



# BATTLEWAGON

## Bay Colony Historical Modelers

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### Recon:

**October Modelfest** – October 8, 2006 – Milford, CT Doug Hamilton 203-323-6442 [ModelFest@aol.com](mailto:ModelFest@aol.com)

**Granitecon XIV** – October 15, 2006 – Nashua, NH Contact [ipmsgsmc@hotmail.com](mailto:ipmsgsmc@hotmail.com)

**Baycon 2006** – November 5, 2006 – So. Attleboro, MA Contact Bob Magina, [treadhead@comcast.net](mailto:treadhead@comcast.net) or 508-695-7754

### The Modeler's Bench – Joe McDonald Jr.



I was born in Fall River in 1959 and moved with my family to Swansea in 1960, living in the same house until I got married in 1991. I got into the building bug early on, probably around the time I was 5 or 6, starting with Aurora monster kits and such. My first model I remember building was a Mosquito-don't know the make or the scale but I would guess 1/48 scale. I really got the building bug when this group began, being a plank owner by osmosis. I would go to the meeting and learn techniques from this core group of die hard builders and would probably credit a lot of my early enthusiasm to Manny Carvalho, Joe Cabral, Russ Harrington, Gil Norton and my dad.

I soon graduated from large figures to smaller ones, building Rose and Sanderson; Valiant and Imrie Risleys.

Somewhere in the mid 70's, I began attending MCNE shows and that opened my eyes to a whole new level of competition and quality and now I began to put faces to names of builders I had only read about in magazines.

In my teens and twenties, I branched out into different modeling forms, including HO trains, cars and eventually my long time love, Zinnifiguren(flats). I was honored to actually have won the Joe Keenan trophy for flats at an MCNE show and, to date, that still remains the prize award in my collection. During that time, I also started a tenure as the first editor of the club newsletter.

Today, I struggle to find time to build. With a house and family (my wife Joan and daughter Kayleigh, who has taken to the building bug and won prizes at past Bay Cons), full time job, part time job (J. McDonald Media-a full service photo and video production house), volunteer work at Battleship Cove, my photo work for the Becky Chace Band, video work for the National Association of Campus Activities, and a host of other responsibilities, I find myself lucky to turn out a good half dozen figures a year and usually find myself racing to get things done just prior to BayCon. But the love of painting is still there, even if the price has gotten out of my pocketbook. Because of my work schedule, I seldom make a meeting or a contest, but that still doesn't mean I don't enjoy making an event and seeing old friends.

You can contact me through my email at [Podium1@aol.com](mailto:Podium1@aol.com) or visit my MYSPACE page(yeah-I got one of them too) at [myspace.com/jmcdonaldmedia](http://myspace.com/jmcdonaldmedia). I enjoy discussing everything from building to politics to movies to collecting(DVD's,comics, and a wealth of other goodies). So drop me a line and Ill write a blog about it!



### Nakajima B5N-2 Kate by Hasegawa in 1/48<sup>th</sup> *By Hal Marshman, Sr.*

Nakajima B5N-2 Kate by Hasegawa in 1/48<sup>th</sup>.  
Hal Marshman, Sr.

I found this kit lurking in my cellar stache a couple of weeks ago, partially built, just about ready for paint. I remember buying it back around when the kit had just come out, say late 2000. As to why it had been put away, I can only hazard guesses. In any case, in the box was the initial draft of a kit review. I had never submitted the review, so here it is, suitably amended to account for the years between then and now. Yeah, I know, it ain't new! Now and again, it's good to revisit earlier releases, particularly as the kit companies are in the habit of reissuing the same basic kit with new decals and box art. So, after a lengthy prelude, we go to the review.

This is a kit which was long awaited, in this scale, the only previous entry was an ill fitting, poorly detailed kit by Nichimo. That kit can still be found, and the companies

are not at all bashful about charging far above the actual worth to purchase same. Why bother, the Hasegawa offering is everything the Nichimo kit is not. Let's take a closer look...

The kit is cast in moderately easy to work light gray plastic. Hasegawa provides terrific moldings, with raised or engraved surface detail wherever necessary. Did find a couple of molding flaws, with small sink holes on the separate cowling part just forward of the windscreen, and the top and bottom of the fuselage sides in the Hinamaru area. In addition there are mold release depressions on the landing gear oleos. A real pain area to fix.

The interior is absolutely super, with quite a few small detail parts, and pretty much makes up into a separate model all it's own. Once assembled, some of the detail is difficult to see, but most of it is right there to be admired, providing you take your time and don't try to rush things.

