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## *Recon:*

**ModelFest – October 10, 2004** – Milford, CT Contact Doug Hamilton [Modelfest2004@aol.com](mailto:Modelfest2004@aol.com)

**Granite Con XII – October 17, 2004** – Nashua, NH Contact Rod Currier [ipmsgsmc@hotmail.com](mailto:ipmsgsmc@hotmail.com)

**Baycon 2004 – November 7, 2004** – So. Attleboro, MA Contact Bob Magina, 508-695-7754 [treadhead@comcast.net](mailto:treadhead@comcast.net)

**Downeastcon 2005 – March 12, 2005** – Biddeford, ME Contact Ron Garland [high52@metrocast.net](mailto:high52@metrocast.net) or 207-324-3117

**Valley Con 15 – April 3, 2005** – Chicopee, MA Contact Al Lafleche [wingsnwheelspms@aol.com](mailto:wingsnwheelspms@aol.com) or 413-733-9247

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## *The Modeler's Bench – Joe McDonald Sr.*



Okay, how shall we do this? A general bio might be a good place to start.

Born in Fall River 74 years ago which I guess really makes me a septuagenarian, locally and regionally educated in Fall River, Taunton and Providence. Got my B.A. in 1952 with monetary infusions from the local textile mills and Stop and Shop since there were no such things as government loans in those days. Got my letter

from Uncle Sam the same year which produced Infantry training, Signal Corps schooling and Ordnance Corp post graduate work and eventual assignment as supervising N.C.O. of an electronic fire control repair detachment (isn't that a mouthful?). We must have done something right cause the Russkies never tried to bomb Pittsburg while the 579<sup>th</sup> was on the job.

After the Army came teaching in the Fall River School System (where I met my bride of 42 years). For 37 years I was a teacher, administrator and media specialist while picking up a masters and a ton of specialized courses at Bristol Community College and Bridgewater State College. Helped to produce an offspring who is also a member of this weird group of people. My retirement has produced the time to do a little (more) modelling!

As the last active plank owner from the first meeting in the Spring of 1968, I have seen the chapter grow and grow from the early gaggle of 7 or 8 to the sometime unwieldy 60 or more. In the decades that we have been together we have done freebie shows with recreation programs, airshows, Boy Scout displays, Circus exhibits, and the Battleship congregation; helped start the newsletter that this will appear in, helped create the always successful Baycons (boy, was that a surprise) and still look forward to improving what we do as an organization for a myriad of reasons.

I, being a no-brow modeller build aircraft, AFV's, ships, trucks, cars, and military miniatures and occasionally produce a painting in acrylics or oils and in my spare time do restoration and display work at Battleship Cove where we had our September meeting.

That pretty much does it except for a big thank you to the Bay Colonists who have been my friends for a short time or for what seems like a lifetime of competition, advice and good friendship.

p.s. As to offspring, I expect to have one or two pieces in competition in November from the next generation.

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## Kit Review, Czech Model 1/48<sup>th</sup>

### Grumman JRF Goose

by Hal Marshman Sr.



Okay folks, I've been sandbagging on this one too long. The Goose has long been one of my most favorite airplanes. The hull shape, the heart shaped windshield, and the bulky way- forward engines all contribute to what I feel is a most visually pleasing shape. I'm a sucker for flying boats and floatplanes anyway. I've waited a long time for a 1/48th kit of the Goose, and it looks as if I'll still be waiting if I want one that assembles easily. Let's look at this quite expensive offering.

It's been so long since I started this thing, I had to dig out the box and incomplete model to ensure I had my facts straight. The castings are pretty nice looking, lacking flash and no dimples. Most of the peg release marks are in no see-um areas. Locating pegs are few and far between. Surface detail is engraved and quite fine. Fabric areas are pretty subtly done. 2 sets of engines are included, 1 set resin, the other plastic. The engines lack the governor housings, be they resin or plastic. The cockpit interior is cast in resin, as are the pilots seats, rear bulkhead, and 6 passenger seats. All the resin stuff is crisply detailed and well done. Clear parts are included for the windscreen, cabin windows, and a pair of tear drop shaped bubbles, which the instructions fail to picture or mention. Found an obscure photo on the Net of a Brit machine with them on each side. These clear parts are about average as regards thickness and clarity. A full chine is included which runs from the wheel wells all around the front (bow). Many photos show this chine faired into the bow, while shots of later birds show it in kit configuration. The rudder is a separate installation, allowing for candid positioning. The decal sheet looks gorgeous, sharply defined, with schemes for 3 U S birds, and 1 FAA one. The US

schemes feature 2 three tone and one Gloss Sea Blue renditions. The Faa plane is in Sea Gray/Slate Gray over Sky. Fin flashes are huge, so this would be pretty colorful.

