



The Reporter



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Meeting Musings - May 2018

By Tom Reese

After much hand wringing by you officers (due mainly to our personal schedules) our traditional April club auction finally occurred on May 25th. Thanks to all who came out and supported the club. And I have to say in my opinion that the auction was a win win for everyone involved.



Our setting for the evening was once again at the LITH Airport hanger.

For many of us the auction is a chance to thin out our stash. For me personally I have a limited amount of space to store the stash and the thought of creating an overflow space would probably not sit well with my significant other! So freeing up some space was the first win.

The flip side of this of course is that there was now room for new acquisitions! I always try to have a mental shopping list for the auction. Sometimes it is a particular kit. Sometimes it is a subject such as Luft 46 aircraft or anything "Swedish" of course. However what typically happens is that something catches my attention and I end up buying something I did not plan on. That's OK. At the end of the evening I acquired several kits and was still on the minus side of the stash balance sheet. So there was win number two.

Before I move on I feel compelled to mention that Robert shamed me in to buying the oldest kit in the auction, an Airfix BV-141, a kit that dates from 1960 something. In Robert's defense I have that reputation for working on old kits. So there has already been some research done as to what I need to buy to make it worthy for the display cabinet!

Win number three, great kits for bargain basement prices. Many of you went home with really nice kits for a really economical cost. I think this is great because it is a chance for some of us to build a really excellent model that we would have otherwise passed on at the retail price. At the same time it never ceases to amaze me how spirited the bidding becomes for a kit you thought might sell for five dollars. But that is part of the fun as well.

Finally the auction is a win for the club as this is one of the two biggest revenue generators for us. It helps seed out rewards table at NIMCON as well as subsidizing other activities throughout the year. So once again thank you to everyone who donated and participated in our auction. Your support is very much appreciated.

Until next month, happy modeling!



This was the first pass at what members wanted auction. We double that before we started and filled it again for the second half of the evening!



The kits donated to the auction ended up being stacked twice as high as this photo!



Bonus! John's Graham's Willys Jeep. We might have snuck a ride before the auction!



Butch Benja from the Butch O'Hare club arrived in style!

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President's Message

The Tranquility of the Bench

Whew! What a terribly busy several weeks it has been. Thanks to all for your condolences for the passing of my dad – taking over mom's finances has been an adventure in paper! Couple all of that with selling my wife's old house, her daughter returning from Paris after four months of studying abroad, getting the house ready for summer, blah blah blah – all evil things preventing me from getting to the bench! Did I miss it – yes!!! The second I sat back down at it I could feel the plastic and paint returning to my veins.

But what is it about our bench time? Well, that answer is totally dependent upon the individual and the circumstances of life. I can only speak for myself but there is a serenity and isolation from the petty things of the world that occurs when I enter the "bench bubble" in my basement. Besides, it is the coolest (literally) place in the house and with this recent heat wave at the end of May it has been very welcome indeed.

For me, the excitement of starting a new kit is hard to explain. I know a fun little journey awaits over the next 20 or more hours. Research, building, sanding, filling, painting and (hopefully) finishing – all energize me in a way that nothing else outside of my hobby life does. Not flying, nor motorcycling nor trips to Oshkosh have that effect on me. I like the alone time – even when Kim sits with me and watches Netflix on her iPad. My mind is transported to another time and place – and it stays there for the duration of the session. My body tells me when it is time to get up and rejoin the world outside of my hobby room – and usually I am ready for a break. Somedays it is just one session and other days maybe two or more depending on what is going on. Winters are better as less outside things to do but I do not stop in the summer. Even our vacations to Michigan's UP include something to work on – albeit it something small to be finished when I return home.

I think we all need something in our lives like scale modelling. Families are wonderful - spouses, children, friends, etc. – but for me the time at the bench, in a way, makes me a better or nicer person. And if very few can understand or appreciate how or why I devoted a few hours of my life to something as small as a postage stamp I just smile. As has been said, for those who understand no explanation is necessary; for those who don't no explanation is possible. In the end, I like how I feel when I get to the bench and the feeling of accomplishment when I stop. I am happier and more at ease with the world. And couldn't we all use some of that magic potion in a bottle!

