
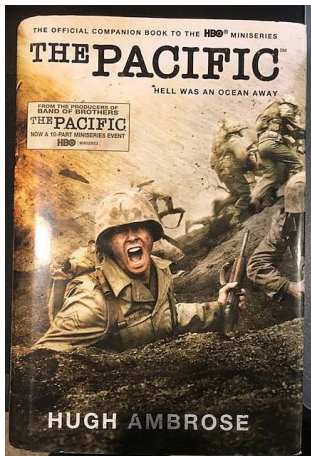




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BOOK REVIEW

By Robert Magina

The Pacific was written by Hugh Ambrose and released in 2010. As some of you may know Hugh is the son of Steven Ambrose of Band of Brothers fame amongst many other great WWII books. Like his father, Hugh's book was used in a WWII series. In Hugh's case it was The Pacific.

The book is well written in first person account much the same way his father had done in his many books. Its a very enjoyable and quick read. Once you start it is hard to put down. The book centers around six men as it covers their personal experiences in the Pacific War. These men are; Lieutenant Austin C. Shofner USMC, Ensign Vernon Micheel USN, Sidney C. Philips USMC, Sergeant John Basilone USMC, Eugene B. Sledge USMC and Robert Leckie, USMC. Their personal experiences cover the Pacific War from the Philipines in 1941 to the end of the war in 1945. The major battles covered from Guadalcanal thru battles at Peleliu, Okinawa to mention a few and finally to Iwo Jima. The book gives great detail and insight into the personal lives and experiences of each of these men. You can see yourself there. Thats why its a hard read to put down.

Hardcover comes around for \$25 in most book stores. It is also out in paperback for less. You can find copies of these used for \$5 to 10. I highly recommend this book for those of you World War II buffs.

FROM THE BRIDGE

The President's Column

We are now about half way through our 49th (2017 – 2018) membership year. Next year, 2018 -2019, will be our 50th 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 Historic Modelers.

We sponsored a trophy pack for the IPMS Nationals in Omaha, back in July. The latest (Sept. – Oct.) Issue of the IPMS Journal is out with the results. I can tell you now that we sponsored an aircraft category, 141.Aircraft: 1:144 Aircraft.

I've got a good head start with this column and hopefully the newsletter will be out before the Dec. meeting, because we will be having the gift exchange again this year. To participate you need to bring a wrapped kit or good reference materials. Gag gifts are not allowed. You don't have to go out and buy a new kit, it could be something you won at the meeting raffle, or just a kit from your collection that you have finally decided you will not build. It needs to be complete, in good shape, and un-started.

We received our re-charter parcel on Nov. 13th from Dave Schwab, the Region 1 Regional Coordinator. I have not had time yet to open it to see if we have to do all of the research ourselves again. Dave blamed the delay on the change of power, John Novak moving up to 1st VP and Dave Lockhart becoming the new Director of Local Chapters. I'll get on this ASAP.

Only one trophy category was left unsponsored for BayCon.

All of our vendor tables were full. A number of them were builders or collectors dumping their excess kits. This put a damper on the legit dealers, who feel they can't compete with the heavy discounts. That said, IPMS Patriot had a table. I was told that they were disposing of a collection from a deceased member. Some of our members got some good deals. I noticed as I was taking a quick walk through the vendor area, a lack of signage identifying the vendors. David Doyle Books had business card/bookmarks on his table, and Harry had business cards. I think I'll ask Paul to request they put out some signage on their tables, when he sends out his invitation letters in the spring.

The 50th Anniversary polls on the forum closed on Nov. 1. I was surprised that only 10 members voted. I'm not surprised by the results. On question 1, nine said we should do something, only one said no. Question 2, 3 said at a hall with buffet, 4 said hall and we bring the food and 2 said at a member's house. Question 3, 10 voted, 5 said invite old members, 7 said allow wives and guests, and 3 said just members.

I've said it a number of times now, this may have been our benchmark year for BayCon. Some of the numbers were amazing. Not wanting to be repetitive, I've already written a report of the preliminary numbers from the show and it should be posted elsewhere in this issue. Check it out.

Going into BayCon, the few weeks ahead of our event, I become focused on the show, making sure that as many of the I's are dotted and T's are crossed as possible. Luckily, Paul Champigny has taken over the role of wrangling the vendors. He sends me a list of who's coming and who's not. That gives me the info for the trophy sponsorships and the category folders. I order the trophies and prepare the judging folders. I double check with our regular sponsors, and Monte rounds up a few more. We came real close to full sponsorship this year. (My wife is not real thrilled with this time of year because family comes second.)