The \$10,000 question is how does this pretty bird go together? Well my good friends, if you want to build this 'un, you can. I've seen worse kits, but this one is definitely a challenge. The interior needs a lot of trimming and fitting, with a lot of attention on the 2 rear bulkheads. Some folks have reported troubles attaching inner wheel wells to insides, as locating them is problematical. I didn't have all that much difficulty with mine.(Forwarned is forarmed.) As a nice touch, there's a door with porthole window on the cockpit rear bulkhead, that can be easily opened and cemented in the open position. Needed Testor's Window Maker for the porthole. Thought that'd shed some light on the interior, but thought wrong. It is still a nice touch, though. Probably the worst bugaboo in this kit is the fit of the windshield/fairing to forward fuselage and wing front. Once you accomplish the side cockpit window line up, a good deal of filler is needed, along with much sanding, to fair into wing/fuselage joint. Speaking of the wings, accomplishing the correct dihedral is ticklish, requiring filler on underside joints. A step between trailing edge of wing and rear fuselage top requires filler and sanding. One area in kits with wing mounted engine nacelles, is the joint where the upper and lower navelle halves meet. I'm happy to say that this one only needs a cursory buffing down after being cemented. Small amount of filler and sanding necessary at stabiliser/fin juncture. Nothing all that extensive. There you have it. Some really nice touches, a very desirable subject, and terrific decal sheet on the plus side, but the minus side is difficulty of assembly, and exorbitant cost. The accompanying photo is of Bill Collin's rendering.



### ***Region 1 Update, August***

**by Doug Hamilton**

Greetings everyone,

To start things off, I offer you the Region 1 update. It's been far too long since I posted an update to everyone, but I had been waiting until after the nationals, and some news to report. Well, there is some news!!

First off, let me start by congratulating Len Roberto, and the entire IPMS Stratford chapter for receiving the 2003-2004 Newsletter of the Year award. This is one of my two "home" chapters. Len has done an excellent job in editing this publication, and the fact he's been recognized for his work is an added bonus.

Each chapter should be aware that the re-chartering materials will be sent out around the middle of September. Jack Kennedy, our DLC informs us that it's important that each chapter complete the forms and return them as quickly as possible. As was the case last year, there will be no extensions granted for late paperwork. I urge all Region 1 chapters to get this done quickly. As always, if you have any problems, please let me know right away. I'll be happy to help you complete this task.

I have copies of the new IPMS brochure here, and ready for distribution. If you have copies of the old brochure, please toss them. The new ones reflect the new price for membership, and are very nice with new pictures, and all. Let me know how many you'll need, and get them to you right away.

IPMS will hold elections for officers in the near future. Word is that my predecessor, Jack Kennedy will be running for the office of President. I know Jack will do a great job if elected, and I support his candidacy. During the past two terms, Dave Morrissette has worked very hard to increase IPMS membership and the way our Society operates. I've had the pleasure to discuss certain things with him, and can tell you, his dedication to our Society has been first rate. I also know Jack, and tell you he also holds a good vision to where IPMS is going in the future.

One of the new programs IPMS is undertaking is known as the MAP program. That's Modeler Improvement Program. The effort is being spearheaded by Rusty White and a 5 person committee. Check out the

IPMS web site, discussion forum to get up to date information on this program. Rusty and the rest of the MAP Committee have worked very hard on this program. It isn't quite ready to implement yet, but check out the forum to get all the latest poop. I'll be passing along word of when it's on line.

The 2005 event calendar is rapidly filling in. If your chapter hasn't gotten to me yet with your date, please do so soon. As always, remember, you need RC approval (That would be me!!!) before submitting your form to Jack. The next update will feature all 2005 dates I've approved already.

With all that said, I'll now turn this update over to President Dave. As always, please share this information with the officers and members of your chapter.

Semper Fi

Doug

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### ***Flights of Fancy***

***By Bob Magina***

Bob Casey as many of you know was a member of Bay Colony Historical Modelers for many years. He died earlier this year.