Our annual NIMCON show is just around the corner – please consider volunteering some time at the show. We need members to help sell raffle tickets (can you spare an hour or two?), assist with the raffle, clean up afterwards, perhaps help judge a model category or just be a jack of all trades. Please see Tom Reese or Robert Raver the morning of the show or contact them prior to see where help is needed.

Finally, we just wrapped up our annual club auction. Although attendance was down due to out of town travel and the Memorial Day weekend flurry of events, the 21 bidders shelled

out almost \$1,000 for future award winning models! Thanks to all for your generosity. You make this club work!

John



THE BRIEFING ROOM

BY TOM REESE

Lakes Region Name Tags

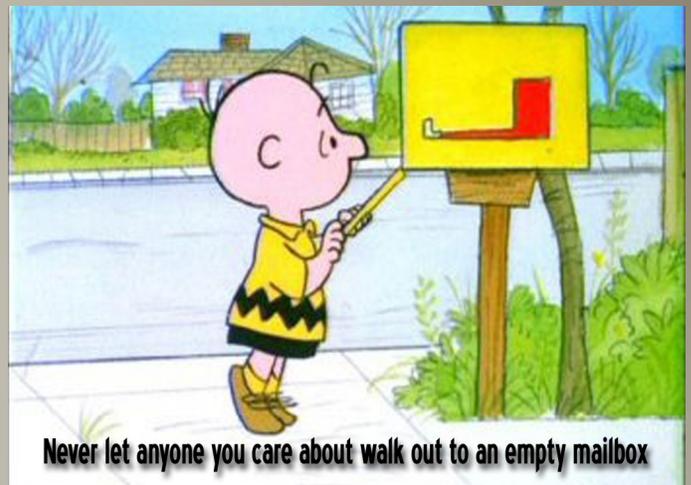
Anyone interested in getting a name tag to wear at club functions can contact Don Norton at the next meeting. The tags are done by Crystal Lake Engraving and will last you forever. Cost is \$10 and options include a pin back or magnetic back.

Money is due up front, and Don will need your name neatly printed, plus your IPMS number if you wish to add it.

Newsletter Articles Needed

That looks like Charlie Brown but it is really your newsletter editor, lol. I know, just last month I was thanking you for all the input. Well guess what, I'm in need of more. Please don't leave me with this forlorn look on my face.

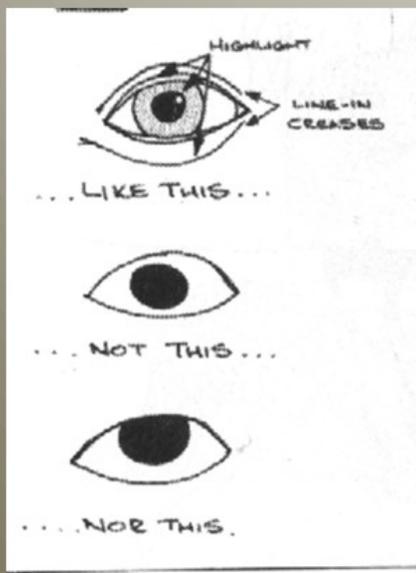
As always your input is greatly appreciated!



Figures Are Not Hard to Figure
“The Eyes Have It” and other face painting tips.
 By John Graham, Don Norton, Ned Ricks
 Lakes Region Scale Modelers

To set that background for the eyes, give the face a coat of basic color for the flesh. You can find “Flesh” named paint in several brands. More work on the skin tones follows. Which of the following steps you choose to employ will depend upon the scale of the figure.

Start the eyes. Some modelers think that having good eyes makes the face and the figure. The “whites of the eyes” are not painted white as that will look too stark. You may want to use the very lightest gray shade you have or make a mixture of white and just a bit of a tan or wood shade. Ned frequently uses a Model Master product named “Sand” John will use a very pale flesh color from the Andrea flesh set. One or two thin coats will do nicely. By looking at the photo, you can see that a 1:35 face will need much less detailed work on the eyes than the larger scales.



After the “non-white” is dry, on a small face you can use the finest pointed brush you have (or a sharpened tooth pick) to place a dot of color to represent the iris. A usual iris position is over the corners of the mouth. A convenient solution to this anatomical issue is to have your figure look “out of the corner of the eye” or side-eye.

