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2019-2020 Dues

If you have not already done so, please renew your dues for the coming 2019-2020 membership year. Dues are still \$10.

Please remit your dues to John Nickerson at the meeting or send it to him at 18 Stone Street, Middleboro, MA 02346 .

Don't forget to ask for the Family Membership if you have sons or daughters as members in the club as well.

FROM THE BRIDGE

The President's Column

We are now officially entering 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.

The 50th Anniversary tee shirts have been a hit. We only have a couple left in L and XL. They are medium blue and have the club logo on the left front, and on the back it says "Just Glue It". Cost is \$11.

The limited run of "50th Anniversary" black polos have been ordered. The logo will be white on a black shirt. Part of the delay has been in revising the logo art work to view correctly. Part of the problem with this process is in the color flip. When I work on the image I can see it in white on a black background. (No problem here.) The software interprets those white lines as black and prints the image as black on white paper. So it is like a negative image. (This is where it messes with my mind.) This image is what the master screen is made from. Once this order is completed we will order more black polos with the standard logo. The cost for these will be in the \$20 range with extra size shirts being slightly more.

Back in April, the Board met at the Middleboro American Legion Post. Although it is small, the space is adequate for a meeting, or at least our normal 'average' meeting. The Board agreed that it is useable as an 'emergency' meeting location. The intent behind this is to provide a location where we can fall back on should a scheduled host have to cancel, or winter weather prevent us from meeting at the scheduled location. It is located on Thatcher's Row which is a footpath between Center St. and Nickerson Ave. The town hall parking lot is on Nickerson Ave. This space is available to us for free due to the backroom finagling of John Gisetto.

The last issue of the IPMS magazine published a letter from one of the chapters that struck home with me. It talked of the ageing of its members and the difficulty in recruiting new and younger members. A problem we have discussed numerous times. What struck home, to me at least, was that the author(s) expressed the fear of soon being able to hold a club meeting in a McDonald's booth. Not a pleasant concept, at least with me. But the writing is on the wall. I think we will all have to admit, that day is coming. Hopefully later and not sooner. It seems strange, that here we are in what admittedly is the golden age of scale modeling, and yet we can see the edge of the earth out my front window. Never in history have so many kits, so many paints, so many aftermarket options, and so many sources, been available to scale modelers. Yet we can see the death of modeling clubs, such as ours. It doesn't seem to be rational.

Continuing on that theme. Many blame it on electronic gaming, and I agree it is a component, but a small component. I think there are numerous other factors. Take helicopter parents, for instance. Although they hover over their kids, and work to keep them busy, how many design in 'alone time' where a kid has to entertain his or her self, and how many provide a model kit to fill that time? And if the kid has allowance to spend to entertain himself, is he going to drop it on a \$50 to \$90 model kit or a \$40 to \$50 electronic game? (Imagine the frustration of a 10 year old with a Dragon kit.) Or yet, take him to a hobby shop to make the purchase. They will drive him to Game Stop or Target. Another factor is isolation. Almost all of us have one of those new-fangled isolation devices. Many of us reach out with those devices, but we are not face to face. We text, so that we don't have to talk, becoming more

and more isolated. John brags about the number of 'members' we have on our Facebook page. And yes, we have gained a couple of new members, but most are just long range members that are looking for a place to display their models, without putting in the face time. (Ok, a little harsh maybe.) But it is a factor.

