



THE CORSAR

IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

President's Message

This is like That...

If you have ever sat there absolutely exasperated about not knowing how to do something or not knowing how to proceed or get through an issue of some sort, then this little missive is for you. *All* of us, at one time or another, reach a point where some situation in our lives is frustrating enough to give us fits and make us feel as if we haven't got a clue regarding what to do next. That's the bad news – it's a universal problem and it strikes us *everywhere* in our lives from our latest hobby project to dealing with family, work, finances, etc., etc. The good news is that if you are old enough to be reading this, chances are you already possess a solution, though you may not realize it.

I can't tell you how many times in exasperation I've sent a grumbling complaint heavenward along the lines of "I don't know how to do this" or "I don't know what to do" only to get a nearly immediate answer of "Oh yes you do" and see in my mind's eye that some technique I use in woodworking will work in my plastic modeling, or that the way I handle a problem at work will solve a problem at home, or visa-versa. The gift is seeing that *this* particular situation or problem has very specific similarities or characteristics to *that* situation, and if I apply what I learned *there* to what I have going on *here*, I'm very likely to get it to work (and it usually does too!).

Our species learns by doing, but we are at our best when we can take something we learn in one part of our lives and apply it elsewhere. I like to think of it as a bit of our Maker letting us in on life's secrets even when we aren't being aware that we are being taught. Parables are a marvelous way of envisioning and conceptualizing things, and many of our experiences are just that – *living* parables. Think of it any way you like, but the bottom line is you are probably better equipped to face challenges than you think, especially if you actively engage in looking for those life analogies – even when engaging in your hobby. I am gladly telling you that, yes, I have had a few confounding things in my personal life that have been solved by the creative application of something I learned in the hobby (patience, craftsmanship, and trying again, to name a few) and likewise, a few a few have gone the other way where something in my personal life has given me a good modeling tip (listen to the criticism of those you love and live with, go with the flow, etc.). Look, we readily apply stuff we learn when building armor to cars, or cars to planes, or planes to, well, more planes, so just think in a bigger scale (forgive the pun). Life is filled with plenty of how-to lessons; sometimes you just have to step back and look a little to find them.

The end point to *all* of this is life *really is* a scratchbuilding project, so build on and build boldly. Work through the issues, both modeling and otherwise. Keep on keeping on (I learned that one from watching my dad and apply it liberally to hobbies, work, and family – see what I mean?).

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President's Message Cont.

If life really is a scratchbuilding project, a *process* and not just an event, then our community life together is just like executing a group build – and we have a good history of those. We are *blessed* as a club to have so many wonderful members so willing to share and help each other. *That* is when IPMS Phoenix is at its best. We – and I in particular – are/am blessed to have such a great group of people on the Executive Board, volunteering for various positions in the club, and for the large group of folks concentrating on putting this year's National Convention and our annual Modelzona show together. In every one of those efforts, we strive for the best we can do, and learn as we go. Even after all the Regionals and Nationals we've hosted, even after all the Modelzona shows we've hosted, the leadership of each will be quick to tell you that we are still learning how to do the job and do it better. And so it is with our club, our club meetings, and all the other things we do and want to do. The one thing you can count on is we will *all* work together to keep making and getting things better.

The bottom line here is this: Look for the analogies life presents. Search for the parables. Apply lessons from *over there* to *right here*. Don't give up. Don't get frustrated. Ask to see where any of your *thats* can be applied to the *this* that's giving you fits.

I'll be away for this meeting – Maureen and I are celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary and as supportive as she is of my hobby, that cherished day belongs to her. Don Stewart will be leading the meeting for May and supported by the rest of the officers of the group. My special, heartfelt thanks go to them for so willingly covering for me. Know too we have a great E-board meeting a week or so ago and there are some very good things on the horizon for us as a group. Like I keep saying, be it your projects, our club, or life in general, Build On and Build Boldly!

Tim

April Model Contest Photos

Theme Armour



Advanced Winner John Brubaker (King Tiger)



April Model Contest Photos Cont.



