

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; $30 \times 100 = 3000$ 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 baaaaack! 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.

*** “What, me worry? If it snows, I’ll just wait for it to melt...”**