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FROM THE BRIDGE

The President's Column

This is the last newsletter before the start of our 50th year, 2018 -2019. 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 are trying to move forward with our 50th Anniversary planning. As it stands, as of this moment, it will be held on June 9th, 2018, at the home of John Gisetto. This will be an expanded meeting format. It will be a regular meeting with, hopefully, a couple added features, which have not yet been determined. Because this could be the last newsletter before the event, we are announcing it here. Please stay tuned on the club web site, forum, and Facebook page for updates.

Noreastcon 47 is April 28 and 29 at the Museum of American Armor, Bethpage Village, 1303 Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage, NY 11804. There are 51 categories. I do not know the categories. The flyers I received had only the front page. For the categories, admission fees, or more info check out www.lisms-ipms.org or contact Robert at taurleo@optonline.net .

At the March meeting we voted to provide a trophy pack for the IPMS Nationals.

Also at the March meeting, a contingent of members wanted to re-address the Hal Marshman, Sr. Memorial award. When we had originally instated the award, it was decided that it would be for the best Luftwaffe aircraft, at least for the first year. At the December meeting, it was brought up as a discussion point and voted on that it would become a rotating subject award, rotating between Luftwaffe aircraft, P-47s, F4U Corsairs, and Fw 190s. All of these being favorite modeling subjects of Hal's. It was decided that for 2018 it would be P-47's. It has been announced as such. Now some members are upset with this for a number of differing reasons. A couple felt it lessens the value of the award by having it a rotating subject. It was decided to send it to the board for them to resolve. Speaking for myself on this, I don't much care one way or another which subject the award represents, or if it rotates. What is important to me is that Hal is remembered. We decided to use Best Luftwaffe Aircraft because the Maine club already had a Hal Marshman P-47 award. But Hal enjoyed all of the above mentioned subjects. I guess my real problem is that the December meeting is one of the best attended meeting of the year. When we take a vote, the December meeting gives us one of the best quorums of the year. And now we have some dissent and we are going to have to revisit this subject. Not only by the board, but by the membership when the board presents its results.

BayCon 2018 is November 11, 2018, at the Elks Hall in Smithfield, RI. The same location we used last year. Somewhat recently, I provided info to Bob, so that he could produce the flyer for BayCon 2018. I edited a list of categories and awards. Well, the flyer was produced. And now, something jogged my memory and I forgot to list the special theme awards that we decided to have for our 50th anniversary. These were announced last year. To refresh your memory, they are "Items related to 50" and the year "1968".

Just a couple notes from Airfix. They have announced the release of the 1/72 Martin B-26 in England. They are playing this one very tight to the vest. There is no mention of this being a new tool. There is very little kit description on the web site, mostly just aircraft history. There is no mention of raised or recessed panel lines. If this isn't their old molds, then it would have to be a licensed version of the Hasegawa kit? So don't get excited over this announcement. You can get excited about their next announcement, the 1/48 Hawker Sea Fury Mk. II is now out in the US. This is a new tool, and they make sure you know that. This is a very historically important aircraft to the Brits. It's the last piston engine aircraft ordered by the Royal Navy and they claim that it is the epitome of radial engine aircraft. The kit comes with two different schemes. The scheme I'd like to see is the yellow and black "invasion" stripes Suez scheme. You prop jocks, keep your eyes peeled for this one. MSRP is about \$33. And just out in the USA, I just received the email, in 1/72, the McDonnell Douglas Phantom II FG. 1. This is the British version of the Phantom with British exhaust cones and the extended nose gear leg. This is a new tool. And no, you cannot convert it to US usage with just some decals. I've seen the photos and videos of this kit and it looks impressive. Is a US version in the future? I don't know. Can a US version be produced by changing the exhaust nozzles? I don't have that answer either. You'll have to look it up.

