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## **FROM THE BRIDGE**

### **The President's Column**

We are now in our 51st membership 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 Historical Modelers.

I made the proposal at the October meeting concerning a memorial award in Bill Pritchard's name. The members present felt that a small scale figure category would be the best way. Since then, Joe Farina informed me that the guys from MCNE are interested in sponsoring it. We also discussed a memorial for Bill Collins. At the time of Bill's passing it was August. I believe it was mentioned at the following meeting that we have a memorial award. It was too close to the show to initiate for that year. It had slipped our minds and nothing was mentioned for this past years show. If we are going to have a Memorial award for Bill Collins we need to resolve it quickly. We are taking suggestions.

We sent a letter to the Battleship Massachusetts indicating that we would like to reactivate the relationship we had with the model display. Their response was very positive. We now need to schedule a meeting and iron out the details.

Gil Costa has posted on the forum that due to the low interest in his annual challenge award he will no longer sponsor it. So, if anyone wishes to pick it up and run with it, just let me know.

The last year that we have the Elks Hall under contract for BayCon, is for the 2020 show. We have heard, but not confirmed, that the National office is increasing the cost of the hall rental. If you know of a location you think worth checking out, please let us know.

We will be discussing and possibly voting on raising the entry fees by \$1 for next year's BayCon at the December meeting. This is just for the walk-ins. It would push the fee to \$4, \$3 for seniors. The entry fees for models would remain the same. The reason we tend to rush things about the show, is because the flyer gets put together in February so that Bob can start distributing it in March. We need to have such issues as fees and categories resolved by then.

The subject of the Hal Marshman Memorial award for the 2020 show is the 1/48 scale F4U Corsair. This will be the fourth year that the award will be sponsored, so next year (2021), it will revert to 1/48 Luftwaffe Aircraft and then repeat the cycle.

We received our vest order about a week after the show. The delay was caused by the printers switching suppliers. The down side of this was we didn't have them for the show. The upside of it is that we saved about \$100 on the order.

We had 87 entrants with 301 models at BayCon this year. The number of entrants was up, the number of models was down.

# Battlewagon

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Shane Awards, the people that do our awards, has been sold. I have spoken and communicated with the new owners. They hope that we will continue to be a customer. As of this moment, I see no reason to change.

The next two meetings, January and February, are scheduled for the American Legion Hall in Middleboro. This is our emergency backup location. Parking is across the street at the Town Hall parking lot. This gets us off the streets in case there is snow.

There was \$43.50 in the donation can for the Home Plate organization. Home Plate works with Wounded Warrior Project. I prefer to donate to Home Plate because it is a local organization and the donations it receives go to benefit local veterans and their families. Another organization that works for veterans that I like is Homes for Heroes. It's based out of Taunton, and yes it does provide services nationwide, but it tends to do more on a local level.

So, what's new from Airfix, you ask? You do, right? They have announced the pre-order of their 1/72 Avro Vulcan new tool. Now I can think of a lot of other kits I would have liked 'new-tooled' before the Vulcan, but such is life. With its large bat wing planform, if you like masking, you're in for a thrill. The predominant paint scheme being gloss grey and dark green. I have an old tool, in the box. It may in fact be an MPC version of the kit. I don't know that I need a new one.

I want to thank everyone that helped out at BayCon. I'd like to list them all here, but I don't know them all. I wasn't there for setup, so I don't know who helped, but thank you to all that did help. Same goes for cleanup. I was there but was otherwise occupied and did not notice who did the work. Again, thank you.

There are people I need to mention, because of the role they play in making BayCon happen. I also know they did the work. I apologize in advance if I miss someone's name. It's not intentional. Two people I must mention because of what they do, and do effectively, are Joe Russum and Mike McNamara. I just give them the tools and get out of their way. They run a tight ship at the front table. Thanks guys.

We stepped up security this year. Most of you probably noticed Erik Petersen standing near the front door. How could you miss him? I also noticed Peter Jardim and Norm Babcock roaming the hall with yellow vests on. Thanks to all that helped with this new program. I heard a couple negative rumors during the show, but nothing afterwards. Only positives. Many of the vendors commented and a few entrants did also. I only heard positives.