It wasn't my intention to make this the doom and gloom issue. And this news isn't all bad, it depends on how you view it. It's sort of the glass half full, hey! who drank all my booze, scenario. A major change is coming to our hobby, and it is coming very soon. I'm not quite sure how it will play out. It may be not just one option, but all of the above. 3D printing is here. The question becomes, will local hobby shops be willing to change, or just roll over and die. One of the scenarios I see is that your local hobby shop will start to look like a Blockbuster inside. Shelves of DVD cases. You will purchase your Revell B-17 DVD, take it home and print it out on your home 3D printer. Or you take it to your local 3D printer and they will print it out for you. You can read this as your local UPS store, because I suspect they will become a focal point. If you purchase your kits online, you will now download an electronic file and you will print it out or take your thumb drive to your local neighborhood printer. Another option is, in case you don't want to tie up your router downloading the file, it will be shipped to UPS, electronically, and you will pick it up there. And still another option is the hobby shop will keep the DVD's and print it out for you there. Box it and print out the instructions, etc. The box will be plain and brown, and they'll slap a label on it, to define what it is. This doesn't just affect the scale model hobby. It affects will be felt across most industries. You will order your new I-Phone online and pick it up at the UPS store, where they will print out the electronics, and then the case. Snap the electronics in, snap the case closed and voila, your new I-phone. Stuff you order online will be printed locally, if they can. So you're saying, "John, say it ain't so." Well, it is. Stores like Target will be able to reduce their footprint. You will pick your purchase from sample products on a shelf, hit the purchase button, and it will be printed out by the time you get to the checkout. (Ok, maybe not on Black Monday or in the Christmas rush, but you get the point.)

Not wanting to wander into politics, but while we are doom and glooming it. The current administration needs to have someone explain to someone else that tariffs don't directly affect the country that is shipping the goods in. The people who buy the goods pay the tariff, so it is our pockets that are hurt. When imports are undercutting businesses in your country, tariffs make the price of the imported goods more expensive, in the hope that they are now more expensive than the domestically produced product. But when the imported good are the only source of those products, it just makes them more expensive for us. Now with an escalating trade war with China, expect the prices of kits coming out of China to be more expensive. I think this is impacting other countries, as well. I'm not sure why, maybe its tariffs, I don't know. I have been waiting for two kits from Revell Germany to make it here. They don't seem to be coming. Maybe they are produced in China, I don't know. I've searched online for them. I've found them at Amazon. Amazon is willing to sell them to me from their UK facility, with about \$11 shipping each. I did purchase a Mini-Art figure through Amazon. It arrived direct from the Ukraine. The international customs postage tag had it listed as Toy-Gift. I noticed that a recent KitLynx sale on Special Hobby kits, (I didn't find anything I needed), they were stating that shipping would take at least two weeks, as they were being shipped into the country.

On the Airfix front, they have announced that their 1/24 F6F-5 Hellcat will be available, worldwide, on June 24. We'll see. Also, available soon, the first of their new 1/35 armor kits. These aren't new tools. They are existing molds, and not new tools, but they are new to Airfix. The first three to be available are the M3 Stuart Honey (British), Pz. Kpw. 35 (t), and a Tiger I (Early).

My summer issue of *Damaged* arrived, you guessed it, damaged. It's intact, all the pages are there, but the upper right corner is crunched. I am still impressed by this magazine, although less so with this issue than the previous two. The magazine is a joint issue between AK Interactive and Fine Scale. Up to this point, the products used have been across the board, although mostly European in origin. Most of the articles in this issue, on the data sheet under 'Paint Products' state, "All AK Interactive unless otherwise noted". Maybe it's just coincidence, we'll see. That said, there are some amazing models in this issue. The most impressive is the 28mm Space Ork. Starting with a Games Workshop wargame figure, Enrique Velasco builds a spectacular figure. He builds an armor suit for a figure that is about an inch and a half tall, and gives it a phenomenal paint job. One has to realize the photos in the article show the figure many times its actual size, and the paint job still holds up. Also of note is the build of Special Navy's 1/72 scale Type IIA U-Boat, the How to Kill a Zombie diorama, and the Yacht Irene 1/87 scale diorama. This is a little jewel. I was impressed by the use of AK Interactive Terrain Asphalt in the zombie diorama. This stuff creates a realistic finish. Take note.

My July issue of *Fine Scale* didn't arrive, but the shipping label did. It was stuck into a catalog that did arrive. I saw it sticking out when I collected the mail from the mailbox.