Over the years that Bob was in our group many of us had a chance to see his many great military paintings of various warplanes of WWII. Not only did Bob paint war planes but also did a number of ship paintings as well. His work was always outstanding and a joy to look at. Bob's work will currently be on display at the Battleship Cove in Fall River. So for any of you who did not get a chance to see it get down to the cove and have a look.

### ***Book Report, "More Luftwaffe Fighter Aircraft in Profile"***

Authors, Claes Sundin & Christer Bergstrom  
Published by Schiffer Military History

**By Hal Marshman Sr.**

A few years back, I purchased the first book in this series, "Luftwaffe Fighter Aircraft in Profile", and was extremely impressed by it. This second volume by the same authors was not a disappointment. What you have here is an almost coffee table sized book of 144 pages.

The first 10 pages deal with tables of contents, acknowledgements, each author telling his why's and how's and brief discussions on the basic camouflage and markings of Luftwaffe fighters. At this time, let me mention that the authors are Swedish, fairly fluent in English, but you will find the occasional misuse of words and phrases. If you build models from other countries, you should be used to this and worse.

The main bulk of the book consists of 2 full color profiles in approximately 1/43rd scale on each right hand page. The facing left hand page gives a half page of the life and accomplishments of the pilots of the profiled airplanes. One of my biggest gripes involves these bios. The profiles sometimes show controversial or unusual colors or markings, but there is no written explanation for them. My only other gripe is that you are given either a port or starboard view, and no indication of how the upper surfaces are marked. That having been said, I must stress that the profiles themselves are terrific. The artwork is superb, no other word to describe them. The pilot's bios are well done, with many previously unknown facets of their careers brought to our attention. One thing discussed is what the pilot's eventual fate was, with several of them still living. More than a few of them survived the war, to die at an early age with heart trouble. Because these guys liked to live on the edge,

quite a few died in post war airplane and racing car crashes. Of course, many died in combat, quite a few of the leading aces in the last few months of the war.

One interesting facet of the book is that some aces are covered with more than one profile. Between the two volumes for instance, 6 Erich Hartmann birds are covered. Heinz Baer and Pips Priller are two more dealt with more than once or twice. What this can mean is that with the profusion of Bf-109, Fw-190, and Me-262 kits on the market, a builder can put together a nice little collection of models of the Fighters flown by one particular ace. Perhaps another idea would be to collect the aces of a particular geschwader, grupe or staffel.

With these two books, possibilities are almost unlimited. What the heck, how about building all the aces 109-E's, or those flown by aces with the same first initial to their names. Just a matter using the imagination.

The book ends with a comparison of the Luftwaffe ranks compared with British or American usage. There are colored renderings of the collar tabs, shoulder straps and arm insignia of the different ranks. Share these with your buddies that paint W.W.II figures. The basic structure of the Luftwaffe is mentioned, and finally, for the first time in print, a tabulation of the results of the Luftwaffe's efforts.

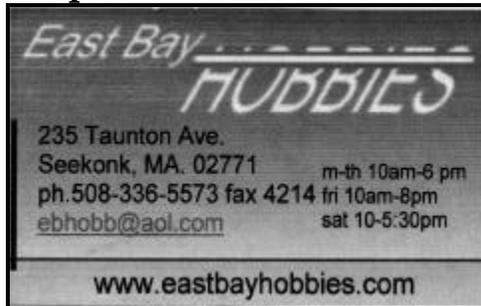
In conclusion, what you get for your recommended purchase price of \$39.95 is a beautifully illustrated, well written and heavily researched book, well worth the purchase price. If you do not have the first volume, and can find one, they make a great pair of references.

have fun,  
Hal

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## Kit Review C.A.M.S. 307 (Azur) 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale

By Joe McDonald Sr.

Another superb Gallic and Slovak oddity – a French flying boat from the thirties - - - typical biplane with pusher engine and a ton and a half of strut. Everything fit well, even the resin, except for the outer interplane struts. But four wrong out of thirty eight is a great score. The Celtics should do so well. Doubles on the vac canopies for the dolts who screw up. The decals are great as usual

(wish Roden used them), French navy prewar or Indo-China plus Portugal. Former club member and former P.A.F. veteran Joe Botelho, had a wide collection of Portuguese Air Force planes but he didn't have this one. I bet he does now.

