

The Trim Tab

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Coming Events

PDK Airport Monthly Meeting -

This month's meeting will be **Wednesday, August 21, 7 p.m.** at Peachtree-Dekalb Airport (PDK). Turn from Clairmont onto Airport Rd. Go to the last left turn before reaching the speed bumps. The street will take you around the hanger and across the ramp. There is parking just past the ramp. Go in the glass door. Take the stairs to the left and go up to the second floor. The conference room is just down the hall. [DIRECTIONS](#)



<http://www.ipmsusa.org/>

Join IPMS Atlanta club members for model building and conversation first and last Saturdays of each month at HobbyTown!

Model Building Clinic and Q&A-

Saturday, August 31, 1 p.m.

Club Build-Session-

Saturday, September 7, 1 p.m.

HobbyTown USA®

4125 GA-20, BUFORD, GA

<http://www.hobbytownduluth.com/>

Good luck with your entries, and please help the Chattanooga club where you have a chance.

**2019 IPMS/USA Nationals
Chattanooga, TN
Aug 7-10, 2019**

Don't forget, if you can, bring a model or two for the club "Display Only" Table!!!

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CALENDAR

Aug 7-10: **IPMS/USA Nationals**
 Chattanooga, TN

Aug 21: PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm

Aug 24: **Huntsville Model Contest**
 Huntsville, AL

Aug 31: HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm

Sep 7: HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm

Sep 18: PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm

Sep 28: HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm

Oct 5: HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm

Oct 16: PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm

Oct 26: HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm

Nov 2: HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm

Nov 20: PDK Airport Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm

Nov 30: HobbyTown Model Build Q&A 1-3 pm

Dec 7: HobbyTown Build Session 1-3 pm

PDK Meeting Notes

7/17/2019 Brief club business meeting ...

1. **Club Re-Chartered:** Dave Lockhart indicated he had handled the process of completing the annual charter renewal for the club with the IPMS National organization.
2. **Facebook Page:** Thanks to Jose Duran, the club now has a page where you can post pictures of your build progress and interact on modeling info and techniques. *(See Sprue Snippings for more info.)*
3. **IPMS Nationals Update:**
 - Remember to please volunteer
 - Bring model(s) for club Display Only table. Dave displayed the club banner he had made for the display
4. **Club Paint:** Ed Hulsey brought in the remainder of the paint inventory purchased a long time ago from the closing of the War Room Hobby Shop in the hope that those present would carry away the remainder.
5. **AtlantaCon 2020 Theme:** *End of WWII Anniversary* (or some variation of that). Kim Elmore wants to try to "build the theme around the people who served."
6. **CHOA Build Session:** Jim Elmore indicated the next session would probably be in the next couple of months

Members discussed a great group of models on the table this month.

The "Model of the Month" Award went to Jose Morales, Jr..

Models for the Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum

<http://vetmemorialmuseum.tripod.com/index.html>

COMPLETED:

MiG-21, Bill Wofford

F-4, Brian Speer

MiG-17, Bill Johnston

B-58, (1/48), Bill Easton

F/A 18, Jim Elmore

F-5, Jim Elmore

A-10, Brian Mason (Lost In Action)

F-117, Gale Brown

B-52, Ed Sveum

USS Skipjack (1/72), Dave Lockhart

F-105, Gale Brown, Bill Easton

IN PROCESS:

F-100, Art Murray

A-10 (Replacement), Ed Hulsey

Berlin Airlift 3-Plane Set (1/144)

Jose Morales Jr, Ray Wheeler, Bill Easton

UNASSIGNED:

A-4

A-6

F-106

F-86

OV-10

OV-1A

After the IPMS Nationals in Chattanooga, please

consider building one of these models. The museum

folks are always glad to receive a new model for the museum ceiling display.

All models/kits are 1/32 Scale unless otherwise noted.

CHOA



Childrens' Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston Hospital

Periodic model build sessions are a club effort to bring some fun and model experience to kids at Childrens' Healthcare. Thanks to the CHOA staff and Jim Elmore for facilitating the sessions.

Please contact Jim Elmore at 770-962-2584 regarding planning for future build sessions.

Notes from the Workbench - August 2019

Dave Lockhart



Culling the Herd

Like most modelers, I have a stash. A stash can be any size; from a few models to thousands. I've been told that one local modeler has close to 30,000 kits in his stash. That's just heavenly.