The clear parts are well done, thin, and very clear. You get both a one piece canopy for those who would prefer closed glass, and stackable separate sections allowing you to display the open cockpit, showing off a good deal of the interior you so lovingly spent much time on. There are small wedge shaped items allowing you the option of cutting out the marked wing tip lights and replacing them with these tiny clear ones, or you can just go ahead and paint the marked lights using your favorite technique. You also get side and bottom windows, and a tiny tail cone light.

The engine is decent, providing a full front cylinder back against a half bank for the rear. The wiring harness ring and gear box are separately cast. Be careful of the ignition ring, I broke mine and had to manufacture a replacement. The cowling is pretty fair, with a nicely done bottom scoop as a separate part. Note the tiny dimples cast into the top front.

These are to accommodate the torpedo sighting device provided. I didn't use this kit provided item, as it just seemed too clumsy. It just isn't possible to injection cast some items. A good place for a photo etched substitute. I built mine from fine florists wire with stretched sprue between, and three small blobs of thick black paint. Suits me, anyway, Exhausts are separate with indentations at the external end, but will profit from further drilling out.

The landing gear is simple with slightly flattened tires See above for the release mark problem on the gear legs. The inner side of the gear covers also reveal release marks, but they'll be covered by the gear legs. The tail wheel is a tiny gem. What can you say about the tailhook? It's there and looks right.

The only weaponry is the Lewis gun clone provided for the rear cockpit. It's pretty nicely done, but the ring sight you're given is grossly out of scale. Another place where a photo etched replacement is nearly necessary. There are several ammo drums provided for the interior. Be certain to save one of the little gems for the top of the gun itself. I got the Pearl Harbor version of the Kate, so it is equipped with a very good representation of the artillery shell bomb used at Pearl. It seems the Japanese wanted to use level bombers as well as torpedo and dive bombers. They decided to use Kates for this purpose, but had no suitable bomb. They therefore converted naval artillery projectiles to heavy bombs, and they were pretty devastating. It was almost certainly one of these make shift devices that accounted for the U.S.S. Arizona. I digress, the only problem with the bomb is release mark depressions on the bomb fins. Please note that once mounted, the bomb is offset from the center of the airplane. Other releases of this kit feature torpedoes. (the Long Lance type developed for Pearl harbor's shallow waters.)

I did have some fit problems at the front and rear of the wing to fuselage joints, and at the wing roots. Might have been my fault, but I did trim and smooth everything before I tried to cement together. Just be careful here, or you can end up with a goodly amount of sanding in this area. Bear in mind that a good many schemes feature a bare metal bottom.

The decal sheet is very comprehensive, and includes markings for two Dec. 7 birds, plus enough number and letter combos to duplicate many of the Kates that were Pearl Harbor raiders. It has been said the the Hinamaru (Japanese national markings, the red discs) are not opaque enough. Easy fix. Take some plain white decal sheet, and use the old double decal trick, or pre-paint white circles in the proper areas, prior to decaling.

This kit does have a few small glitches, but take your time and persevere, and you can end up with a pretty nice model of an historically important aircraft.

Attached are photos of my completed Kate, with home made seatbelts, photo etched gun sight, scratch built torpedo sight, wired engine, and scratched brake lines. The model represents a Pearl Harbor raider from the IJN Hiryu. The decals are from Eagle Strike Productions. Eagle Strike provides markings for two A6M-2 Zeros, two D3A-1 Vals, and two B5N-2 Kates, all Dec. 7 birds from the Hiryu. Very nice decal sheet, with lots of helpful painting info.

Have fun, Hal

These things would have been "meat on the table" for Jugs.

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## IPMS Region 1 Update

Howdy and Hi to everyone,

Well, the 2006 edition of the IPMS Nationals are now relegated to history. From what I've heard, it was a very successful event. I haven't heard if any Region 1 modelers won any awards in the contest yet. But I will pass their names around when I get that info. But will offer congratulations to all that did. That doesn't mean that Region 1 didn't do well when the awards were passed out!! No sir!! I'm very proud to announce Bob Magina from IPMS Bay Colony has won Newsletter Editor of the Year for his fine efforts at the helm of Bay Colony's outstanding publication *The Battlewagon*. Bob's all-around efforts are second to none in what he does for his chapter, and I know that the rest of the Bay Colony guys will back me up in those sentiments. Bob is a very valuable member to his chapter, and a solid person to have here in Region 1. Again I offer my congratulations for another fine job!! I also received an award, and I didn't go!! I'm most honored to report I was selected for RC of the Year this time around. My most sincere thanks to DLC Dick Montgomery for selecting me for this award. While I'm the one that gets the plaque, I feel it's totally representative of the high quality of chapters we have here in Region 1. As I've said, it's you folks that make my job easier, not to mention making me look good!! The support I get from every chapter in the region goes a long way in what I do as RC, and so I offer my thanks to you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve. I'm very proud to be RC here in Region 1, and thank everyone for their dedication to IPMS and our hobby.