There are people that operate behind the scenes that you may not know about. Chris Libucha and John Gisetto store all of the acquisitions for the raffle, and get them to the show. Ted Bunn stores the table leg extenders and gets them there. Paul Champigny corrals the vendors and assigns their tables. Bob Magina designs the show flyer, gets it printed, and distributes it. He also does the photography at the show. John and Bette Gisetto pick up the trophy order. Bette sorts and proofs them. Thanks to you all.

Thanks to all of you that helped judge. Gian Montecalvo is Chief Judge. Terry Sumner, Ray Rosario, Paul Champigny, and Kevin Colburn all served as line judges this year. This is a thankless job, so many thanks from me to all that judged, both from within the club and without.

# Battlewagon

Thanks to Pat and Renee McColgan for their work at the raffle table, and Bob Magina, and his helpers at the Club Table. Once again thanks to all that helped this year.

Ok, boys and girls. Gather round and listen up. On May 7, 1945, when Nazi Germany surrendered, many of its U-Boats were at sea. Many were still hunting Allied shipping. As part of the surrender agreement, surrender instructions were broadcast to the U-Boats. Gradually, the U-Boats sent out their surrender signal, and received their rendezvous instructions.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, USS Sutton (DE-771) and USS Scott (DE-769), were released from their North Atlantic patrol and ordered to intercept the U-1228 (Type IXC/40). They contacted the sub the next day and began escorting it to Casco Bay. The Sutton is detached to hunt for U-234 that had radioed in its intent to surrender. The Sutton was a Cannon class Destroyer Escort, named for Ensign Shelton B. Sutter Jr., who was killed 13 Nov. 1942, when the light cruiser Juneau (CL-52) was torpedoed and sunk in the naval battle off of Guadalcanal.

Taking a step back, on April 15<sup>th</sup>, Kapitänleutnant Johann-Heinrich Fehler and U-234 (Type XB) departed Kristiansand, Norway on a secret mission to Japan. Amongst his cargo were 12 passengers. General der Flieger Ulrich Kessler of the Luftwaffe, four German Naval Officers, civilian engineers and scientist, and two Japanese naval officers. One of the Germans was August Bringewalde, who was in charge of Me 262 production at Messerschmitt. The two Japanese were Lieutenant Commander Heido Tomonaga and Lt. Cmmnd. Shoji Genzo. On May 10<sup>th</sup> U-234 surfaced and received Admiral Donitz's last message to his submarines.

U-234 was equipped with two new radar systems, FuMB-26 and FuMB-61, and the new Kurier radio system. Kptlt. Fehler decided to surrender to the Americans. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, he radios his intent to sail to Halifax, Nova Scotia, then sets a course to Newport News, Virginia. Fehler disposes of his radar systems, Kurier, and Enigma machine and documents. The two Japanese commit suicide using sleeping pills once they find out Fehler's intent to surrender. They are buried at sea.

May 11<sup>th</sup>, U-873 (Type IXD2) surrenders to the USS Vance (DE-387). Vance begins escort to Portsmouth, NH. The U-873 is equipped with the twin 3.7cm Flakzwillig M43U anti-aircraft guns on the DLM42 mount.

US authorities realize the deviation in U-234 planned course and dispatch two destroyers to find her. The USS Sutton locates her on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, south of the Grand Banks and accepts her surrender and begins to escorts her to Portsmouth.

May 15, U-805 (Type IXC/40) appears off of Portsmouth, NH, at a predetermined location. She is met by a tug with Navy officers and press on board, and she surrenders at 4:25 pm, then is towed into the harbor. The next day, at 2 pm, U-873 is towed in, followed by U-1228.

Saturday, May 19, 7:30 am, the U-234 is towed into Portsmouth and is greeted with a swarm of press. Word had leaked as to the prizes on board. As part of her cargo, the U-234 carried a complete, crated Me-262, a Henschel Hs 123 glide bomb, the newest electric torpedoes, and numerous technical documents. What they did manage to keep secret, through the cold war, were the 1,200 pounds of uranium oxide found in the boats mine shafts. It is reported that this was sent to the Manhattan Project

and some of it was used for the Little Boy bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. (The pun here is U-234 was carrying U-235.)

