Chapter Contacts

Please forward to your members!



Rob Morales has been a very busy lad, but what with business trips, work commitments, and hobby commitments at recent contests; still managed to get his newsletter out. That's how it is with those guys who DO, they just DO: everybody else just talks about it a lot....



This issue includes photos of the many neat models at the May-retta chapter meeting Show 'n Tell: this one is chapter president and R-3 Regional Coordinator Dave Lockhart's PT 596, from the Italeri 1/35th kit. A big model in this scale!



A not-often seen kit of a today-not-very-familiar airplane is Paul Crawley's Vickers Viscount from the Mach 2 kit in United Airlines markings: as related in the text, this one was one of a fleet of Viscounts inherited from Capital Airlines after a merger.



The Viscount was a pioneer ...the first successful commercial airliner with turbine power, the engine being the Rolls-Royce Dart turboprop. The design had been heavily encouraged and supported by the British government (unlike in the U.S.) just after WWII, and had a very interesting development, which included a pure-jet powered version. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vickers_Viscount



Mark Nickelson's LRDG miniature models the Chevrolet-Canada "30 cwt" commercial Canadian-built export trucks; the first ones purchased directly from a local Chevrolet dealer in Cairo. "CWT" means "hundred weight", or one hundred pounds; 30x100 = 3000 pounds, or one and half tons, which is what the basic truck was called south of the border in the U.S.; "the Chevy ton and a half". Marks' model is a 1/48th RESIN kit from Tank Workshop instead of the more often-seen 1/35th Tamiya kit.

These links have an interesting history of these always-interesting vehicles....

http://lrdg.hegewisch.net/lrdgvehicles.html
http://www.warwheels.net/LRDGchevyINDEX.html



Of particular interest here, the radiator expansion (overflow) tank to prevent coolant loss, grill bars cut out for better cooling, and the oversize tires.

Jim Pernikoff must have a library rivaling the Library of Congress, my estimate made from the number of new, too-many-to-begin-mentioning titles listed in this and ever preceding month. This time he begins a new series which will catalog PUBLISHERS: check this new series out on page 13.



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Trip Report!

I'm baaaack! In my last forward, (of the IPMS/Central New Jersey newsletter, last Wednesday) I mentioned that Grandma and I were off to the wedding of a granddaughter near Raleigh NC. Well, the granddaughter is all married offand in a nice sunny Friday afternoon OUTDOOR ceremony, too.

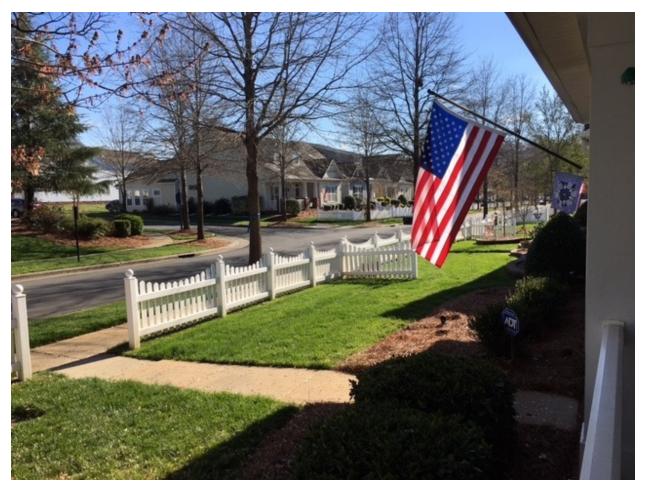
Even as I type this, on the telly the Weather Channel is talking "Winter Storm Stella" and "Noreaster" up north. But we were already home from the wedding yesterday.

Ahead of the Blizzard of '17 this morning.

Below you'll find two pictures taken TODAY of the Blizzard of '17 from my North Carolina front porch.....



This Morning.....



This Afternoon

.....and it just reminded me of the title of Phil Harris' long-ago "signature" song:

"That's What I Like About the South!" *

So, you say you never heard of Phil Harris?

It HAS been a long time.



Jack Benny, left, and band leader Phil Harris, right.

Harris was a "big band" leader, actor, and entertainer perhaps best remembered as the "house" band leader and comic foil to Jack Benny on the latter's long-ago radio show. You probably don't remember Benny either. If not, you wouldn't remember pre-television RADIO, either....and that would truly be a shame.

^{* &}quot;What, me worry? If it snows, I'll just wait for it to melt..."