The word I get is that there still not enough votes on the pending Constitutional Amendments to be considered a valid vote. Please urge all your members to cast a vote. It's quick and easy.

Next year, the nationals will be held in Orange County California, right across the street from Disneyland. Talk about a good site for a family vacation!! And the 2008 version will see a return to Virginia Beach VA. Looks like we have two very high quality events awaiting our

arrival!! I'm not sure whether I'll make the OC event, but you can bet I'll be in VB in 08!!!! One of the nicer things to come out of this years Nationals is a commitment from our good friend Dave Klaus and his staff at Meteor Productions. Here's what the "Official Release" says:

### Meteor Donates to IPMS Chapters

Effective immediately, Meteor Productions, Inc., will donate one \$25.00 gift certificate per year to each chartered IPMS/USA chapter, to be used as a reward for the chapter member who has done the most for the chapter that year.



As announced at the IPMS/USA national convention awards banquet in Kansas City last night by IPMS/USA president Jack Kennedy, as each chapter renews its charter this year, IPMS/USA will notify Meteor, who will in turn send a certificate directly to the local chapter. Meteor president Dave Klaus said in his letter proposing the program to the IPMS/USA Executive Board members:

"IPMS/USA is a great organization. The club has done a huge amount of good for the entire scale modeling community over the last 40+ years, and has successfully kept the flame alive through some of the tough times in the hobby. But, PEOPLE make IPMS/USA what it is. It's the hundreds of folks who put in the countless-unpaid!-hours who give IPMS it's heart and who make good things happen for the rest of us.

As a small way of saying "thank you" to those who give IPMS its heart, effective immediately, we are donating one \$25.00 gift certificate directly to each chartered IPMS/USA chapter each year.

We hope each chapter's leadership will use it as a valuable reward for a deserving chapter member who has done the greatest good for the chapter that year. Everybody appreciates the thanks they receive, but nothing beats cold, hard cash!

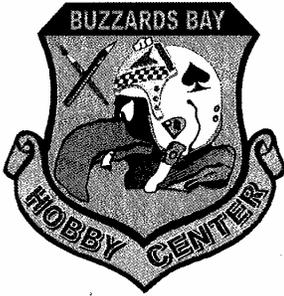
This gift certificate is good for any products Meteor sells, including sales merchandise, which could further increase its value. We put no restrictions on the use of this gift."

The gift certificate program is intended to reward individual IPMS/USA members for helping their local club. Each club will decide for itself how to award its gift certificate and Meteor is not involved with this local decision. Meteor will honor the certificate when the certificate serial number is presented to Meteor (the gift certificate itself need not be sent back to Meteor). Any local chapter member who wants to know who received his chapter's gift certificate should contact his local club leadership, and Meteor will have the name of the person who cashed the certificate.

Per the request of the IPMS/USA national leadership, Meteor will send each gift certificate only after receiving notification from the IPMS/USA E-Board that the local chapter has renewed its charter for 2007. IPMS/USA will, as usual, notify its chapters of the details for charter renewal.

Meteor may expand this program to IPMS organizations outside the US in the future, but no firm decision on this has yet been made.

I'll pass along the nuts and bolts of the program shortly. I think this is a very nice gesture by Dave, and speaks volumes in terms of where IPMS is, and the support we enjoy from the industry. Please make it a point to patronize (Cont'd last page)



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### ***In Range:***

#### **August 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Gil Costa**

1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale S.E.5 – Joe McDonald Sr.  
77mm Scale Executioner & Victim – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale Napoleonic Trooper – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Arado 80 – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Shavrov-2 – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Skoda Marsenzugmittel – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/24<sup>th</sup> Scale Audi R8 – Kevin Colburn  
1/24<sup>th</sup> Scale Ferrari 288 GTO (WIP) – Kevin Colburn  
1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale M4 Sherman – Barry Farnsworth  
1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale BR-52 (WIP) – Kevin Conlon  
1/350<sup>th</sup> Scale USS BB-59(WIP) – Gil Costa

***Raffle: 1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Wildcat – Michael Conlon  
Tamiya Weathering Set – John Gisetto Sr***

