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FROM THE BRIDGE

The President's Column

Drum roll, please.(This space intentionally left blank.).....Please stand for the National Anthem. (*You may sing along or hum.*) Thank you, and now back to our announcer. - Hear ye, hear ye! We have finally made it, and its official. We, the Bay Colony Historical Modelers Association are 50! We have been in existence for 50 years. Who would have thunk it. Back in 1968, when the first gathering was held, that this organization would still be functioning, and going strong, I might add, in 2018. Stand up, give the Bay Colony salute, place your right hand over your heart, and pat yourself on the back.

The official anniversary date was March 9. The first meeting at Bill Risho's back on March 9, 1968. We decided a couple years back that the official year of celebration would be our 2018 – 2019 membership year. So in the words of Lionel Richie ..."*we're going to Party, karamu, fiesta, forever...All night long! All night. All night long! Party, karamu, fiesta...*" Sorry, I got a little carried away there. The June 2018-19 membership fee is now due. It is still only \$10 per year and we accept advanced payment. 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 Historic Modelers. *Party, karamu, fiesta.....*

The June meeting to be held June 9th, 2018, at John Gisetto's, will be the official meeting / 50th anniversary party extravaganza. It will be an outdoor meeting, so please bring appropriate seating if you have a favorite outdoor chair, hats and sun screen, etc. There will be canopies to protect the food and the models. As for entertainment? We have a star studded lineup, Paul Champigny will demonstrate some close up feats of prestidigitation with 1/350th scale ship parts, "*Now you see 'em... ping...Now you don't*". Bill Collins will perform his death defying airbrushing demonstration..."*Cleaning your airbrush with lacquer thinner and a lit cigarette.*" Music will be provided by 'Joe Jr. and the Sprue-Stretchers'. They will perform some of their hits, including..."*Cuts Like an Xacto Knife*", "*Superglued My Fingers Together Blues*", "*Adequate Ventilation Required Rag*" and that country favorite, "*She Yard Saled My Kit Stash*". Parking will be across the street. (See the club web page or the Face Book site for more info.) Now I just need to finish this column and get it to Bob and hope he can get it published before the meeting date. *Party, karamu, fiesta.....*

Still in 50th mode. BayCon 2018 is November 11, 2018, at the Elks Hall in Smithfield, RI. The special theme awards for the 50th anniversary are "Items related to 50" and the year "1968". The Items Related to 50 is any model utilizing 50 as part of its identity, such as a B-50 bomber, a .50 Cal. Machine gun, or a '50 Ford. The 1968 Award is open to any model related to the year 1968. So of course you immediately think of a '68 Chevy. But what about a Grumman F11F in 1968 Blue Angels livery. It was the last year they used the F11F before transitioning to the F-4 in 1969. 1968 was the highpoint of the Viet Nam war, at least as far as the American presence goes. Amongst other battles, it was the year of the Tet Offensive. *Party, karamu, fiesta.....*

Speaking of BayCon, Paul Champigny is the vendor coordinator for BayCon. Contact Paul if you are looking for table space. Anyone wishing to sponsor a category and provide a trophy pack can contact me. Yup, it's that time of year, the BayCon push is on.

As promised, the Board met and reviewed the December 2017 vote taken as to the subject of the *Hal Marshman Sr. Memorial Award*. At the December meeting we voted to rotate the subject of the award. Last year, the first year of the award, the subject was Luftwaffe Aircraft. Based on the Dec. vote we announced that this year it would be P-47s. Next year it will be F4U Corsairs and the following year it will be Fw 190s. In the 5th year it will revert back to Luftwaffe Aircraft. All of these subjects are 1/48 scale. Because all of these subjects were favorite subjects of Hal's, the Board found no problem with the rotating subject schedule.

On a personal note, I see this milestone that we just crossed, (50th year), as a major achievement. There aren't too many organizations that can make that claim. When you consider the minimal budget we operate under and the fact that all of the people that drive this club are volunteers. If you talk to any organization similar to ours, we all have the same problem(s). Only about 1/3 of the membership participates in the club, to the extent that they show up for meetings on occasion. (About 25 members.) From that 1/3 we have to glean our volunteers to get things done. I think it is imperative that we recognize those volunteers. Over the years there have been a number of them. Some have moved on to other things, other locations, etc. Some have passed on. But without them we never would have reached this milestone. For fear of leaving somebody out, I'm not even going to try to list them all, but I ask you to take a moment and thank them for their work on the clubs behalf.