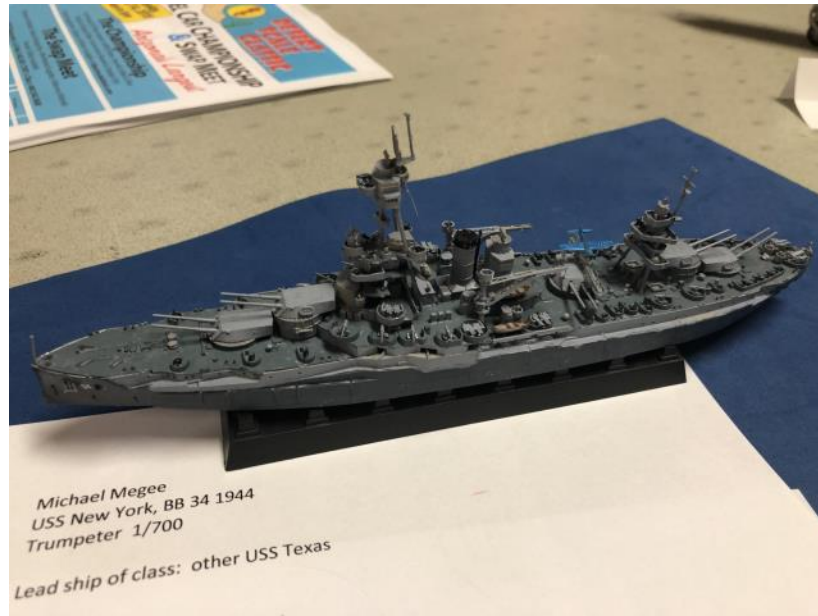
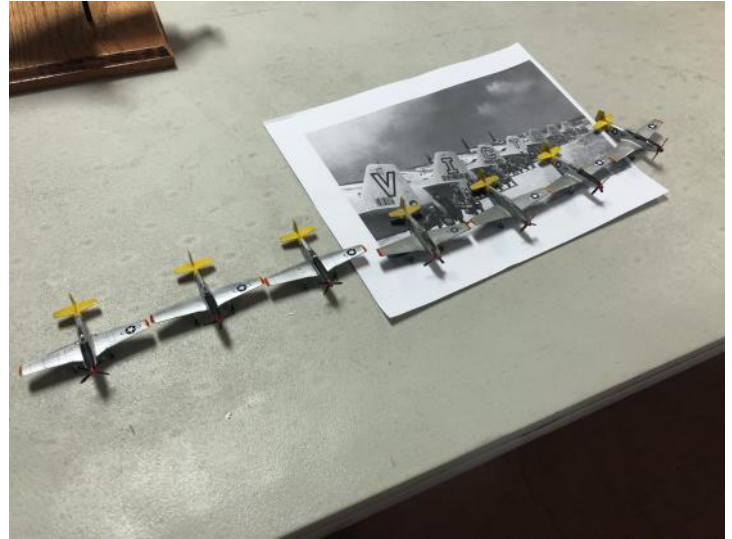
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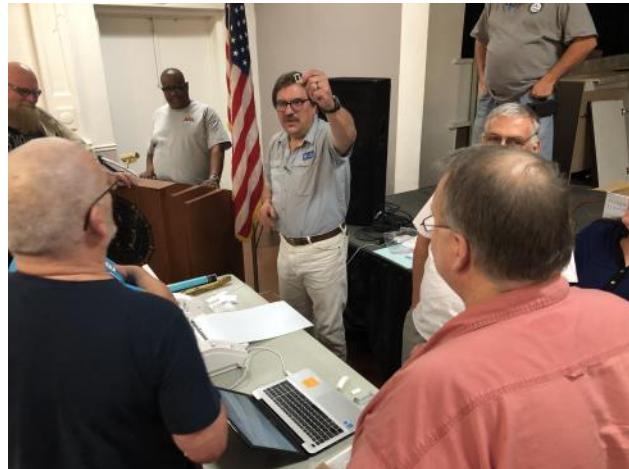
April Display Models



Cool Things



Our club president Tim Bongard gave us a demonstration on the 3D printer that he uses to make custom parts for many scratch building projects. Tim also makes add on kits for a variety of fire trucks which he sells online. The demo was very interesting and Tim demonstrated the whole process from CAD to actually getting the plastic part. It was actually a very quick turn around time and if you are a scratch builder I would say the printer is (at \$300) is a worthwhile investment



Mike Mackowski has produced a demo board for use at shows etc that demonstrates the stages of building a kit. From opening the box to final assembly this board shows each step in a well ordered progression. Good job Mike.