The fact of the matter is that most models in one's stash will never get built. In all honesty, most of us intend on building every model we buy but we know that's never going to happen. That's okay. A stash is just part of this wonderful hobby. In addition to building models, going to local clubs, showing models at show; collecting models is just another part of the process.

I have about 120-140 models. More than some, less than many. I'm lucky to be able to build 4-6 models per year. If I don't buy anymore models (ha ha) I would go through my current stash in 20 years. That being said, with the nationals just around the corner, it's time to cull the herd.

The IPMS/USA nationals is often called the largest hobby store in the US. With over 450 vendor tables and over 1000 attendees, many will be looking for the one model or two or three that they've always been looking for.

So, I took all my models down from the closet shelves and decided who was going to stay and who was going to leave. No hard feelings. I honestly looked at which models I really wasn't going to build and figured someone else might. A number of the models were large ship models which even if built, I wouldn't have room for them.

Another factor I considered was, what was going to happen to all these models when I go to the big hobby store in the sky. While I'm hoping to have many years to go, there's still going to be a stash left. What's the current Mrs. Lockhart going to do with these? In the past two years as club president, we've gotten at least three calls from widows asking for help with their deceased husband's collection. I want to make sure I have a good insurance policy for my stash. It's the least I can do

If you have a stash and want to see it grow, go for it. If you have some models that you probably will never build, find them a good home soon. We're not getting any younger and there's not very many young people joining our hobby.

I hope to see you all at next week's IPMS/USA Nationals in Chattanooga. It's going to be a great show and I'm sure many will come home with some new additions to your stash!



Happy modeling

Dave

On the Table in July ...



Thomas Moore

1:48

Monogram/Koster Conversion

A-36 Apache

Paint: Model Master

Add-on: From "junk box"

First Vacuform kit

Editor Note: The club wants to wish Thomas success as he moves to the Pensacola area to begin a new chapter in his life teaching at the University of West Florida. Thank you for being a part of our club here in Atlanta. All the best to a skilled and knowledgeable model builder! Hope to see you at an event soon!

Jose Duran

Scale: N/A, N/A, 32mm

Handmade Resin bust,

DIY Funko Pop,

Reaper Bones bust

**The Moonkeeper,
Space Marine,
Garghuk Ogre Chieftain**





Bill Aicklen

1:48
Otaki

Ki-44 "Tojo"

Paint: Model Master

Techniques Used: Chipping

From reference book by Rene Francillon

Dana Hebert

1:35
Tamiya

**German Sturmtyger
Tank Killer (150mm)**

Paint: Vallejo
Modeling greenery for the base.



Brian Speer

1:24
AMT

1950 Chevy 3100

Paint: Alclad White Primer,
Model Master Acryl Blue,
and various Model Master
Enamels.



Stew Swartz

1:144
Revell

Saturn V / Apollo 11

Paint: Testors and Tamiya
50th Anniversary of the
Moon Landing

Stew's Comment: "Took all of my
patience to do the clamshell part!"





1:100
Leggo

Moon Lander

Paint: None needed

Two
Builds
from
Dave Lockhart ...

1:4
Eduard

Bf-109 Instrument Panel





1:48
Testors

P-22 "Ryan"

Paint: Testors
Add on: Wires

Techniques: Permanent
Markers (Blue and Red)
touch-ups

Built 30 years ago

Two Builds from Fernando Sanchez

1:35
AFV

Shot-Kal
(Centurion-Israel)

Paint: Tamiya and
Model Master
Add on: "Fabric for
Identification"

Techniques: Smoke &
Weathering

Model represents a
Golan Heights unit





1:32
Wingnut Wings

Fokker E-II & Max Immelmann Figure

Paint: Vallejo
Add-on: Rigging & Turnbuckles;
Gaspach Models Spandau Machine
Gun.
Techniques: Pre-shading and "A lot
of Jack & Coke for the rigging!"



1:48
Trumpeter

Three Builds from Jose Morales, Jr. ...

T-38C "Talon"

Paint: Vallejo



"World War Toons Scale"
Meng

M4A1 Sherman and Tiger I

Paint: Vallejo

Techniques used: Modulation and Chipping



Jim Elmore

1:1200
Scratch-build

**Drones and Work
Pods for Spaceship**

Model of the Month



Fokker E-11
with Max Immelmann figure
Build by
Jose Morales, Jr.