#### **September 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Del Stator**

1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Lockheed Vega – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale F-88 – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Miles Messenger – Joe McDonald Sr.  
1/32<sup>nd</sup> Scale Napoleonic Infantry – Joe McDonald Sr.  
120mm Scale Panzer Officer – Joe McDonald Sr.  
200mm German Infantry Bust (WIP) – Joe McDonald Jr.  
1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Fiat G55 – Bill Collins  
1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Macchi 200 – Bill Collins  
1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale SdKfz 234-1 – Bill Collins  
1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale SdKfz 234-4 – Bill Collins  
54mm Scale Napoleon (WIP) – Chris Libucha  
200mm Japanese Pilot Bust – Vinny Marinucci

In Attendance:  
Gil Costa  
Norman Robbie  
Brian Millette  
John Nickerson  
Kevin Conlon  
Joe McDonald Sr.  
Gian Montecalvo

Bob Magina  
John Gisetto Sr.  
Chris Libucha  
Kevin Colburn  
Ray Rosario  
Barry Farnsworth



1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale M10 Wolverine – Barry Farnsworth  
1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale Tanker – Ray Rosario  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale T-27 – Javier Brown  
1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Mig 21 – Javier Brown  
1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale P-47 – Frank Knight

***Raffle: None***

In Attendance:  
Kevin Colburn  
Hal Marshman Sr.  
Joe Yeskewicz  
Chris Libucha  
Gian Montecalvo  
Bob Don  
Mike Kenny  
Javier Brown  
Barry Farnsworth

Bob Magina  
John Nickerson  
John Gisetto  
Joe McDonald Sr.  
Norm Robbie  
Bill Collins  
Ray Rosario  
Frank Knight  
Ray Laskorski

## *Up Scope:*

### *November 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 Meeting*

- **Host – Gian Montecalvo –**  
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From the South and East take I-95 North to Rt. 146 North. Follow Rt. 146 and take the second exit at Mineral Spring Ave. Left at the bottom of the ramp and follow 6 traffic lights to Smithfield Ave. Take a right at the Getty station on to Smithfield Ave. and follow for about 100 yards and take the first right on to Forrest Wood Dr. Go up Forrest Wood and take your first left, on to Oak Park Dr. 161 will be the building on your left as you make the turn. Please park on the street

### *December 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 Meeting*

- **Host – Steven Kwasny –**  
508-222-1056

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### *January 13<sup>th</sup> 2007 Meeting*

- **Host – Bill Collins –**  
508-824-8141

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.

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



Membership renewal time is here! Yup, we are now into membership year 2006 – 2007. Time to pay your dues. 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.

You may have heard at the August meeting or read it on the club forum but just in case you haven't the Battlewagon, yes this Battlewagon, was selected as "Newsletter of the Year" by IPMS/USA. Now that's for all of the USA! That's right, all of it. Not just Region 1 or Region 1 and it's neighbors, but the whole bushel basket of Red and Blue States USA. Congratulations to Bob Magina, Editor; and all those that contribute on a regular basis and gained us this recognition. The bar has been set, keep up the good work.

Bob has the new forum up and running on our web site. If you haven't signed in or registered you should. A lot of information is exchanged in the forum, not to mention the club news that is posted there. It is an excellent way to provide information on short notice, items that may have not been in the newsletter or just to find out what other club members are doing. Check it out

if you haven't already.  
([www.ipmsbaycolony.com](http://www.ipmsbaycolony.com))

We have received final numbers from NoreastCon, finally! The numbers were much better than I thought but not quite as good as I had hoped. There is enough money in the account so that we can pay the hotel bill with a little left over. Once we write a check for \$100.00 to kick off the treasury for next years NoreastCon, (it's tradition), there will be just enough for each club to get just under \$200.00. Of course this is to make up for the \$400.00 that we anted up so there is a small loss. I had feared that we may have to kick in more funds to cover the final hotel bill. There are a number of factors as to why we lost this money but I choose not to go into that here. I will be glad to talk to anybody about it at a meeting.

The Make 'n Take season is upon us. Currently there are four Cubs Scout packs requesting Make 'n Takes. We will post more information on the web site as to dates and times and will also announce it at the meetings. We hope that some of you will volunteer some time and assist us in this effort. Revell gave us great turnaround time on the kit order and they have already arrived. We have some new kits to work with this year and it may take us a little time to figure out how they all go together. The 57 Chevy and the police car are in 1/25 scale and they both look great. The F-18 is molded in blue and comes with Blue Angels decals. The A-10 is molded and light gray. We still have some F-14s and PT Cruiser kits from last year. For more info contact John Gisetto, our M n T coordinator, or myself.