Another problem that is facing us, as well as other clubs, is age. As much as I hate to admit it, we are all getting older. I think it is easy to see, especially at a meeting, we aint as young as we used to be. There is a lack of young blood in our club, as well as others. The odds are better than 50/50 that a new member is already retired. Ten years ago this wasn't true. A large portion of our base or core is retired or about to be. Please don't miss an opportunity to recruit younger members.

Article XIX of the recently ratified bylaws deals with the dissolution of the club. Under that article, one of the sub items requires an accounting of club property. The result of that accounting is to be added as an addendum to the bylaws. We are currently trying to compile that list. We are asking for your help. If you have, store, or care for club property, please notify me and provide a listing of those items and where you store them. The list requires some detail, but does not have to be extensively precise. I offer as examples; 1 box of pencils. It does not have to say 3 unsharpened pencils, 4 slightly used pencils, and 6 pencil stubs. If you have a box of miscellaneous office supplies that belong to the club you can list it that way. You don't have to itemize everything; 3 paper clips, 16 used staples, etc. Most people have very little to list. Some of us have a bit more. We ask for a location in the case we have to retrieve these materials, for whatever reason, and you're not there. If you keep the item in your shed or garage, that would be an adequate description. If it's in your office a more detailed description may be needed, such as top left desk draw. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Part of the reasoning behind the location requirement is that at times in my career I had been required to travel for work. Sometimes just a couple days, many times longer. When I was doing work for the

navy it was possible that I would be out of contact for a few days or just a few hours, even after the advent of the cell phone. Some of the club stuff that I have could be found quite easily, some not so much.

So, what's new? The Hobby Bunker in Malden, www.hobbybunker.com, has announced that they are now carrying the complete line of AK Interactive products. They do mail-order.

DoraWings 1/48 Bell P-63 Kingcobra is now available. The price quoted is \$57. The sprue gates appear to be a bit thick, typical of a lot of limited run kits. The engineering is a bit unique but it should result in a correctly aligned wing. There are a few photo etched parts. Decals are provided for 6 aircraft, but they are all natural metal.

Moebius has released their 1/350 USS Franklin NX-326 from the *Star Trek Beyond* movie. This looks to be a super casting and the kit contains a lot of clear plastic. So having some advanced skills may be required. Listed MSRP is \$60.

Many years ago I built Tamiya's M-3 Stuart. Ok, who hasn't? I remember it as a fun build. Let me rephrase that. I don't remember much about building it, which means I didn't run into many problems. I remember problems. It sits in a display case on the battleship USS Massachusetts. Tamiya has released a new tool M-3 Stuart (Late Production). The kit is updated to the latest engineering practices. And yes, it includes blank off plates for the underside of the pontoons. There is no interior and it comes with vinyl tracks. There are 3 decal schemes, two Russian and 1 US in Tunisia. Cover price is \$42. (Ok, this is one of my favorite tanks, so I suspect I'll have to pick up at least one of these kits. Odds are that it will be more than one, even though I still have a couple old ones, and a couple Academy kits to build. Certain things are like potato chips, you can't have just one.)

And on to Airfix. Their 1/72 B-25 B/C new tool is available. It is typical of their new computer generated modeling toolings. The cockpit area is well detailed, which helps because of all of the nose glass. It can be built with bomb bay doors closed or open. If closed, a single piece fills the void. If open, the bomb bay door is cast as part of the bomb bay interior wall, which guarantees proper door alignment. The control surfaces are poseable. The kit comes with two sets of decals, both nice schemes, both stateside US aircraft. My fingers are crossed for some aftermarket decals. Also I suspect from the parts layout that we will see a couple different variants. *Party, karamu, fiesta.....*

Yes, it's June again and yet, no D-Day story again this year. I guess I'm really slipping.