Raffle Winner

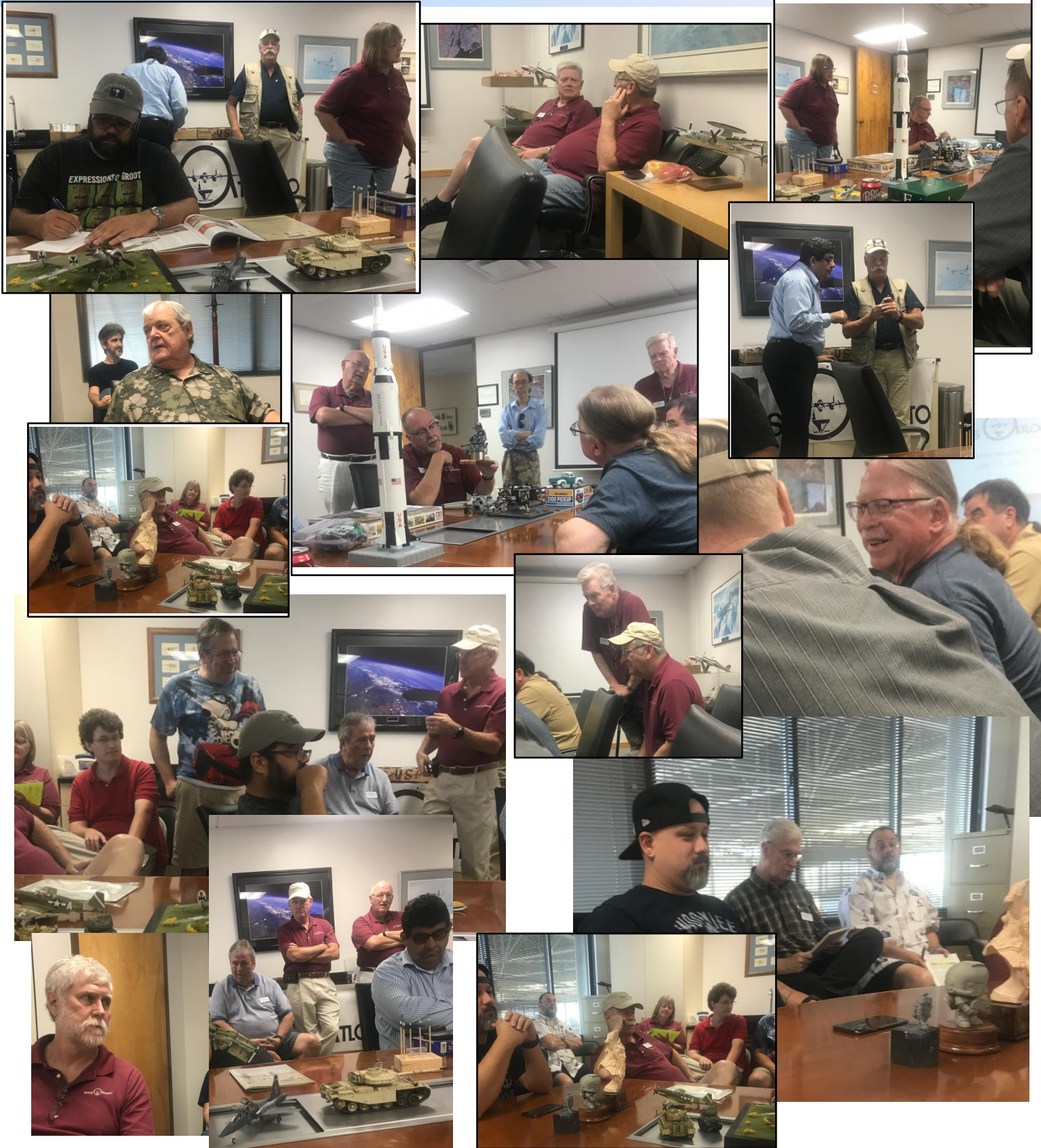
No Raffle at the July meeting!

Reminder: Get a free raffle ticket for each model you bring to the monthly meeting.

Build 'em and Bring 'em!

PDK Monthly Meeting ...

The July meeting had a great attendance and selection of models on the table!



August Build Session HobbyTown



Thanks to Dave Lockhart for the photos from the session!

(also, "undisclosed sources" indicated the "Two Jose's" (Duran & Morales) waited for El Presidente to leave before coming in ... hence, no pictures of them ... unconfirmed)



Sprue Snippings ...