We are currently working on official rules for Baycon. Hopefully we will have them all ready before the show and even posted on the web site. Watch for them there. Because of the new categories and some of the problems we've had in the past we felt that we need to have printed and published rules so that they are available for

everyone and hopefully puts us all on a level playing field. It is also helpful if we can get people to read them in advance for it saves us a lot of time that day if everyone is putting their models in the correct categories with minimal help from show staff. Establishing ground rules for Apprentice and Journeyman categories will be difficult but once these are established hopefully everyone will understand them and make things easier for us to guide people into the correct category. These categories are replacing the Junior and Novice categories of the past. The apprentice category is for models built straight from the box. This does not correlate with the IPMS definition of an 'out of the box' model. Basically put, you are using the parts from the kit, with no kit bashing, or refining, just gluing it together and maybe adding some paint and decals. Whereas the Journeyman level requires some filling of seems, some part improvement, maybe some kit bashing or part swapping from other kits. Painting is required, this may be by brush or spray can or airbrush. Appropriate finishes should be used such as gloss or matt for the model. In the past I have fielded some complaints that our show caters to the advanced modelers and received flak for not having categories for what were termed as average or less skilled modelers. I gave this much thought and was determined to find a way to rectify this. I hope these two new categories, (and two levels), are on the right track. I encourage all modelers that feel that they have been left out or are not competitive against the 'advanced' modelers to bring out their models and try these categories. Depending on the response we will expand these categories in the future.

Vignettes is also a new category this year. The difference between vignettes and dioramas is that the vignettes are figure-centric, how's that for new word. They are composed of a grouping of two to five figures, vehicles or other objects may be used in the piece, but they should be smaller than the figure grouping. The base size

is restricted to 80 square inches or smaller.

OK, here is my annual pep talk before Baycon. Because this is our main event as a club I encourage everyone, all members, to come out and participate at some level. There's a lot to do between setup and breakdown, manning the registration table, the raffle table, acting as guides, assisting with judging, tabulating results, to keep a person busy. And don't forget shopping with the vendors, another important part of the day. Bruce & Marita will not be there this year as they have another commitment. I am busy trying to get other vendors into their space. Oh yes and don't forget the models, there will be plenty of great models to look at. That's the most important part! Well, almost. I think the camaraderie is a big part of it also. There will be people that I haven't seen in a year to say 'hi' to and shake a hand, and new members to meet, and old members to get reacquainted with. If you are new, or old, and I haven't had the privilege of making your acquaintance step up and say 'hi'. Please let me know who you are! Jog my memory. I'm pretty busy all day but I will have time to meet and greet. Now a quick word on judging; we always need help. Read the judging criteria online, (it's usually included in the judging folder), report to the judges meeting. Once all the information is disseminated and the line judges are announced, you can report to the appropriate line judge. (If you build cars report to that line judge.) Tell them it's your first time, they will team you with a strong team. Please don't try to judge your models. I bring this up every year because it is my belief that you will learn more about modeling by judging than by most other sources. I'm looking forward to it. A great time for all! See you all there. Setup starts at 8:00 am, Sunday Nov. 5.

Before closing, the NoreastCon slide show I mentioned last issue has run into some snags. I'm trying to work around them, but things are delayed.

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

John J. Nickerson

Semper Fi  
Doug

God Bless America

## Poll Results:

Why did you get into Modeling?

51 Votes were made

- 27 – I really enjoy building things
- 9 – I enjoy the challenge
- 7 – The Judge ordered me to
- 3 – The Wife made me
- 2 – I enjoy the camaraderie
- 2 – I need something to do
- 1 – To share with my children

## IPMS Region 1 Update – Cont'd

those businesses and companies that support IPMS. Show them you appreciate their support. As I mentioned earlier, I didn't make it to KC this year. But in an effort to get you all the latest, greatest info on the show, I present to you Mike Miodanski, President of IPMS Buffalo with a full show report. Mike's report is attached in it's entirety, and it really gives a good impression on the event. Thanks Mike, I appreciate you taking the time to prepare this for us.

With that all covered, I'll close this by saying again, please get your members to vote on the Constitutional Amendments. We need the votes to make this a valid ballot, so please urge everyone to vote. It's Important. Until next time.....

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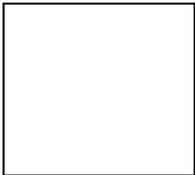
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