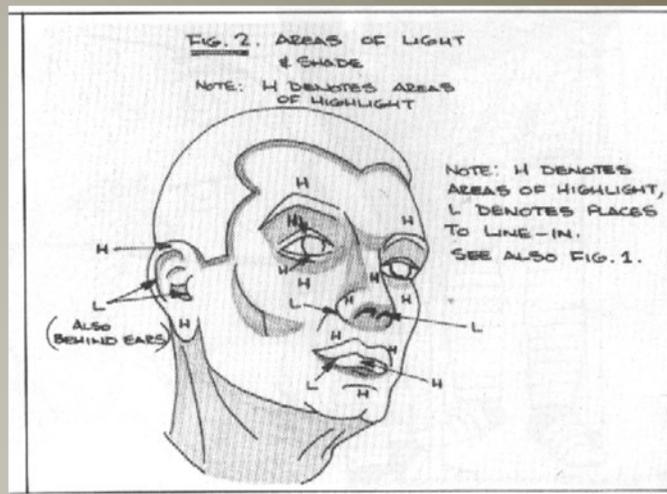
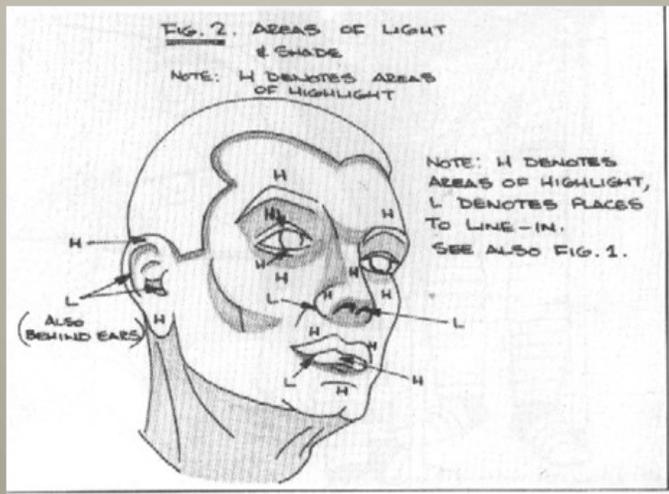
On larger scale figures, you may be able to create visible irises with some easy steps. A raw umber dot on the iris is a background and will provide a pupil, see above for positioning. When that dries, a clean fine tip brush applies the color, brown blue or gray as is appropriate for your figure leaving a perimeter of the darker underlying color. Next, apply a little burnt umber in a fine line to the upper and lower lids to define the shape of the eyeball.



For larger scales, a pinpoint dab of white on the iris will represent how a real eye reflects light. These merest drops of paint will be the “catch light” for figures about 75 mm scale and larger.

Now, take a breath. The hard part is done.

How to paint the flesh areas of the face also depends upon on scale. As the figure increases in size, just as in other modeling genres, the opportunity for detail increases as well as the need to pay attention to details. For the 1:35 example shown, a dab of off white and a touch of raw umber will do for the eyes while small, subtle enhancements will show off the shadows and highlights. For the 1/10 scale head, you may try using your basic flesh paint plus just a bit of white for a highlight color. This is lightly applied to areas such as the top of the nose and nostrils, the point of the chin, the upper cheek bones and above the eyebrows. Smaller scales may allow you to apply your highlight color using a "dry brush" technique. This is much as if you were painting an aircraft instrument panel; the darker color/shade is the base and a lighter color/shade to make things "pop."



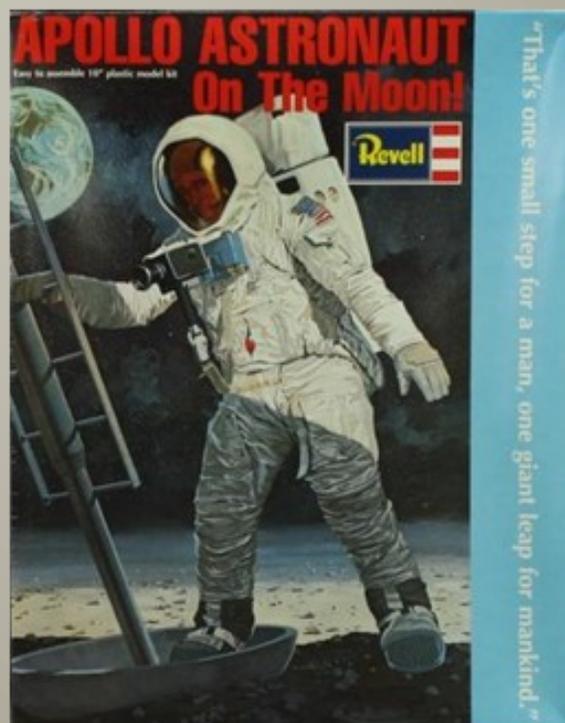
Next, use the basic flesh tone and add a bit of raw umber to get a darker shade of flesh. This is sparingly applied to areas such as under the jaw line, immediately around the eyes, behind and inside the ears and inside the nose. Again, see the picture.