2018 Club Contest Themes

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January: Vietnam—anything relating to the Vietnam War or of the era

February: Classic Plastic - Any old or classic model kit (Monogram, Frog, Airfix, etc.) produced sometime before 1980.

March: Large Scale. Must be a large sized model with at least one dimension 12-inches or larger.

April: Armor - Armored cars, tanks, assault guns.

May: Sci-fi/Fantasy—Any sci-fi or fantasy model

June: Surface Vessel Ships —self explanatory

July: Diorama/Vignettes—self explanatory

August: Hollywood—Any model connected to a Hollywood TV show or movie

September: On This Day In History - self explanatory, any scale or type.

October: Animal House

November: Autos—self explanatory

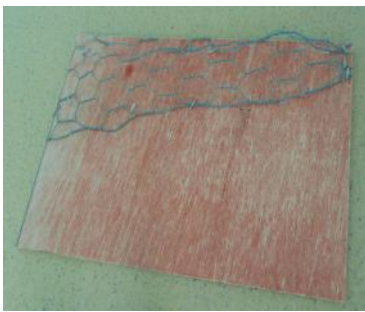
December: Helicopters—self explanatory

Whats on your bench ?

Yak on Skis By Lyn Gorton

OK This month Laura has not done any work to her pontoon bridge because she has been working on her group build model, so you get a double helping of Yak.

Last month we finished the model build and noted the orange peel on the wings, we now start on the diorama base. As this is a small and pretty basic snow scene I have just stapled some chicken wire to represent piled snow to an A4 size board, I have then covered this with plaster cloth which you can pick up at Hobby Lobby, its easy to use and gives a solid foundation to build on.



As you can see from the picture below the foundation is formed but needs some shaping using Mod Roc or model foam to smooth out the lumps and bumps



Once the model foam has been applied I created the ski marks with further applications. Next step is to apply the Tamiya Snow effect paint



Whats on your bench Continued

Yak on Skis Continued

Setting the diorama build aside for a moment ,it is now time to select a figure. Figures are an important feature of most diorama's as they act as a focus and provide a scale depth of field for the overall project. I prefer to use Resin figures when I can as these have much sharper details on them, the only drawback is resin does not stick very well, so I usually drill and peg arms legs etc to add extra strength when positioning.



It is also time to address the orange peel situation on the wing. I just sparingly applied some dabs of the Tamiya snow to cover the affected parts and was quite pleased with the effect. You can still see the small portholes which were the only fuel gauges on this aircraft.



Final positioning before gluing all parts to the base. I added some oil/fuel drums to give some relief as this depicts a forward winter base it would be quite common to refuel from drums

Whats on your bench Continued

Yak on Skis Continued



Final positioning and some sprinkles of snow complete the diorama



Ok so the project is now finished, we now need some more of you to step up and show us what is on your work bench.

As always I welcome positive criticisms and would love to here from you if you have other ideas about how you would have tackled this project.

As a foot note I was very impressed with both the Accurate Miniatures kit and the Tamiya snow.I would not hesitate to build another accurate Miniatures kit and will be looking at some of their other models and seeing what comes to mind for another diorama.

I will have this diorama on display at the July meeting when the contest theme is dioramas.

Brengun 1/144 German Staff Car By Jim Pearsall IPMS

The vehicle:

Every armed force in World War II used civilian automobiles as transportation for "important" people. There were American Dodges, Buicks, and Fords, the British used Bentleys and Austins, the Germans used Opels and Horches. Brengun doesn't specify which model of automobile this kit represents, but it's obviously a "luxury" car, with a hard top and 4 doors. It's definitely nicer than Hans-Joachim Marseille's Kubelwagen.