The July issue of *Fine Scale* just arrived. It's the Battle of Kursk issue and promises 20 pages of "Modeling WWII's Massive Tank Clash". The actual battle began on July 5th, 1943. In my opinion the article on building Red 421 is worth the time. Seven pages of step by step photos and text and a brief history of the PzKpfw III Ausf M. The article upgrades Dragon's kit of the same vehicle. The article on how to pack 20 pounds of mud on a 2 pound Su-152, I'm not so thrilled with. There is a photo spread of a diorama that contains 400 hours of work, 40 figures, 3 tanks, 2 support vehicles, 2 motorcycles, and one halftrack. It's a good effort but I don't see any tank tracks in all of that tall grass. Check out the 1/350 scale Flower class corvette, HMS Zinnia, article.

Finally 50. *Party, karamu, fiesta.....*

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

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In the Box Review:

Ebbro Team Lotus Type 49 (1967) 1/20 scale, (EMSF-1)

Way back when, when I was in my early teens, I developed an interest in cars, big surprise, right? I started going to car shows in Boston. Much as they do today, they would bring in popular drivers and their cars as part of the attraction. NASCAR wasn't a big thing, but it was gaining popularity, so most often it would be an Indy car and driver. The Indy 500 was televised, even back then, when we had hand crank TV's. It meant something to us, even as kids. An acquaintance of mine suddenly had a custom made slot car track in his basement. It wasn't too long after that that I had a 1/32 Strombecker Ferrari Testa Rosa to race on that track. I'm reading *Sports Car Graphics*, *Car and Driver*, and *Road and Track*, and watching Monaco, Watkins Glen, Le Mans, and Sebring on *Wide World of Sports*. My dad's trying to choose between a Rambler or a Desoto, and I'm checking out Ferraris and Porsches. But that's where my interest in racing machines, typically Indy cars, Formula 1 (F-1), and sports cars, comes from.

The Lotus 49 is a milestone machine as far as F1 goes. It's of monocoque construction and it utilized a new engine produced by a new engine design company, the now famous 3.0 liter DFV Ford Cosworth. Not only did the DFV provide the power, producing 408 hp, it was also a structural component of the racer. It made its debut at the 4th race of the season, the Dutch Grand Prix. Graham Hill, who was the developmental test driver placed his car on the pole position. His teammate, Jim Clark, who hadn't driven the car until just prior to the race, managed to start from the 8th position. Clark went on to win the race. Hill retired with engine problems. Hill and Clark managed to put the car in the pole position for the remaining races of the season. Clark won the Dutch, British, American, and Mexican Grand Prix's that season.

Ebbro is a company from Japan that I had never heard of. They have been around for a number of years producing die-cast cars. Recently they decided to get into plastic model kits and are producing a line of 1/20 scale F-1 racers that are compatible with the Tamiya 1/20 F-1 series, both in scale and quality, and possibly better.

The box is a two part lid / base construction, oversized compared the normal car kit. It is shallower than the standard AMT/Revell box, but wider and longer, (11 ½"x 7 ½" x 2 ¾"). The cover art work is art work featuring one of the number 5 cars. The end panels feature the cover art, and the side panels feature photos of the completed model.

The kit is composed of a black on white instruction sheet, and a decal sheet, possibly printed by Cartograph. (I couldn't read the inscription through the frosted protective sheet.) There are seven sprues of parts, each individually wrapped. One of silver grey plastic for the engine, one of clear, yellow tinted parts, one of green plastic for the body panels. Two chrome plated plastic for wheels and suspension parts and two of black plastic with interior parts, brakes, tanks, and misc. parts. There is a bag of beautifully printed vinyl or hard rubber Firestone tires also in the box. There are two 6mm screws and a sheet of "metal decals", according to the instruction sheet. Everything is bagged, there are no loose parts floating around in the box.

The parts look crisp and I noticed very little flash, although there are a lot of seam lines to remove. It is possible that some of the seams are in fact casting seams that actually existed. Careful examination may answer that. There are numerous sink marks, but most of these appear to be on hidden surfaces. I haven't noticed any that mar a surface.