To get an idea about shading and highlighting the face, see the picture at left. For real world visuals, watch your local TV news anchor's face. These folks tend to be expertly made up, and you can notice the variations in base, shadow and highlight.

When you are done with the face and all paints have dried, you may want to seal it all with an application of flat varnish. Later, as a last step to complete your figure, use a very small brush or sharpened toothpick to put just a drop of Future in each eye to give a moist look.

Figure painting methods vary as much as anything else in our hobby. YouTube is an endless wonderful resource for demonstrations on these and other techniques.

Of course, if you wish to do a figure and not do the above, try an astronaut!



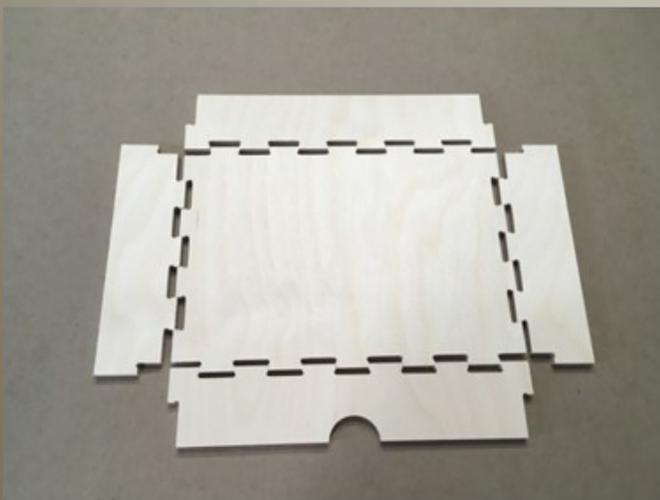
Hobby Zone (Accessories for Modelers)

Review by Phil Pignataro

Santa, via my oldest son and daughter, was very good for my modeling affliction this past Christmas. Among other goodies, they provided two storage units from Hobby Zone. One was a 6-Drawer Module and the other was a 2-foot long bench organizer. They obviously think their old man needed some organization in his life. These are 5-ply wooden modular units that are part of a family of organizers for modelers - drawers, holders, shelves, etc. Hobby Zone is a company from Poland, but has distributors here in the US. These units are made from laminated wood and laser cut to shape. They are "kits" in themselves and require the builder to pay close attention to the instructions since the parts are not numbered.



I located each part by shape and by comparing it to similar parts to make sure I had the correct one. Basically, you are assembling a series of "boxes" and after a couple of drawers, I got the hang of. I used Elmer's Wood Glue to attach the pieces and held them in place with sliding clamps, rubber bands, or masking tape depending on the size of the item. The cuts are very precise and fit is tight. A couple of sub-assemblies required an extra pair of hands, so I recruited my bride for the job by promising to make dinner. I finished the two organizers in about an hour and a half.



You get lots of options with different sizes and shapes of drawers, cubby holes, and spaces. This is good since I have a great variety of "stuff" on my bench in varying sizes and shapes. A slight problem arose, however, when I tried to put items such as hobby knives, files, scrib-

ers, etc. in the narrow drawers. These drawers which are the same depth as the whole unit are just shy of 6 inches and have an internal depth of 5.5 inches. There are other places for these longer tools, but it would have been nice to have the option of all the drawers, not just the wider ones.

These units will get me more organized, I'm sure. I just have to figure out what goes where. You can check out all the Hobby Zone products at www.hobbyzone.biz and you can also buy them on amazon.com. They run from about \$40 to \$100 depending on the size.