Immediately after the show I count all the money and prepare the deposit for a trip to the bank. I also start compiling the results and reporting the numbers. I have started the official results, key word is started. Now that the show is the second Sunday in November, it puts it closer to Thanksgiving and the December meeting. I would like to have the results completed for the meeting but my guess is it may not happen. After the show I had to get involved in a couple family issues, both of which are ongoing, and there is a dental issue that is coming very close to being a comedy of errors, I just don't think it's that funny, and is taking way too much time. As I write this it's been a week since I touched the results.

So, thanks are due to a lot of people for the success of this year's show. A lot of people pulled together to make it happen, more so this year than in the past. As always, there are going to be people that I miss, and I apologize in advance for my failure to mention their names, it's not intentional. Monte led the night crew (while still recuperating from his surgery and dealing with family issues), of Bob Don and Mike McNamara, into the hall at 11:30 pm Saturday night to set up the vendor area. John Gisetto led the Sunday morning crew, to set up the remainder of the tables for the display area. Included in that group are Ted Bunn (he brought the table leg extenders), Paul Champigny, Chris Libucha, Kevin Colburn, Bob Don, Bob & Craig Magina, Pat & Renee McCulgan, Joe Russum, Eric Peterson, Ray Rosario, Gian Montecalvo, and Steve Kwasny.

Our thanks also go out to our front table crew. Joe Russum has become a regular there, Mike McNamara jumped in for the second year in a row, and Eric Petersen helped out. These guys handle a crucial process to the success of our show. John McCormick volunteered to serve as Club Ambassador, to help out people having problems navigating the entry paper work. I have to admit I didn't hear any complaints, not even from any of John's alter-egos!

The club table was successfully run by Bob, Craig Magina and Peter Jardim. The clubs cut from the table was \$187 this year. (Up from \$155.25 last year.) Thanks for your efforts, guys. The success of this table also reflects on the kits and goodies being offered by club members at reasonable prices.

Chris Libucha, Pat and Renee McCulgan ran the raffle table to another successful year, much in part to many club members that donated kits, and the donations from the vendors. The table made a profit of \$225.07. We seeded the raffle with a few newer kits, but with all of the activity at the table all day, I figure that some of the donations must have been desirable to some of our guests. Anyone win anything nifty in the raffle? (There were a block of tickets adjacent to my numbers that were called a number of times and not collected on. I only know this because of how close they were to my numbers. I figure whoever owned them got what he wanted and went home happy. Or maybe, someone else got what he wanted and he just quit.)

Paul Machado, owner of the food truck, told me that it was an easy day for him. He gets to park in one location for part of the day and doesn't have to race from one job site to another to be there for the workers break. He looks forward to our show and it's only the weather that can dampen his spirits.

Thanks to everyone that helped with clean-up. I was busy trying to resolve some issues as the tables were being broken down so I didn't notice who was involved in the clean-up team, so I can't cite names, sorry.

And, as they say, last but not least, thanks to all of the judges, both club members and non-members, alike. I'm sure it was a tough job this year, just based on the number of models on the tables. I would hope that someone that served as a judge for the first time, might jot down a few notes on his experience and submit them to Bob for the newsletter. I'd like to know if he felt he learned anything from the experience.

There were three glitches during the awards. At the time they felt like major issues, but in hindsight not so much. Reading the Juniors awards was my error, I misread the results. There were five names listed for certificates. I read them as award winner and entry item, so I was a bit confused as I read them. Only three certificates were filled out. The other two will be sent out to the recipients. The F-14 challenge awards were awarded to civilian airliners, I knew that was wrong as soon as I saw it. This situation is yet to be fully resolved, but will be. And lastly, one of the folders had not been filled out, that was part of the scramble during the ceremony to look up the information.

At the end of the day, I think most people were happy with our event. Thanks to all that participated, especially those that brought models. Wow, 473 entries!

Just a quick note to try to clear the air. I don't think it was a problem this year but it has reared its head in the past. You do not get into the show for free because you are a club member. If you are coming in to work, those that work the complete show do get in for free. That would be people like the Chief Judge and the Line Judges, the Club Table crew and Raffle table crew, etc. They pretty much work the whole show. If you are entering models you get in with that entry. 'Nuff said?

Think 50th!

Happy Holidays! May your holiday season be peaceful for your family and full of great hobby stuff for you.