The US Navy took U-805 on several Victory tours to ports on the east coast before sinking her. U-1228 was sunk in 1946. U-873 was scrapped in 1948, and U-234 was torpedoed by the USS Greenfish and sunk off of Cape Cod in Nov. 1947. There is a dark side story involving the crews as POW's, but that's for another time.

So next time, more Nazi U-boats in the Gulf of Maine stories. Stay tuned, boys and girls... ...Same bat time, same bat channel!

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

John J. Nickerson

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## Kit Review:

### Academy IDF M151A1 Jeep

By Robert Magina

Nice little kit of this venerable workhorse by Academy in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale. First look – no warpage or flash on the parts. Molding is very clean. Instructions are clear and well-illustrated. This version of the M151 Mutt is the Shimira used by the IDF. Very interesting subject. Academy provides a complete engine if you are so inclined to have the hood open. Radios and accessories are provided with the kit. You will need to scratch build a hand set for the radios as this is not included. The only drawback I could find was the hard rubber tires which I replaced these with a resin set from DEF.

Pretty simple and straight forward to build. My only problem was those pesky ejection pin marks. As usual a little putty and sanding does the job. Once assembled, I primed the Mutt with rattle can brown enamel. Once dry, I airbrushed a coat of Vallejo Model Air 71.141 IDF Sand Grey 73. This was the first time I tried Vallejo Model Air. I must say it went down well. The first coat I admit that I thinned it too much with Vallejo Thinner. The second coat I thinned less and it went on great. I added a drop of Vallejo Flow Improver which did the trick. Next time I will try just the Flow Improver and no thinner. Anyways the results were just what I wanted. As someone who has painted for years with enamel Model Master, I like the Vallejo Acrylics. I guess with the demise of Model Master Military Enamel Paints, we will all be looking at the Acrylics. Give Vallejo a try. I think you will like it. I would recommend their book on using Vallejo paints by Rob F. (Scratchmod). It can help get you going. I sprayed a little dust under the chassis, and added pigment from AK and Vallejo to the interior floors. I

used Testors Gloss Coat Enamel to prep for the decals and then to seal them. The decals provided by Academy were great, went down perfectly and between gloss coat layers there was no decal edge. I added a little pin washing with a dark grey wash by Vallejo as well. I add a little subtle chipping with dark grey Vallejo.

I painted the seats with several different Vallejo colors, none of which I remember, but got the results I wanted. Once done I glued the front seats in. The tires were painted like the M151 body. When done, I used some AK and Vallejo pigment and rubbed off the side walls a bit. I was after the subtler look. Next, I added a pair of MV Lenses for the headlights. Fortunately, I had the right size in my stash. I am really bummed these are no longer available.

I picked up Legends detail set for the Shimira. It comes with some nice miscellaneous gear for the jeep. Even includes a set of resin wheels. Yes, I already bought the DEF set before I bought the Legends detail set. Also included is a small fret of PE. Included is a nice screen for the grill. I added several IDF ration boxes from Verlinden as well as a few miscellaneous pieces from the parts box. I used the two machine guns that were provided by Academy along with their ammo boxes also from Academy in the kit. Antennas were made from fine wire. Radios are provided in the kit. I painted them Olive Drab (1970's dark version) Vallejo. Wiring for them was added next. I scratch built a handset and added a map. The kit provided a decal for the dash gauges and I added several data plates from Archer. Lastly I added a map and scratch built camera.

The base is made of an old awards plaque. (Got to do something with them). I added a piece of pine to raise the model up a bit. Next sanded and then sprayed the base with flat black paint. Once dry, I built a broken wall with blocks from Pegasus. These are great and cheap. They have red brick as well which I have used on other projects. I used Vallejo Thick Mud for groundwork. I really like this stuff. Dries exactly the color of the bottle and no cracking or lifting. I added some sand and small stone. For clumps of grass I used Silfor product. The vine was Silfor product as well.