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<p>JANUARY 2018</p> <p>No Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Holiday Party</p> <p>Saturday January 27th at The Golf Club of Illinois</p>	<p>FEBURARY 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Aircraft</p> <p>Program - "Skeet for the Fleet" by Walt Fink. Don't miss this fascinating presentation on being live bait for Naval target practice.</p>	<p>MARCH 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Armor</p> <p>Program - Build Night</p> <p>Supper Raffle</p>
<p>APRIL 27th 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Automotive</p> <p>Program - Camp Douglas Wisconsin National Guard Museum Review by Robert Raver</p>	<p>MAY 25th 2018</p> <p>No Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Club Auction</p>	<p>JUNE 22nd 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Ships</p> <p>Program - Build Night</p> <p>Super Raffle</p>
<p>JULY 27th 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - SciFi/Space</p> <p>Program - Kit/Build Review of DeAgostini Millennium Falcon by John Graham</p>	<p>AUGUST 24th 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Aircraft</p> <p>Program - Phil Pignataro - his reminiscences of flying in the U.S. Air Force</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 28th 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Armor</p> <p>Program - Build Night</p> <p>Super Raffle</p>
<p>OCTOBER 26th 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Automotive</p> <p>Program—TBD</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 23rd 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - Ships</p> <p>Program—TBD</p>	<p>December 28th 2018</p> <p>Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Theme - SciFi/Space</p> <p>Program - Build Night</p> <p>Super Raffle</p>

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"THE ROARING TWENTIES"

ANY SUBJECT FROM THE 1920'S

THE PLACE:
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REGISTRATION FROM 9:00 AM TO NOON
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CATEGORIES

<p>B. Aircraft B-1: 1:48 Single Engine Prop B-2: 1:48 Single Engine Jets B-3: 1:48 Multi-Engine Props B-4: 1:48 Multi-Engine Jets B-5: 1:72 Single Engine Props B-6: 1:72 Single Engine Jets B-7: 1:72 Multi-Engine Props B-8: 1:72 Multi-Engine Jets B-9: 1:24 Aircraft, Props B-10: 1:32+ Aircraft, Jets B-11: Multi-wing Aircraft, All scales, All Eras B-12: Helo/Misc, All Scales, All Eras</p>	<p>Trophies & Awards Judges Grand Awards George Redden Memorial Trophy Best of Special Theme Best of Aircraft Best of Automotive Best of Armor & AFV's Best of Dioramas Best of Spacecraft & Sci-Fi Best of Figures Best of Naval Best of Miscellaneous 1st, 2nd, 3rd for each category</p>	<p>D: Armor & AFV's D-1: 1:35+ Closed top Allied to 1945 D-2: 1:35+ Closed top Axis to 1945 D-3: 1:35+ Closed top NATO after 1945 D-4: 1:35+ Closed top Non-NATO after 1945 D-5: 1:35+ Armored open top tracked and wheeled armored all types D-6: 1:35+ Soft Skins: Wheeled and Tracked D-7: All Artillery, All eras, All scales D-8: 1:48 Tracked, All eras D-9: 1:48 Wheeled, All eras D-10: 1:72 & Smaller, Tracked, All eras D-11: 1:72 & Smaller, Wheeled, All eras</p>
<p>C. Automotive C-1: Big Three: Ford, GM, Chrysler C-2: US-Non Big Three C-3: Foreign: Any auto not made in the USA C-4: Race Cars, Any type of auto racing C-5: Custom Vehicles, Mild to wild C-6: Motorcycles/ 2-Wheeled Vehicles C-7: Trucks, Fire-Rescue, All others</p>	<p>E: Juniors E-1: All Scales, All Types, & All eras</p> <p>F. Figures F-1: 54mm and Smaller F-2: 55mm and Larger</p> <p>G. Dioramas G-1: Small sized base G-2: Large sized base</p>	<p>H: Spacecraft & Sci-Fi H-1: All Scales, All types & All eras</p> <p>J. Naval J-1: All Scales, All types & All eras</p> <p>K. Miscellaneous K-1: Dinosaurs, Humor, Fictional, Etc. K-2: 100% Scratch Built, All scales K-3: 100% Out of the Box, All scales</p>

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RULES:

1. YOUR MODEL MUST DEPICT A SUBJECT THAT COME FROM THE 1920'S
2. THIS SPECIAL THEME IS OPEN TO ANY SUBJECT MATTER AND SCALE (I.E. AIRPLANES, NAVAL, AUTOMOTIVE, FIGURES, ETC)
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