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

John J. Nickerson

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IPMS/USA News

The following Bay Colony members were awarded IPMS pins for achieving 25 years or more of continued membership in IPMS/USA.

Christopher Libucha
Robert Magina
John Nickerson
Joseph Ravino
Stanley Wright

BayCon 2017 Preliminary Data: **Some of the Numbers from the Show...**

This may go down as a Benchmark Year for us. I was stunned by the numbers I was getting as I started compiling the numbers from the show. I thought I was making mistakes, so I entered the registration numbers into a spreadsheet. Nope, I was correct! And the coincidences are just down right spooky. It was enough to make me doubt my math skills, or that someone was sending a message.

We had 86 entrants, two less than last year. Those 86 entered 473 models. 473!! That is 159 more than last year! (Read that slowly and let it sink in.) But that's not all when you consider that we had 11 collections entered. At a minimum of 3 models per collection, that gives us a minimum of 22 additional models. We easily had 500 models on the tables. Let's see, 473 models divided by 86 equals an average of 5.5 models each. But here's where I really started to doubt my math skills, the 86 modelers paid \$473 to enter those 473 models. \$473! What makes it even stranger is our entry fee is not based on a \$1 per model fee system. It's \$5 for the first 5 models. Enter 1, \$5, enter 5, \$5.

I use the registration book to generate these numbers. I go through it page by page. I total up the claimed entries and the fee paid. At the end of page 1, I knew we might be on our way to a good show. We hope for there to be over 300 models on the tables. The first 20 modelers entered 154 models. I knew that to be above average, but I also knew that the first 20 tend to enter more models than any other page. I don't have an explanation for this, it just happens. So this is the point where I stopped adding the numbers by hand and switched to the spreadsheet, the second 20 modelers also entered 154 models! The first two pages, the first 40 modelers, already had us over 300 models and we had three more pages to go.

As far as walk-in's or viewers go, it's tough to tell exactly. We charge \$3 per person, \$2 for seniors. Once upon a time there were just a few seniors, there are a lot more of us now than there used to be. Subtract \$473 from the front door take and divide that by \$3, we had a minimum of 162 viewers. But we let a few seniors in. If we presume that 50% of the viewers to be seniors, that would bring us up to 202 viewers. If only 33% were seniors the number drops to 189.

Aircraft entries top them all. We had 125 aircraft models, (26% of the entries). We had 118 Auto entries, (25%), Armor 72, (15%), the Miscellaneous categories had 69 (15%), Figures 30 (6%), and Ships 20 (4%).

So those are the preliminary numbers as I have them. As I go through and write up the results and cross-check against the registration forms, the numbers may change slightly, but with 473 entries the percentages shouldn't change much.

John Nickerson, chief results compiler and general all around numbers guy, out.

Up Scope

Jan 13th Meeting

Bill Collins
113 Powderhorn Drive
Taunton, MA 02780
508-695-7754 – Bob Magina

Feb Meeting

Brian Messier
Fairhaven Fire Station
146 Washington Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719
Brian Messier
508-889-4026

Directions

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Directions

From the north, you want to take either 140 south or 495 south. For those taking 140, take 195 east to exit 18. For those taking 495 take 195 West to exit 18. off the exit you will be heading south. go through 1 set of lights. bear right at the second set of lights onto route 6. Again, go through one set of lights at Alden Road. take your NEXT LEFT (across from Burger King). This is Washington St. The fire station is about a thousand feet down on your right. the address for those with a GPS is 146 Washington St, Fairhaven MA. 02719.

Mosquito Mk VI BY John McCormick



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John Nickerson

In Range

Oct 14 th Meeting – Steve Kwasny	Nov 9 th Meeting – Gian Montecalvo																												
<p>1/35th Tiger I Early Tunisia – Steve Kwasny 1/35th Tiger II (WIP) – Steve Kwasny 1/35th Panzer IV L-70 (WIP) – Steve Kwasny 1/35th T-35 – Bill Collins 1/48th Mig 25 (WIP) – Peter Jardim 1/32nd Mosquito Mk VI – John McCormick</p>	<p>1/76th Vickers AA Tank – Bob Don 1/35th Strumpanzer W Late (WIP) – Steve Kwasny 1/35th Panther D – Peter Jardim 1/35th Ford G917 – Art Drummond 1/35th Japanese Type 89 – Art Drummond 1/35th Japanese Type 97 – Art Drummond 1/? UFO – John Gisetto Sr.</p>																												
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