your number.

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Remember, have your mittens and boots ready for the December meeting. And Steve Delory, I have your trophies, let me know when you would like to pick them up.

As always, you can reach me on the web at jjnick@lycos.com.
God bless America! Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

John J. Nickerson

Poll Results:

What do you use the Internet for most?

32 Votes were made

- 13 - Researching information on particular vehicles, planes, ships or figures
- 8 - View other modelers work
- 5 - How to information
- 3 - Learning about new model kits and supplies
- 1 - Buying Models & Supplies
- 1 - Don't know
- 1 - Model kit build information

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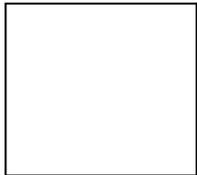
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