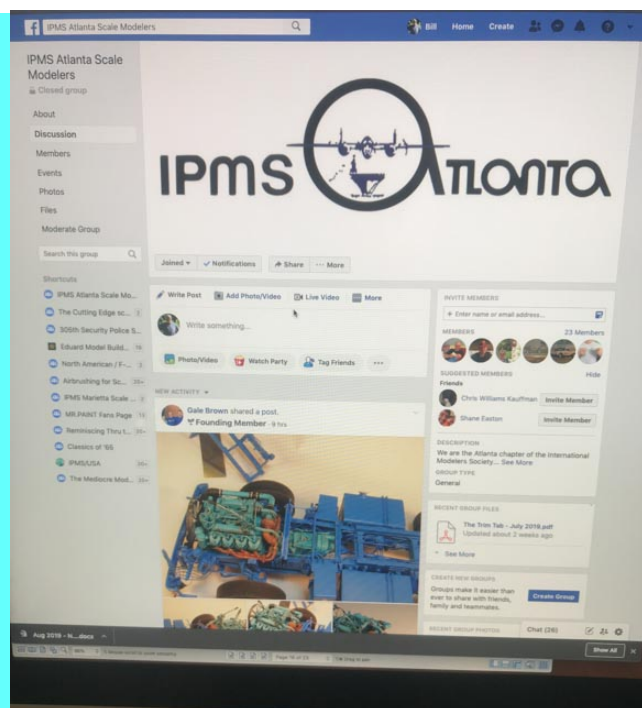
If you run across a source that you think might be helpful to others for their modeling reference, or just for general interest, please pass it along. For this month ... **SPECIAL INFO ON CLUB COMMUNICATIONS**

Thanks to the great efforts of Jose Duran, the IPMS Atlanta Club now has a Facebook Page:

Join this page group and use it to :

- share photos and comments about how your latest build is coming along,
- any new model-building kits/event info/tools/ techniques,
- or other modeling-related items

Each month, in addition to normal activity on the page, we will post pictures from the recent club meeting or activity along with current newsletters sent out by the club.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/impsatlantasmg/?ref=bookmarks>

If you are not "into Facebook," sharing photos and commenting, but still want to keep up with club activities ... you can visit the IPMS Atlanta Club Web site.

You don't have to join anything to use this Web site.

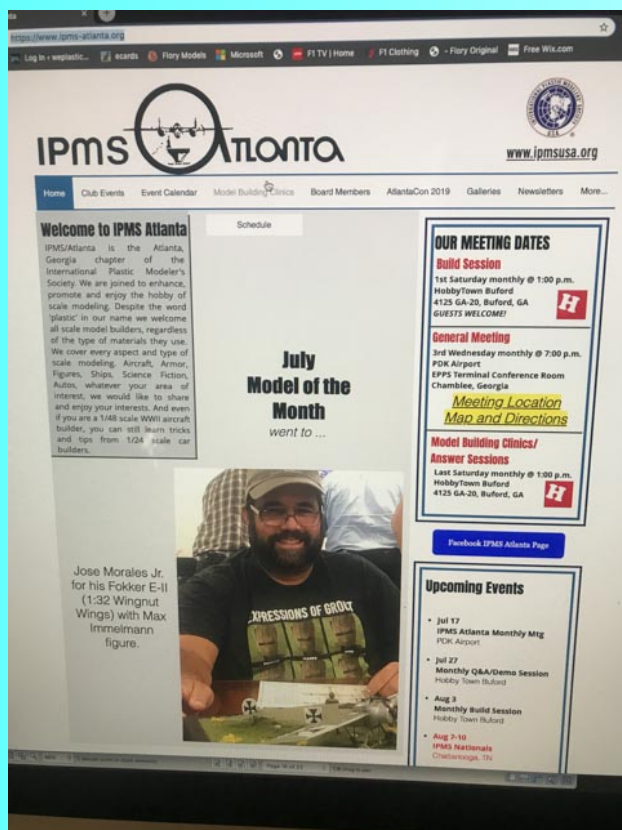
You can visit this site to:

- keep up on club activities and meeting info
- see pictures of models shown at monthly meetings
- get copies of AtlantaCon forms and info as released
- monthly copies of newsletters will also be available

So, in summary:

The IPMS Atlanta Club is maintaining the following to stay in touch with members and those interested in modeling/club activities:

- Monthly TrimTab Newsletter
- Facebook Page
- Web site
- Sessions at HobbyTown Buford two times monthly
- Monthly meeting at PDK Airport
- Annual AtlantaCon Model Show