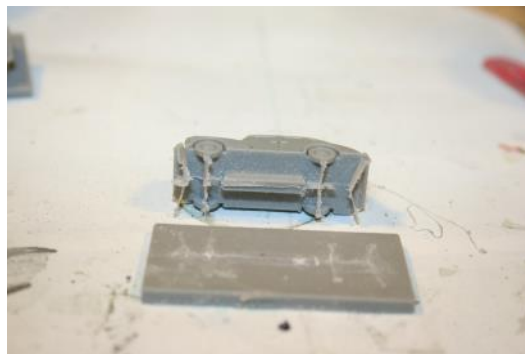
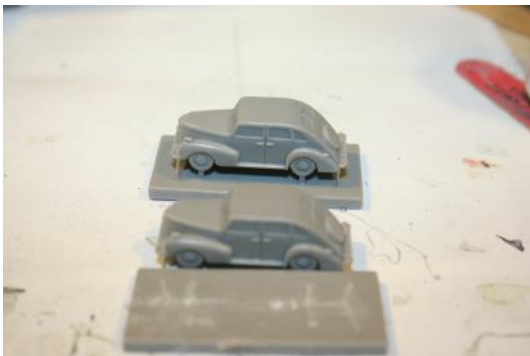
The Kit:

You get two resin staff cars in the kit. There is a PE fret, an instruction sheet, and a small decal sheet with license plates for two cars.

Assembly:

There really isn't any assembly to this kit. I removed the pour block from the connectors at the bottom of the car, and then cut these connectors off of the bottom of the car.

Brengun did a marvelous design job on the mold for this car. The pour block is easily removed from the connecting parts with a saw. I then used a PE razor saw to remove most of the connectors from the bottom of the car. I used a #11 blade to remove the last of the pour connectors. This was one of the easiest resin prep jobs I've ever done.



Brengun 1/144 German Staff Car Cont.

Painting:

I decided I wanted to do the "civilian" version. This requires removal of the blackout light on the left front fender. The same razor saw that removed the pour channels from the bottom of the car worked very well here. A couple of swipes with a fine sanding stick, and it was ready to paint.



I used Testors Gloss Black from the small bottle. The one I used sold originally for 39 cents. Yep, I've got some old paint, but it's still good.

Once the paint was dry, I used dark gray to paint the windows. I needed a contrasting color to the black, and this worked.



When the windows were done, I sprayed Future on them to protect the windows and to make them glossy. The next step was to add the chrome. A while back my IPMS chapter sponsored a "modeler's workshop" on a Saturday. One of the car modelers was showing off how nicely the chrome went on his car using a silver marker. I had a silver marker on my workbench, and by golly it does work marvelously. My thanks to him for that advice. I also used a black Sharpie to cover some sloppy paint work on a couple of the windows.

Brengun 1/144 German Staff Car Cont.

Decals

The decals are a front and rear license plate. I got the decals out, and checked where they were to be applied. There was no place on the back of the car to put the license! Then I looked more carefully at the instructions and discovered that there's a metal license plate on the PE fret. Well, OK to that. I painted the back of the plate black, applied the decal to the other side, cut the PE part loose, and glued the license to the left rear of the car. The decals were very good. Considering the tiny size of the front license, it still came off the backing paper cleanly, didn't roll, fold or tear, and allowed me to align it on the bumper.

And I had finished my 1/144th Staff Car.

Overall Evaluation

This kit is a little beauty. I really like the way it looks and it would be a wonderful addition to a diorama or just as an add-on to a German tank or aircraft kit. I posed my staff car with Wolfgang Falck's Me-110. Falck was the commander of NJG1, and probably had a number of distinguished visitors who had staff cars like this one. The molding is exceptional, the resin is workable, and it was a project which didn't take a lot of time. There are two pennants on the PE fret. Some German staff cars in the Google Images search have pennants on the front fender. Brengun doesn't show this on the instructions, but it would be an interesting addition to the car.