The instruction sheet is a fold out type, similar to Tamiya in appearance, composed of a cover page and nine pages of instructions, showing 13 steps. The cover page shows the box art and a history of the auto in Japanese and English. The English portion is professionally written. I can tell this because of the Japanese to English dictionary translations that appear on the rest of the instruction sheet. Try "Decals other than explanation should use own data for reference, carrying out them" on for size. Page 1 shows the sprues and the parts layout. Page 2 is the most important page. It contains two profiles and plans showing typical car markings and indicates where the variations take place. The quote from above is from Page 2. Page 2 also contains "The Spreadsheet". The spreadsheet is used to determine the parts to be used to build the particular race car you chose to build, based on the race. The type 49 was entered in five races that year. Two cars were entered in four of them. Only one car was entered in the Mexican Grand Prix. The cars were configured differently for each race. So you need to pick your race to determine its configuration. This affects the brake selection, front suspension, ignition location, drive

shaft, and mirror type and location. You can produce one of nine different cars with this kit. Page 3 contains some cautionary notes and the paint color table, based on Tamiya colors. It also has steps 1 and 2 for assembling the cockpit. Page 4 contains Step 3 which is the body around the cockpit assembly. Page 5 shows Step 4, front bulkhead assembly, and Step 5, the front uprights and brakes. Page 6 shows Step 6, attaching the radiator and Step 7, assembling the engine. Page 7 depicts Step 8, mounting the engine, and Step 9, transmission assembly. Page 8 shows Step 10, rear suspension assembly, and Step 11, exhaust pipes. Page 9 shows Step 12, the upper suspension arms, and Step 13, cowling and wheel assembly. The steps are line drawings with circles and arrows to point out where parts go.

My major complaint with the instruction sheet, besides the Japanese to English translations, is that a few parts are shown with clarity for proper identification, with an arrow showing which surface that part gets mounted to. In the subsequent views of that assembly, that part is not shown. I think a good set of reference photos is a must. Also, for one race, one car had the mirrors mounted in a different location. It tells you this on the instruction sheet. It tells you to drill holes in the clear part for mounting them. It does not give you any dimension, such as 12mm from the end of the windscreen or how far down, or up to place it.

This kit, because of the multiple color plastics, could be built without paint. I don't know why anyone would spend what is being asked for this kit and not paint it. It adds so much to the model. My general opinion of this kit is good. It does require a skilled builder, it's not for a beginner. I purchased this kit for about \$80 in a hobby shop. I have since seen it listed on the internet for \$57. Because of the price and the instruction sheet, I'm giving this kit a rating on the Del Scale of 4 thumbs up out of 5.

John Nickerson

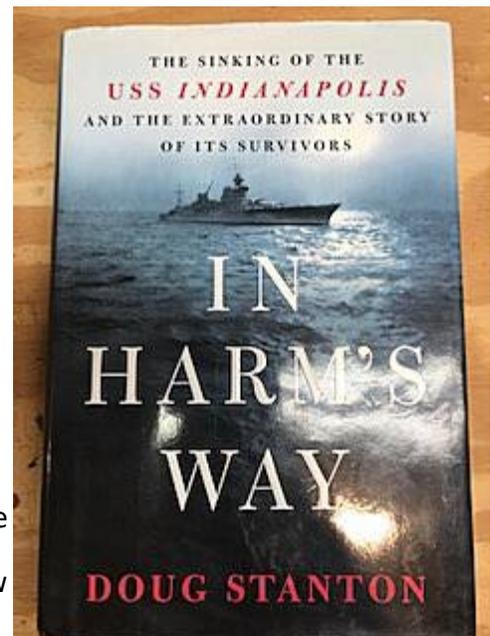
REVIEW:

By Robert Magina

In Harm's Way

By Doug Stanton

Another great read this year. This book is about the sinking of the USS Indianapolis during the later stages of WWII in the Pacific. It goes into real detail about the chain of events which lead up to the sinking of the Indianapolis and the subsequent 5 days some 900 men spent in the waters of the Pacific waiting for rescue. The main part of the book centers around the actual sinking and the 5 day ordeal that her crew endured waiting for rescue. Only 300 survived the wait. It