Also noted in the pages of *Damaged*, is an ad from Kalmbach Publishing, promoting a new book, *Getting Started in Scale Modeling*. This is from the people at *Damaged* and AK Interactive and is listed as the US Edition. Not that I think anyone in this club needs it. (Hint, hint.) The price tag is \$18.99. Now Kalmbach does occasionally have sales. My thought is this, I think we should check it out and assess its validity. If it's a promotional piece for AK Interactive we skip it. Otherwise we purchase a few on sale and hand them out to promising modelers. How do you give it to a new modeler to use as a guide if his main source of products only sells Tamiya and Model Master? Maybe if enough IPMS clubs contact Kalmbach asking about quantity discounts to use as development and recruiting tool, we could benefit. Just a thought. I'd like some feedback on this.

Ok, history lesson time. This month hosts a number of historic anniversaries. Yeah, I know, you can see it coming. June 6th is the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Some say it is the greatest amphibious assault of all time. Some disagree and claim that honor for Operation Husky in July of 1943. The invasion of Sicily. It all depends on how you qualify it. As an amphibious assault, you would expect it to involve ships, men, and smaller boats to put the men ashore. Operation Overlord landed 156,000 men, but many of those men disembarked from their larger ships in captured ports and on constructed wharves and breakwaters. In other words, they walked on and walked off. (My father bobbed in the Channel for five days.) Husky landed 160,000 men, by boats to the beach. Overlord may have had more ships, more planes, than Husky. And Overlord, I've seen an estimate, involved more than 450,000 personnel. I have not seen a breakdown as to whether this was all military or if some civilians were counted. So I've wandered off course a bit. Rome fell to the Allies on June 5th, 1944, and ended up on the second page. I've seen all the hype on TV about the 75th anniversary, yet no mention of Rome or the Italian campaign. See what can happen when you get the right PR people.

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

John J. Nickerson

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April Challenge Question - Answer:

This was a toughie. I was able to par down the list from 10 down to 5, fairly quickly. But from there I couldn't get it down to 3. Sorry. So here are my top 5 war films. (I didn't include Band of Brothers or the Pacific because they are made for TV.)

- Saving Pvt. Ryan
- The Longest Day
- A Bridge Too Far
- They Were Expendable
- Das Boot

John Nickerson

June Challenge Question:

Another two parter: Part 1: What is it?

Part 2: Where is it?



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Hemtt Wrecker – by Talal Chouman

Book Review – On Hallowed Ground **The Last Battle for Pork Chop Hill**

by Bill McWilliams

Recently picked this book up at a used bookstore. I have been interested in Pork Chop Hill of the Korean War fame. We have all heard about it at one time or another or maybe watched the movie. This seemed like a chance to really learn about the battle for the American outpost.

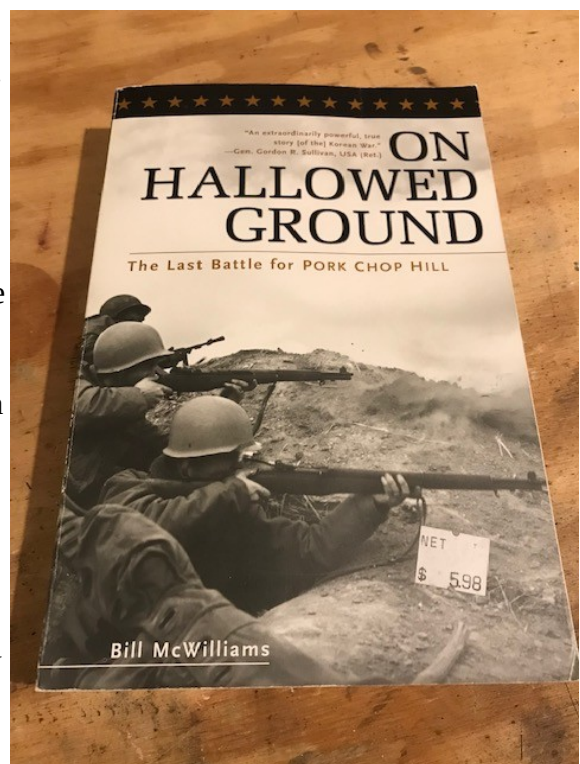
What a great find. There is lots of detail on the political climate at the time, peace talks underway and of course the posturing that went with it. UN and Korean/Chinese Lines were being adjusted by each side in order to gain a more favorable position at the peace talks. I was amazed to learn in this book that Pork Chop Hill was not one battle but several over a number of months. Seems the Chinese set their sites on this outpost and were not going to be denied.