When I started this column I had only received a couple emails from Airfix over a few weeks. As I was wrapping it up I have received a small flurry. The latest message is that the 1/48 Junkers Ju 87 R-2/B-2 is available in the US. The MSRP is just under \$40.

The latest issue of Fine Scale, the May 2018 issue, is touted as the "Sci-Fi Special". About 50% of the magazine is devoted to Sci-Fi articles and pics of models. The rest of the magazine is the more typical armor, aircraft, and ship models. The first Sci-Fi article is a 'how-to' on converting a metal figure. They take the 54mm Andrea Miniatures SG-F68 (not) Spock from the Star Trek movies, with the double breasted jacket, and convert it to the TV series (not) Spock with the pull over shirt / jersey top. This is a fairly simple conversion for someone that has worked with metal figures before. (I used the (not), because nowhere on the figure packaging or in their catalog is the name Spock used. The image is undeniable, but I suspect this is Andrea's method of avoiding licensing fees. They have done this on other Sci-Fi figures and movie characters that they have released.) They couple the figure with a section of the AMT/Ertl 1/32 scale bridge set. The article only covers the conversion, but there is a link to an online article on how to paint the figure. There are two articles on adding lights to models. Both articles are different approaches to different types of models.

One of the Sci-Fi articles is on adding details to the Millennium Falcon using etched brass. This article confuses me a bit. The lead-in says..."Turn Bandai's 1/72 scale kit into a beautiful hunk of junk". Shoot, I can do that without the etched brass. The article text mentions Bandai's 1/144 scale kit along with kit number. I am presuming the article to be correct because the 1/144 kit, per the latest Squadron catalog, is \$50. Their 1/72 scale kit is \$400. I would think that for \$400 you would get a reasonable amount of detail cast in. Not that some etched brass wouldn't help turn this into a spectacular kit, but I have to imagine that etched brass for a Millennium Falcon in 1/72 scale would easily add another \$100 to \$200 to the cost of that kit. That's out of my price range. How about you?

One of the highlights of the May issue, at least to me is in the Readers Gallery. Krunoslav Lisac from Zagreb, Croatia submitted a photo of his wooden Mig 21 diorama. He started with a Revell 1/32 scale MiG 21. Besides removing all of the raised panel lines he had to engrave all of the wood planking. I am impressed with his imagination.

Tamiya has announced the release of their new Bf 109G-6 in 1/48. The kit comes with a detailed engine and cowling panels designed to be removed to display it. The reviews that I have seen all give it high marks, most commenting on the effort to get the outline correct and to lock the landing gear into the correct stance. Hopefully we will have one of these as the subject for the meeting raffle in the very near future. Fine Scale gives it a MSRP of \$53.

A question that surfaces, maybe more than you realize, especially at show time, is "What is the difference between Sci-Fi and Fantasy? In his "Final Details" column, Mark Hembree posted these quotes in an attempt to answer the question: "*Fantasy is the impossible made probable. Science Fiction is the improbable made possible.*" – Rod Serling; "*Science fiction is something that could happen – but you usually wouldn't want it to. Fantasy is something that couldn't happen – though you often only wish that it could*" – Arthur C. Clarke; and finally, "*Science fiction is what I say it is.*" – John W. Campbell Jr.

You may ask, John, what's up with the rash of car kit reviews? Well, that's all I have purchased as of late. My purchasing has slowed, mostly because I have run out of storage space. If I get something new, the older kits it is replacing have to leave somehow. Another reason it has slowed is because of the lack of interesting subject matter, at least for me. Some of the latest areas of interest produced are IDF armor and modern Russian armor. I have no interest in either. The car kits fit my areas of interest. Which leads me to the third reason my purchasing has slowed, the expense of the kits. The D type Jaguar, which I ordered in October finally arrived. That was \$145. The Ferrari 330 P4, the car that I think is the epitome of the Ferrari racing designs, although not a brand new kit was in the \$80 range, and it's a curbside, no engine. I had never heard of this company but Ebbro is now making 1/20 scale Formula 1 racers. I acquired one of the Lotus 49 (1967) kits. This was in the \$80 range, also. The engine was a structural component of the car so it does have one, and a nice one it is. So you will be seeing reviews on these and more.