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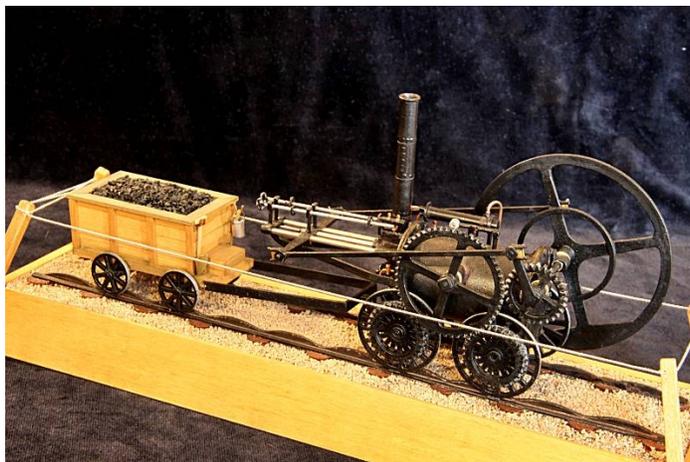
takes you through the events which lead to the Indianapolis not being missed for over 5 days. Very interesting. Once her crew and her Captain Charles Butler McVay were rescued it moves into the court martial of Captain McVay. He is to date the only US Naval Captain to be court martial-ed for the loss of the ship. When you read this book you will get a very interesting view of US Naval Bureaucracy at its best. Doug Stanton did a great job with this story. I highly recommend this book.

It is currently available on line and at most book stores.



US Dodge WC 51 by Robert Magina

Hungarian Grenadier
by
Marty
Ryan



Steam Engine by Norm Babcock

<h2>Up Scope</h2>	
Jul 14th Meeting	Aug 11th Meeting
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Directions Travel South on I 95 to exit 7 take right off the exit at the second light (Cumberland Farms) take a left onto Arnold Rd and continue to the intersection of Rt 3/Tiogue Avenue. Take a right onto Rt 3/Tiogue ave. After passing Nino's on the right, continue up over the hill to the sixth street on the right. Take a right onto Rawlinson Dr continue to the four way intersection. Our house is on the corner of East Shore Drive and Rawlinson drive and is the biege ranch. Please park along East Shore Drive and enter from the garage side into the back yard.	Directions 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.

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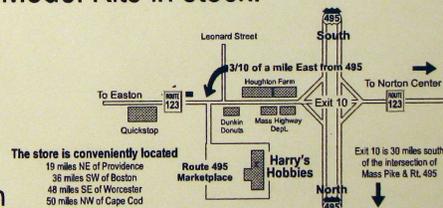
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<p>1/35th Dodge WC51 – Bob Magina 1/35th Jagdtiger (WIP) – Steve Kwasny 1/35th Steam Engine – Norm Babcock 1/35th Pz 38T – Mike McNamara 1/48th F-84 – John Merryman Cuddles (WIP) – Kevin Conlon Hawkatoo (WIP) – Kevin Conlon 77mm Roman Centurion – Marty Ryan 77mm US Calvary 1876 – Marty Ryan 77mm Norman Knight – Marty Ryan 77mm Hungarian Grenadier – Marty Ryan</p>	<p>1/35th Jagdpanzer IV L-70 – Steve Kwasny 1/35th M4A3E8 (WIP) – Steve Kwasny 1/35th Churchill Mk III (WIP) – Steve Kwasny 1/35th AML-90 Panhard (WIP) – Steve Kwasny 1/72nd F-84 – John Merryman 1/35th 2 ½ Ton Truck – Bill Collins 1/32nd OV-10D Bronco – John McCormick 1/72nd Swordfish – Paul Champigny</p>
<p>In Attendance: Bob Magina Kevin Conlon Eric Peterson John Merryman Peter Jardim Bob Don John Nickerson Warren April Norm Babcock Marty Ryan Chris Libucha Mike McNamara John Gisetto Sr. Kevin Colburn Gian Montecalvo Steve Kwasny</p>	<p>In Attendance: Bob Magina Joe Russum Ray Rosario John Gisetto Sr. John Nickerson Bob Don Bill Collins John McCormick Peter Jardim Gian Montecalvo Kevin Colburn Paul Champigny John Merryman Steve Kwasny Chris Libucha</p>
<p>Raffle: 1/48th C-45F – John Gisetto Sr. 1/48th Hawker Sea Fury – Eric Peterson Sanding Sticks – Peter Jardim X-Acto Blades – Warren April</p>	<p>Raffle: 1/35th SdKfz 10 – Paul Champigny Sanding Sticks – Steve Kwasny Tamiya Cement – Bob Don Tamiya Putty – Bob Magina</p>

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