2018 OPMS NATIONALS

Volunteers

The key to a successful convention is volunteers and that is where you all come in

We hope that you will support us by volunteering in some of the following positions



As you all know the Arizona IPMS chapters are hosting the IPMS USA National Convention this year. As the Volunteer Coordinator for the planning committee we are looking for people who would be interested in helping out at the convention.

We would like to ask all members of the Arizona IPMS Chapters and members of other IPMS Chapters to consider giving a little time to making this another great convention. In 2004 and again in 2010 we had successful conventions and this year with your help we can do it again. At former conventions where a few people did all the work the results were less than satisfactory. You have all heard the complaints and horror stories. Arizona has a reputation in the IPMS organization for putting together a great convention. Our most valuable resource is the willingness of our members and all other IPMS chapters members to help out where needed.

Although the convention is not until August 1-4 we would like to have people in positions where they have some expertise or interest. Below is a list of positions for which we will need volunteers. Some positions that require prior training will only be open to [Arizona Chapter](#) members. This is because training will be provided here as we get closer to the convention. You **DO NOT** have to be an IPMS USA member to volunteer. We will have some perks for those members who volunteer their time. If you volunteer for two 2hr shifts (4 hr's) you will receive a free 2018 Convention Volunteer T-Shirt.

www.signupgenius.com

We will be using signupgenius.com to coordinate the positions, times, slots, and dates that we will require volunteers as well as letting volunteers pick their date and time slots to volunteer their time. We will try and accommodate all selected positions. Be advised that due to staffing requirements we may ask you to fill other positions if required.

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Volunteers Cont.

Registration: We would like to have volunteers to help out with registration and give out the registration packages, T-shirts, etc. as required. These people don't have to be Arizona IPMS Chapter members. We will need 3-4 volunteers to actually register members these positions are only open to Arizona IPMS Chapter members. A little computer knowledge will be helpful here. There will be 2 or 3 training classes so everyone can become proficient with the process and we can test the systems.

Model Entry: We would like to have volunteers to assist entrants fill out the contest entry forms. With all the different categories and some new rule changes this can be quite confusing. We will have a short class to insure everyone is up to speed on the rules and categories. There are some positions that require some prior training and these will be handled by Arizona IPMS Chapter members.

Contest/Vendor Room Security: We would like to have volunteers to act as security for the contest and vendor rooms. This position requires checking tickets and wrist bands to allow guests access to these rooms. They will also patrol the contest room to remind visitors not to touch the models. After the contest they will need to check the models leaving the contest room to insure that none go missing.

Make -N-Take: We would like to have volunteers to help with Make-N-Take. These people will need to be able to mentor children and teens in building model kits. Volunteers will need to have patience and be good with children.

Subject to screening by Make -N- Take coordinator.

Raffles: We would like to have volunteers to assist with the raffle. They will sell raffle tickets and give out prizes to the winners.

Tour Bus Guides: We would like to have one person on each tour bus to do a head count before the buses leave the hotel and before they leave the tour destination. They will also hand out water we will provide on the tours.

Vendor Helpers: We would like to have volunteers to assist Vendors load and unload their vehicles at the loading dock.

Seminar Helpers : We would like to have volunteers to assist in the setup and running of AV equipment

Hospitality Room Helpers : We would like to have volunteers to assist in the Spouses Hospitality Room. We will need to give directions and have knowledge of places of interest to spouses of convention attendees. **This position will only be open to spouses of IPMS Phoenix Members.**

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Volunteer Coordinator

2018 OPMS NATIONALS

Seminars

This is a provisional list of the seminars that will be taking place at the 2018 Nationals. Remember you must be registered to attend a seminar, ie you can not get in with a day ticket