From the first Chinese attacked on Pork Chop Hill to the repeated reinforcements by the UN Forces you will be down in the bunkers and fox holes of the defenders as they repeatedly denied the Chinese victory. Cost to both sides was overwhelming, yet the Chinese kept coming and the Americans kept fighting them back. All is told in first person accounts which I believe makes the story very interesting.

On Hallowed Ground is a must read for the Korean War buffs and for that matter anyone with a military interest. It is an easy read and will keep you glued to each chapter.

Not sure if this is still in print. My copy has a 2004 copyright. It was printed by Berkley Caliber Books of New York. Check E-Bay you may find a copy there if this is out of print.

Bob Magina



<h2>Up Scope</h2>	
July 13th Meeting	Aug 10th Meeting
American Legion Hall 8 Thatcher's Row Middleboro, MA 02346 508-947-7227	Bob Don 11 William Drive Foxboro, MA 02035 508-698-2753
<p>Directions</p> <p>Route 495 to Route 105 towards Middleborough Center. Cross thru intersection of R-105 and R-28, a Duncan Donuts will be on the right.</p> <p>After crossing thru the intersection take the fourth road on your Left (Nickerson Ave), both the Middleborough Veterans Memorial and the Middleborough Town Hall will be on your left. Use the Town Hall parking lot to park. Thatcher's Row is across Nickerson Ave. The American Legion is on Thatcher's Row the second building on the right.</p>	<p>Directions</p> <p>Take 95 to Exit 8 (Sharon/Foxboro). Go onto Mechanic Street towards Foxboro. (left if coming from south, right if coming from north). Go to traffic light and go left onto Oak Street. Go ½ mile and go right onto Maura Elizabeth Lane (last street before overpass). Go left onto William Drive. House is #11 (6th house on right).</p>

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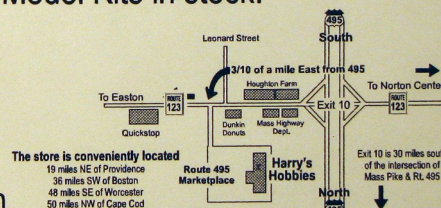
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In Range

Apr 13th Meeting – Gil Costa	May 11th Meeting – Talal Chouman
1/72nd F-14A Tomcat – Bob Don 1/25th 1963 Corvette Z06 – Gil Costa Landspeeder – John Gisetto Sr. 1/72nd Small Diorama – John Gisetto Sr. 1/600th Sea Quest - John Gisetto Sr. 1/32nd Sir Edmund Hillary (WIP) – Marty Ryan	1/32nd OV-10 Bronco – John McCormick
In Attendance: Paul Champigny Terry Sumner Kevin Colburn Peter Smey John Nickerson Bob Magina Marty Ryan Ray Rosario Gil Costa Warren April Cliff Luzon John Merryman Bob Don Ted Bunn John Gisetto Sr. Gian Montecalvo Joe Russum	In Attendance: Talal Chouman Frank Knight Bob Don John Nickerson John McCormick Joe Russum Chris Libucha John Merryman Ray Rosario
Raffle: 1/35 SU-100 – Bob Don Micro Brushes – Ted Bunn Tamiya Cement – Bob Magina Sanding Sticks – Gil Costa 1/48th Spitfire Mk I – Terry Sumner	Raffle: 1/48th Ju87B-2 Stuker – John Merryman Sanding Sticks – John McCormick Squadron White Putty – Bob Don Sanding Sticks Fine – Joe Russum Knife Set – Frank Knight

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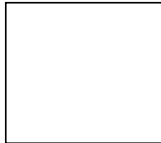
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