## Art Print Profiles by Hal Marshman, Sr.

Something a little different this time. One thing I really like about the fringe areas of our model building hobby, is color profiles of the aircraft we model. We've all seen aircraft paintings by various well known painters. Usually these are of the airplane in question, in an action pose. Shading and highlighting are paramount to this venue, as the artist wishes to show his subjects off as realistically as possible. We as modelers can look at these artworks, and appreciate them for what they are, and enjoy them as such. Because of the foregoing facts however, it becomes difficult for us to use them as reference material as regards colors and markings. We've all seen profiles that are supposed to help us in this manner, also shaded and highlighted to the point where they are next to useless to us. Nice to look at, but what can be learned from them?

Well, I've made the acquaintance of an artist who also builds models, and is very aware of our visual needs. To me, his work is still of a high artistic quality, gently shaded and highlighted. Big but! You can still readily make out all markings and the nuances of colors. He is constantly expanding his line. If you pull up his site, you will see that he does many U.S.Navy early jet era subjects, such as FJ Furies, AD's, A-4's, A-7's, etc., his dad having been a Navy pilot. From my point of view, he also does Hellcats, P-51B's, and JUGS. He has rendered many of the 56th FG aces P-47's, and markets them singly, or in a single page of 5 profiles. He now has 2 such 5 profile sheets. Mr. Mudgett does his homework, and doesn't commit paint to canvas until he's certain he's got it as right as possible. He has become friends with many W.W.II pilots including 21 victory ace, Col. Fred Christensen of the 56th FG. Remembrances and photos from these pilots add to the authenticity of his work. These profiles are large enough to be framed and hung on the wall of your workshop, model room, or anywhere you want to display them. Now, best of all, you are able to purchase these excellent pieces of art at moderately low prices. I won't quote them here, but if you want to look at his site, or write him, here are his net address, and snail mail address:

[stephen.mudgett@rscs.net](mailto:stephen.mudgett@rscs.net)

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Go ahead, check him out. I believe you will find as I have, that Mr. Mudgett produces quality work at affordable prices.  
have fun, Hal

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## ***In Range:***

### **August 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Mike McDade**

1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale LSSC Vietnam (WIP) – Kevin Conlon  
1/9<sup>th</sup> Scale Gen. John J. Buford – Norm Robbie  
135<sup>th</sup> Scale Flak 38 – Bob Don  
1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale Changing of the Guard – Bob Magina  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale F-16A – Javier Brown  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale F-16B – Javier Brown  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale SU-22 – Javier Brown  
1/16<sup>th</sup> Scale Kubelwagon – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale Russian Field Kitchen – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Lag 7 – Gil Costa

***Raffle: None Held***

In Attendance:

Norm Robbie	John Gisetto Sr.
Ray Rosario	John Nickerson
Jim Hayman	John Gazzola
Joe McDonald Sr.	Gian Montecalvo
Gil Costa	Kevin Conlon
Bob Don	Javier Brown
Mike McDade	Chris Libucha



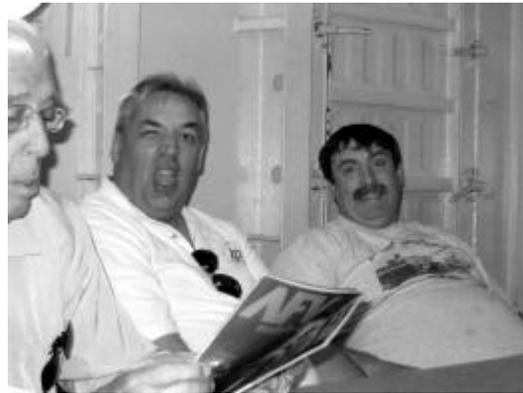
### **September 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting – BB-59**

NO DISPLAY THIS MONTH

***Raffle: None Held***

In Attendance:

Bob Magina	Bob Don.
Norm Robbie	Brian Millette
Hal Marshman Sr.	John Nickerson
Frank Knight	John Gazzola
Kevin Conlon	John Gisetto Sr.
Gian Montecalvo	Kevin Colburn
Stan Wright	Chris Libucha
Ray Rosario	Edmund Rosario
Gil Costa	Jim Hayman
Joe McDonald Sr.	Eric Peterson
Dave Tanguay	



## **Up Scope:**

### ***Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 2004 Meeting***

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### ***Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2005 Meeting***

**- Host – Bill Collins -**  
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Taunton, MA  
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### ***Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 2004 Meeting***

**- Host – Neil DeConte -**  
720 Reservoir Rd, Pascoag, RI  
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From 395:  
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### The President's Column FROM THE BRIDGE



We are now in a new membership year, 2004 - 2005. June is our annual renewal month. Dues are still only \$10 per year. If you would like to pay a couple years in advance that's ok. Mail your payments to me or see me at a meeting, checks to be made payable to Bay Colony Historic Modelers.