Seminar Key	
Wednesday	
1	.
2	.
Thursday	
3	[9 am Slot],
4	Airbrush 101 class (2 hrs), Tom Grossman
5	Airbrush class, cont'd,
6	Airbrush class (4 hrs), Bryant Dunbar
7	Airbrush class (4 hrs), Bryant Dunbar
8	Airbrush class (4 hrs), Bryant Dunbar
9	Airbrush class (4 hrs), Bryant Dunbar
10	[9 am Slot],
11	Photographing your Models, John Ferdico
12	Molding & Casting w Smooth-On, Scott Campbell
13	Wire wrap trees, Don Stewart
14	3D printing Mike Idacavage
15	Mission Models paint Jon Tamkin
16	Sailing Ship Modeling, Dave Lockhart
17	[9 am Slot],
18	What Judges Look For, Mark Persichetti
19	Scratchbuilding ships David Straub
20	.
21	F-105 Thunderchief, Fred Hall
22	Ship Modeling, Mike Ashey
23	Atlas ICBM rocket, David Weeks
Friday	
24	[9 am Slot],
25	Large scale aircraft, Mike Rechlicz
26	Stash management software, Bill Dedig
27	Airbrush class (4 hrs), Bryant Dunbar
28	Airbrush class (4 hrs), Bryant Dunbar
29	Airbrush class (4 hrs), Bryant Dunbar
30	Airbrush class (4 hrs), Bryant Dunbar
31	[9 am Slot],
32	German Armor camou, John Bonanni
33	3D Printing overview, Kirk Kirkland
34	Dioramas in IPMS Competitions, Mike McFadden
35	Gundam, Clem Eng
36	Real Space Modeling, Rob Schorry
37	Aircraft Modeling, Mike Ashey
38	[9 am Slot],
39	Dioramas and detailing products, Dekker Zimmerman
40	Battle of Britain (90), Herb Zinn
41	Organizing an IPMS Chapter, Dave Lockhart
42	VOLKS USA, Inc./ Zoukei-Mura Raffle, John Lyon
43	Military History via Magazine Covers, David Straub
44	Military History (TBD), Barrett Tillman
Saturday	
45	Airbrush 101 class (2 hrs), Tom Grossman
46	Airbrush class, cont'd,
47	Airbrush 101 class (2 hrs), Tom Grossman
48	Airbrush class, cont'd,
49	Packing and Transporting Models, Bill & Dick Engar
50	Mercury & Gemini copters, David Weeks
51	Rockets, Dave Carlton
52	Figure painting (90) Randy Myers

Membership

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- . Monthly Raffle Prizes**
- . Monthly contest awards**
- . Annual club Christmas party**
- . And more**

Remember that you have to be a member in good standing to enter competitions and vote for anything that the club brings to the table.

So Make sure to see Treasurer, Bill Dunkle, at the club meeting to sign up for membership

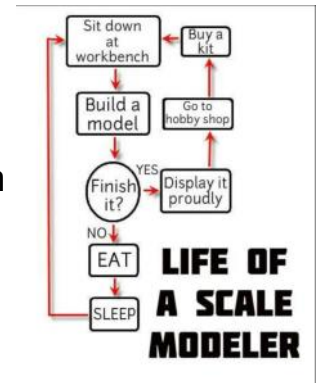


EDITORS CORNER

BY LYN GORTON

What is a novice ??

We have had a lot of questions on exactly “What is a novice” this month. Basically, as best as we can phrase it, Novice is a builder that hasn't mastered all of the techniques involved in kit building. They may be great at construction but stink at painting, or great at decals but stink at building. Etc, etc, etc... That is the outside world definition.



Our chapter only has the three wins rule: If you win novice 3 times, you can't compete in the novice category. After that you are considered an advanced modeler. Hope this clears up any confusion and we now expect to see a lot more of you entering our level playing field with your first builds. Constructive criticism should never be seen as a negative, and even the most advanced modelers had to start somewhere.

New Movie in the making

For those of you who are into WW2 aircraft modeling (like me) here is an advanced notification of a new Movie that is in production right now. It is called “Hurricane “and tells the story of 303(Polish) squadron that took part in the battle of Britain. This squadron was made up of Polish flyers who had escaped from the 1939 invasion of their own country and were taken on by the R.A.F. They had to face a lot of negativity from the R.A.F. who regarded them as amateurs at best, and they had a lot of problems with the language. They were equipped with old aircraft, but when they finally went operational at the height of the battle and were equipped with hurricanes. They became the top scoring R.A.F. squadron in the battle. They were led by a Canadian who thought he had been demoted when he was told to take over the squadron, they were based at Northolt which is just out side of London. I have included a you tube link so that you can watch the trailer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDv9_b4QjXc

Input Required

As you may have seen we need some more of you to step up for the “What’s On your Workbench” feature. Just email me text and jpg pictures and I will get them into the next issue.