Think 50th!

God bless America! Pray for our servicemen overseas.

Happy modeling and give kits to kids!

John J. Nickerson

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50th Anniversary

Of The

Bay Colony Historic Modelers Association

A gala celebration to commemorate the birth of our most magnificent organization will be held at the June 2018 monthly club meeting. Spouses & Significant Others are welcome to attend.

Please make plans now to be here as our clubs 50th Anniversary only comes around once.

- June 9, 2018
- 11:00am – 4:00pm
- The Gisetto home

390 Plymouth Street, Middleborough, MA 02346-1625

If directions are needed please use contact information listed below.

Refreshments in accordance with this commemorative event will be served. Bring a display item or two that would commemorate this momentous event.

- ❖ A current completed model
- ❖ Something you are currently working on
- ❖ A model from circa 1968, completed or in the box
- ❖ Other related items from circa 1968

Let your displays outdo themselves for this great occasion.

Do not miss this most important gala event.

Give us a heads up if you are planning on attending so we are better able to plan for food and drink.

We want enough cake and goodies to go around

Please RSVP by June 2nd, telephone or e-mail:

Bette Gisetto – 508-947-1546 or e-mail her at jgisetto@comcast.net

Notes

1. All parking will be in the parking lot across the street from our home.
2. This will be an outdoor event. We will move indoors for inclement weather.
3. Large canopies will be set up within the yard for display, food and shelter.
4. Plenty of seating will be available.
5. Prospective members or interested scale modelers are most welcome.

REVIEW:

By Robert Magina

Descent into Darkness – Pearl Harbor 1941 A Navy Diver's Memoir

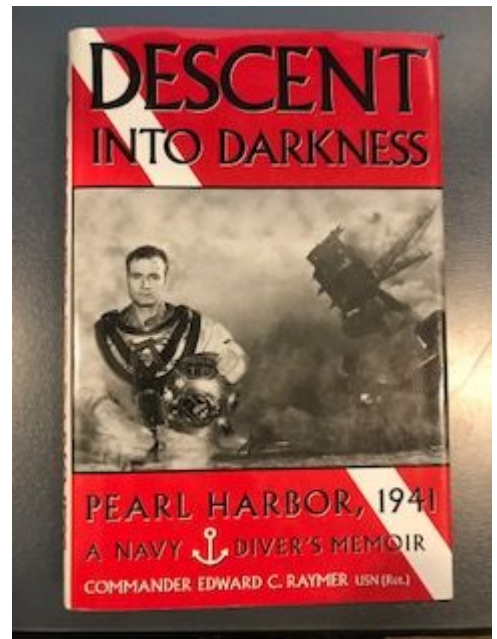
Commander Edward C. Raymer USN (Ret.)

I found this gem in a used book store during one of my travels. Incredible read. Cmdr Raymer was the chief diver of the Pearl Harbor salvage operations. This book covers in great detail the raising and salvage of the sunken Battleships after the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941.

Diving back in this time was truly in its infancy with just about everything from equipment to tools be designed as they went along. Raymer and his diving crew entered each battleship utilizing new and untried methods and tools to raise each ship so that it could be salvaged and put back into service. His descriptions in this book of each operation in Pearl Harbor are incredible. His description of the salvage of the Oklahoma was really interesting to see how they were able to roll it over to upright position and salvage her. Dangerous work puts it mildly. A number of the divers on his crew died or were seriously injured during these operations which went on for many months after Pearl Harbor attack. In the end they salvaged the West Virginia, Nevada, California and the Oklahoma.

Raymar and his diving crew went on to Guadalcanal and other sites of WWII.

A great read. Not sure if it is still in print.