All in all, a nice little kit. Easy to build and again an interesting subject. This kit is available at most Hobby shops and mail order. Runs about \$20 if my memory serves me correct. I highly recommend this Academy kit to all interested in the more modern version of the US Jeep.



## PT Boat News Flash:

Ok, maybe not a news flash, but news for PT boat fans.

By now most of you know that Revell Germany has released a new tool, 1/72 scale, version of PT-109. It can be built as the boat when Lt. jg. Kennedy took command or in its later configuration, with a 37mm anti-tank gun lashed to its foredeck. Both of these versions had different camo schemes. The MSRP is \$29 and it is listed as having 146 parts. It is very difficult to find here in this country. I don't know if it is a victim of tariffs and trade wars. A number of online companies claim to stock it, but most list it as out of stock.

More recently, Revell of Germany has released, in 1/72 scale, PT-588 / PT-579. Undoubtedly, the same hull as the 109 kit, but with many more armament options. Listing it as having 176 parts and an MSRP of \$44.99. My suspicion is that a number of boats can be built from this kit by just varying the armaments. Hurry and add it to your Christmas list now.

John Nickerson

## Del's Corner

### Stator's Rule No. 2....

Stator's Rule No. 2 goes like this...

*Anything designed to simplify a situation will quickly become more complicated.*

Addendum No. 1: This timeline is accelerated in war time.

What I started out to do was to provide you with a little painting tidbit or rule you could follow to simplify your modeling experience. Just a little thing that might stick in the back of your head and would come to light when you might need it...

British Day Fighter Rule A: When painting British Day Fighters of WW2, the top colors are demarked with a hard line.

Subject: British Day Fighters, i.e.; Hurricane, Spitfire, Typhoon, Tempest, and Mustangs.

Background: When British Day fighters were painted in the factory they had precut rubber mats that they would lay on the fuselage and wing and paint between them. Thus the hard demarcation line.

Colors: This applies to the famous sand and spinach, Dark Earth and Dark Green color schemes and the Ocean Grey and Dark Green color scheme.

British Day Fighter Rule B: When building a specific British day fighter, always try to find photographic references.

Background: A rule that was supposed to be applied at the factory was that when applying British Day Fighter schemes the dark color always crosses the cockpit. This did not always happen, either through error; they started with the wrong color paint, or necessity; they were out of the correct color paint, or they miss-understood the directions for the A and B schemes.

Ok, I hope you noticed I threw in a complicator in that last statement; A and B schemes. Early in the war when the Brits were trying to pump out aircraft as fast as they could, they were required to produce fighter aircraft in A and B schemes. One aircraft gets painted in the A scheme, the next in B scheme. The B schemes was just a mirror image of the A scheme. You flip the mats from the right wing to the left wing, etc. Evidentially this was more of a problem than was anticipated, with some factories interpreting it to mean flip the colors, also. And in the confusion of, is this supposed to be an A scheme or a B scheme, it slowed production. Apply Stator's Rule No. 2 here. It was decided that this factory would produce A schemes and that factory B schemes. Eventually, all factories produced just the A scheme.

A plan was developed where each war zone had its own color scheme. Northern Europe remained Dark Grey / Ocean Grey. Different colors were prescribed for the Middle East and Far East. It was attempted to factory paint the aircraft in the correct scheme, but in most cases the aircraft was shipped to the war zone and repainted there. This is where rule A can be thrown out if rule B is carefully applied. It is very possible that the repainted aircraft had soft demarcation lines. This is most evident on aircraft sent to Malta, North Africa, and the Middle East. Many of the aircraft that reached Malta were repainted shipboard. Many that arrived there had the light color through the cockpit.

## Del out!

## Up Scope

<b>Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>	<b>Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>
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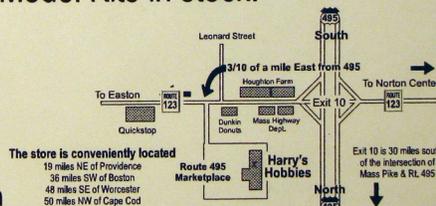
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