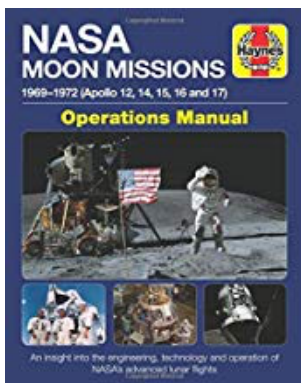
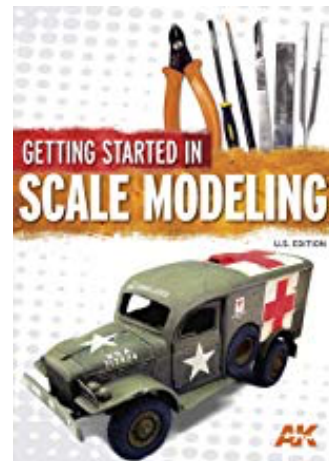


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JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS

by Jim Pernikoff

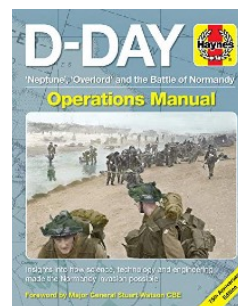
As you may know, **Kalmbach** currently has an arrangement with Spanish paint manufacturer **AK Interactive** to publish American editions of some of their publications, like the current *Damaged* series of magazines. Included in this is a very fine softcover called **Getting Started in Scale Modeling**. While very well done, it is a bit unbalanced, seeing that it comes from a paint maker. Only about 45 of the book's 135 pages deal with setting up a workshop, types of model kits, tools, glues, putties, sheet styrene (and other forms), and actually building the model, along with decaling. The entire remainder deals with paint. All the various types of paint are detailed, including oils, pastels, metallizers and even varnish, with pros and cons for each. Also selecting and caring for paintbrushes and airbrushes, and of course, techniques including shading, dry-brushing, washes, and of course, weathering. Even if you think you know model building, the book is probably still useful because of the outstanding coverage of paints and painting techniques, especially given its reasonable price.



Last month I reviewed the updated **Haynes** manual for Apollo 11. Now comes the all-new sequel which is called **NASA Moon Missions** and covers the five moon-landing missions that followed. Of course there is a review of the entire Apollo program thru Apollo 11; significantly it makes reference to a letter-coding system devised for each mission after the Apollo 1 disaster. Each letter denoted the scope of the mission; Apollo 11 was the G mission and still considered developmental; Apollo 12 thru 17 were considered operational and were either H or J missions, the latter being the ones with the Lunar Rover. The basic design of the spacecraft and Rover are not described, as they appear in other Haynes manuals, but the revisions made to the equipment - even the spacesuits - are detailed, along with all the scientific equipment carried. There are extensive photos, maps and diagrams for each mission, the coverage for each averaging 28 pages. There is also a section dealing with the decision to cancel the last three missions - originally they were supposed to go to Apollo 20 - and reformulate the existing missions to accomplish as much of the original program goals as possible. For modelers, there is probably enough here to create a diorama of one of those later missions, which would be useful because Apollo 11 seems to get all the glory! There is a notable publisher screw-up: all the page numbers in the contents are the same! The lack of an index is unfortunate, especially since the inside back cover is blank - maybe there was supposed to be one there?

JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS - Continued

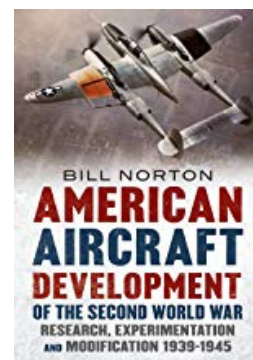
Haynes has also updated their *D-Day Operations Manual* for the 75th anniversary. 23 pages have been added, mostly in a new chapter on Beach Obstacle Clearance. Otherwise, the book is largely unchanged, so if that topic isn't of interest to you, there is no need to replace the existing book. This book primarily covers the *technology* of the invasion, making it different from every other D-Day book you're likely to find.



The latest book from **Detail & Scale** is a follow on to their book about U.S. WWII carrier aircraft, and is entitled **Jet Fighters of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, Part 1: The First Ten Years**. This covers 15 types, mainly from Douglas, Grumman, McDonnell, North American and Vought, along with the Lockheed TV-1 (the F-80, used by a few fighter squadrons in spite of its trainer designation; the TV-2 was the T-33) and the Convair F2Y Sea Dart, which never entered production. There is a nice combination of text, b&w and color photos and a few color side-view drawings. There is also a chapter on carrier developments during the period, describing the various upgrades to the WWII-era ships. As before, this is a

greatly-expanded edition of those free books that were included with some Revell kits in the early 2000s. Like other recent D&S books, this is available in both print and digital editions, and Part 2 is expected around the end of the year.