Up Scope

May 12th Meeting

Steve Kwasny
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Jun 9th Meeting

John Gisetto
390 Plymouth Street
Middleborough, MA 02346
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Bay Colony 50th Party

Directions

Take I-495 N, or 495 S. Take exit 16 for King St toward Franklin/Woonsocket RI. Turn left onto King St, go under overpass and follow (if taking 495S, take right off exit) 1.0 mi. Continue onto Washington St (same road) 2.8 mi. Continue onto Pulaski Blvd (same road) 2.1mi. At the set of lights, bear right onto MA-126 N/S Main St. At the intersection you will see a strip mall with a Dean Bank, you will also see a Walgreens in front of you, and Bellingham Vet Clinic 0.7 mi. At the set of lights, turn left onto Elm St 1.3mi. Turn left toward Summer St 108ft. Keep right onto Summer St 0.4mi. Go through intersection of Farm St and Summer St 0.7mi. Turn right onto Blackstone St at stop sign. Destination will be on the right, you can park on side of the street in front of house, or on Susan Drive.
From I-295 N or S

Take exit 9B for RI-146 N toward Woonsocket 0.6mi. Keep left at the fork and merge onto RI-146 N/Eddie Dowling Hwy. Continue to follow RI-146 N 5.5mi. Take the exit toward Slatersville/Forestdale Rhode Island Rts 5/102 0.2mi. Turn right onto School St 328ft. Turn right onto Rhode Island 146A S/State Hwy 146A S 0.3mi. Take the 2nd left onto St Paul St at the set of lights. Firestation on left and convenience store on right. Entering Massachusetts-Go underneath railway bridge, and pass the Blackstone Municipal Center 1.8mi. Turn left onto MA-122 N/Main St 312ft. Slight right onto Blackstone St. Destination will be on the right 1.3mi.

Directions

Take 95N to 495N. Take exit 14B (Rte 1 – North Attleboro). Go through the lights, heading towards North Attleboro on Rte 1. (Pass Boston Tropical Garden at lights) Go to next light, intersection of Rte 106 and Rte 1 – go right onto Rte 106 towards Plainville center. (Convenience Store at lights). go to bottom of hill at the light take a right onto Rte 1A. Go past the Plainville Police and Fire on your right. Take right onto Sharlene Lane – Willow Lane is the first right – I am on the corner of Willow Lane and Maple Terrace – #71 Look for my Honda in the driveway – I would like to ask everyone to please park along Sharlene Lane and walk down Willow Lane to my Condo – I am very close to Sharlene Lane. Thank you for parking there and making the short walk.

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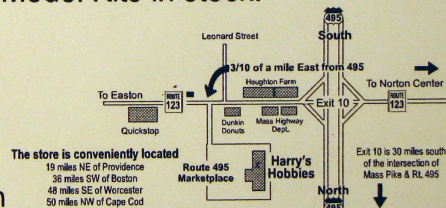
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John Nickerson



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1929 Ford Pickup by Jeff Marron

In Range

Feb 10 th Meeting – Brian Messier	Mar 10 th Meeting – Gil Costa
1/35th D9R Bulldozer – Jeff Marron 1/25th Pickup – Jeff Marron 1/35th M109 Shop Van – Brian Messier 1/35th Merkava – Brian Messier 1/48th AT-ST – Brian Messier 1/48th SR-71 – John Merryman 1/24th McClaren F1 GTR – Edmund Rosario	1/24th Chase Elliot No. 24 – Pat McColgan 1/24th Ryan Blaney No. 21 – Pat McColgan 1/35th King Tiger – Bill Collins Frank Luke – Joe McDonald Jr Gusatav II Adolph – Joe McDonald Jr L. Col. Kildore – Joe McDonald Jr Mujahadin – Joe McDonald Jr 90mm Recon Trooper – Joe MacDonald Sr.
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M109 Shop Van by Brian Messier

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