EDITORS CORNER

Plans for a full-size steel sculpture of a Lancaster Bomber on the Lincolnshire border in the been approved.

The tribute to RAF bomber crews who served in World War Two will stand next to the A46 between Newark and Lincoln at Norton Disney. Many Bomber squadrons were based in Lincolnshire including 617 (Dambuster) as the flat terrain and distance from the coast made them defensible and larger than a fighter Squadrons airfield

The Bomber County Gateway Trust said they hope to have the memorial ready by Armistice Day in November.



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2018 CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings held at American Legion Post #1, 364 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003

JANUARY 2018

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Tim Bongard
Thermoforming and de-stressing plastic

JULY 2018

Tuesday 3rd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

FEBRUARY 2018

Tuesday 6th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Ethan Dunsford
Why Tanks ?

AUGUST 2018

Tuesday 7th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

MARCH 2018

Tuesday 6th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Lyn Gorton
Some British Airfields, their history
and exhibits.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

APRIL 2018

Tuesday 3rd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Tim Bongard
3D Printing Demo

OCTOBER 2018

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

MAY 2018

Tuesday 1st, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Pat Arnold
Judging 101

NOVEMBER 2018

Tuesday 6th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

JUNE 2018

Tuesday 5th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

DECEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4th, 7pm
Event: New Kit White Elephant
Exchange



Raffle Update

May Raffle Items

Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5.

- Item A: Academy 1/35 M-12 155mm Gun Motor Carriage
- Item B: AMT 1/25 1995 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 Convertible
- Item C: Tru-Color High Gloss Model Automobile Paint Set
- Item D: Hobby Boss 1/48 British Fleet Air Arm Avenger Mk I
- Item E: Bandai 1/12 Star Wars First Order Storm Trooper
- Item F: Tru-Color Weathering Paint Set
- Item G: Tru-Color Structure Paint Set
- Item H: New Item from Hobby Depot

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1- 4 IPMS Nationals

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The club meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post #1 in Phoenix. Check the club website at www.ipms-phoenix.org for more meeting info.

American Legion Post #1
364 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85003

The post is located South of I-10 just a few blocks North of Van Buren. Look for the huge American flag.

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If you have a good reference site let me have a brief description and a web address and we will keep this list as a reference.

SOME OF THE APRIL RAFFLE WINNERS



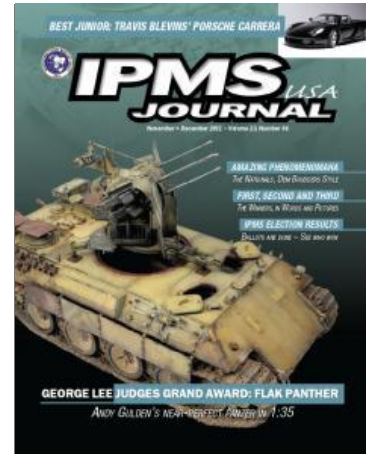
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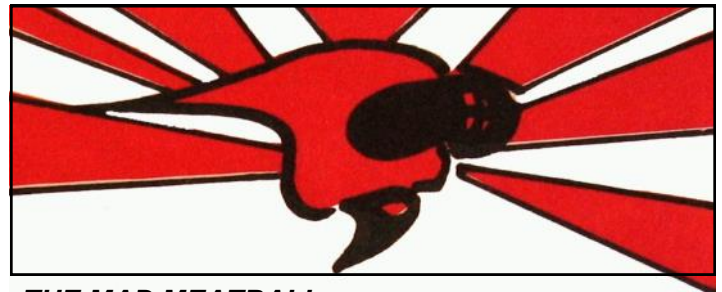
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