American Aircraft Development of the Second World War, Research, Experimentation and Modification 1939-1945 is the third book in this series by flight test engineer Bill Norton, but since the publisher has changed from Crecy to **Fonthill**, the format is different. As the subtitle suggests, there is some weird stuff in here. Chapters deal with topics like propulsion, undercarriages, range extension, armament, midair refueling and the ever-present search for more speed. One interesting topic is evaluating land-based aircraft for carrier use; well after the Doolittle raid, even the B-25 was considered for carrier duty! There is also a chapter on U.S. evaluation of foreign concepts. All the photos are b&w and there are few drawings, but the very extensive list of footnotes and long bibliography show that the book was well-researched. For modelers, there may be some opportunities for some wild-looking conversions.

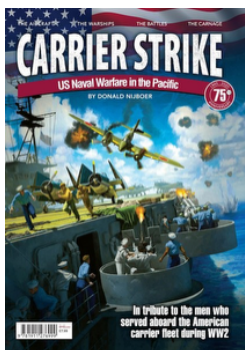


German Tanks of World War II 1939-1945 is the latest in the *Technical Guide* series from **Amber Books**. This actually covers all German AFVs, not just tanks. Each subject has a specification table and at least one color side view. What makes the tank chapter useful is that every Ausf is covered individually, so for instance you can see the progression of the Panzer III from 5 to 8 to 6 road wheels. It also shows things like the Henschel Tiger prototype with a different turret from the one actually used (which was Porsche's design) and it goes up to the oversized late-war concepts like the Lowe, Maus and Ratte. Armored cars, halftracks, tank

JIM'S PRINTED MATTERS - Continued

destroyers, assault guns and self-propelled guns are all covered, with their full designations provided. How does "15cm Schweres Infanteriegeschutz 33/1 auf Selbstfahrlafette 38(t) (Sf) Ausf M (Sd.Kfz. 138/1)" strike you? No wonder it was commonly called the Grille! There is a complete list of Sd.Kfz. designations, a chart of tactical insignia of panzer divisions and a decent index. Not a bad addition to your German AFV library.

Not much on the periodical side this month. The fine American magazine **Flight Journal** has produced a special issue called **WWII Air War**, which unabashedly repeats seven articles that have appeared in the magazine over its 23 years of publication. Even if you had all the issues these articles had appeared in, it is not a bad thing to have them again in one place, especially since they were selected by the editors for their quality. The seven aircraft highlighted are the B-17, B-26, P-38, P-47, F6F, Spitfire and Tempest. These are mostly reminiscences by pilots and crewmen, which always makes them valuable. I particularly liked the Tempest article, written by a South African, since that aircraft doesn't get a whole lot of press. The article by a young Marauder pilot was also good, but they are all worthwhile, and the price for all of this is only \$10.



In Britain, **Mortons Media** has done a fine bookazine called **Carrier Strike, US Naval Warfare in the Pacific**. The opening chapter describes the development of carrier aviation from 1922 to 1941. The article on 1942 is interesting because it has some early depictions of Japanese aircraft that were rather off. There are brief essays about the aircraft and carriers in the U.S. fleet, first in 1942 and then late in the war. This section is a bit hard to follow because some of the specification tables are next to photos of other aircraft! The *Essex* class carriers are described in some detail, particularly regarding new electronic technologies that would give them an edge in the end. There is a chapter on Operation Hailstone, the raid on the Truk lagoon in 1944 that the author claims was more pivotal than heretofore believed, and of course the Turkey Shoot and Leyte Gulf are well covered. The threat of the Kamikazes is shown by some photos of damaged ships I had not seen before. And not surprisingly, the British had to stick in a short chapter on the contributions of their fleet to victory. But it's their magazine, so I can't complain. This is a nice addition to your Pacific war stash.

Scale Modeler's Brag Sheet

Fill out and bring with your model to the club meeting.



Model Subject: _____

Kit Used: _____

Scale: _____

Add-ons: _____

Paints: _____

Special Techniques: _____

Any Historical/Background Information: _____

Modeler's Name: _____

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☐ Ad in IPMS Journal

☐ I'm a former member rejoining

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☐ Other _____

☐ Ad in other magazine

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