Now with the updated club web page, any member with computer access should be checking it on a regular basis. Register with the Forum. This is a great feature. If you have any ideas that you think might help improve the club, post them on the forum. Get some feedback. At the moment there are only 14 registered members. I know there are more of you out there with computers.

Don't forget there is a special D-Day award to honor of the 60th anniversary of D-Day. This will be open to any D-Day related model.

We still have a couple un-sponsored trophy packs. If you think you'd like to help out you have to get back to me right away. After the 16th of Oct. all of the packs will have been ordered. Trophy packs are still \$25 per category.

We have had a walk thru at the Radisson, Marlboro. All the members of the Noreastcon 06 Search committee, (John Gazolla, John Gisetto, Ray Rosario, Devon Terpening, and John Nickerson), agreed that the location and facility will work. They, the hotel, seem to want to work with us. Thanks to member John Gazolla for finding this location. We are currently putting together a proposal to submit to Region 1. Wing and Wheels are on board. We are waiting to hear from Granite State and Patriot. It's our goal to complete the proposal for submittal by mid December. I hope to have it far enough along that the clubs can review it at their November meetings.

Ok, now it's time for my annual BAYCON, be there, pep talk. Just in case you missed it, BAYCON is Sunday, Nov. 7th, at the South Attleboro Knights of Columbus. Where else? This is the big club event of the year. I'd like every member to come out and join the fun. First and foremost the purpose of the competition is to put models on the tables for all to view. That's why people are there! I'd like to encourage all our members to bring something to enter. You can download the entry forms from our web page and have your paperwork almost all filled out when you get to the show, thanks to Bob Magina. If you are not comfortable with entering, then show

up just to offer support. There are some members that I haven't met yet. Come out and introduce yourself. There is plenty to do all day and many ways to help out. The front tables need to be manned, the kitchen needs help, there are raffles, there is setup and break down, and of course there is the judging. You have read it here before

and you've heard me say it at the meetings, "Judging is the best modeling teacher". If you feel that you're not quite qualified than join with a team as an observer. (Please, not a team that is judging your model.) Ask the Line Judge to assign you to a team as an observer in your area of interest. This is part of the training program. So when your kids asks ,,, "Dad, where do good modeling judges come from"? You don't have to answer "the Stork " or the "plastic fairy". We have 39 categories and a number of special awards to judge. That can require a number of people and a lot of time. It's been my policy to ask for help at the show from the attendants in general, so many of the judging teams have non members on them. I like to make sure that at least one member of the team is a Bay Colony member. I'd like to speed it up a little this year so we can start the awards early. We have a lot to give out. (It works out to around 175 awards to be given out.) The more help we have

the faster we can get it done. Just in case you are not a club member and are reading this on the web and you think you'd like to help, than by all means join in. I hope to see you all there. Most of all enjoy the show. Just remember that set up starts at 8:00 am.

Speaking of judges, the Region is compiling a list of qualified judges. This is to be used for helping the hosts of Noreastcon and the regions chapters. If you would like to be considered for this list please submit your name and list the subjects you feel qualified to judge, to me in writing. No names will be submitted except at their request, and all submittals will be reviewed. Please just list your strengths, those subjects you enjoy judging. I don't want any ... "and cars if your desperate" comments.

IPMS is proposing it's MAP program. Modelers Achievement Program is a system of earning points and certificates. They have asked that we review the program and provide some feedback. Check it out on the IPMS/USA web site. We will review it at the October meeting. Email me any comments you might have if you can't make the meeting.

Last note, it appears that member Ron Emminger has moved on to another area of the country. We wish him the best of luck.

As always, you can reach me on the web at [jjnick@lycos.com](mailto:jjnick@lycos.com)

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John J. Nickerson

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