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Next Meeting:

Sunday, Feb 17
Euclid Public Library
631 E.222nd St.
1:15PM

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Build & BS –
“The Redux”
Meeting



From the President

During late January's polar vortex, my wife and I were hunkered down on the couch watching *The Thing* (the underrated 2011 *prequel* to John Carpenter's 1982 film of the same name). She mentioned that on precisely these kinds of frigid January nights she loved watching *The Thing* as well as its 1951 inspiration, *The Thing from Another World*. I agreed, although my preferred winter film *The Empire Strikes Back* depicts scenes on the ice planet Hoth rather than the polar regions of Earth. My thoughts quickly turned to possible model kits that could be built in the spirit of accepting our current meteorological plight.

If you're lucky, you might find (or already own) a vintage Aurora kit of *The Thing from Another World* but a couple of resin kits from John Carpenter's *The Thing* are obtainable. Other, less fantastic, figures might include Gen. George Washington at Valley Forge, a French soldier or Russian Cossack from Napoleon's 1812 retreat from Moscow, or perhaps a military figure from Adolf Hitler's similar mistake (Operation Barbarossa) almost 130 years later.

Operation Barbarossa also provides a great variety of armored vehicles and aircraft subjects as does another WWII winter clash, the Battle of the Bulge. Panzers, Tigers, T-34s, KV-1s Shermans, and Cromwells provide tank enthusiasts many building options. Further, German Bf 109s, He 111s, Do 17s, Ju 87s and Ju 88s, Russian Yak 1s, MiG-3s, LaGG-3s, IL-2s, American P-51s, P-47s, B-17s, and British Spitfires and Typhoons offer plenty of winged choices. Equally chilly but slightly more contemporary, the Korean War's Battle of Chosin Reservoir offers some additional modeling picks.

Maritime subjects might include the American submarine USS Nautilus (SSN-571) which first crossed the North Pole in 1958 or one of a couple existing ice breaker models. Alas, I could only find mention of a 1:65 scale *wooden* kit of the HMS Terror which perished in 1845 while trying to find and navigate the elusive Northwest Passage. For car builders, perhaps Revell's GMC Pickup Truck



with a snow plow might be worthy. Gene Snow's *Snow Man* Charger Funny Car could provide a tongue-in-cheek take on the season. Coming full circle, Bandai kits of the Star Wars' Snowspeeder and the Imperial AT-AT Walker return us to the icy embrace of planet Hoth.

If you do find a suitable seasonal kit and are able to complete it by November, keep in mind that one of CMS 23's special theme awards is Best Winter Camouflage. Stay warm and see you at the February meeting.

Jim Wentzel



Meeting Minutes from January

The January meeting was held on Sunday the 20th and we had 11 members in attendance which was pretty good considering the weather. The meeting was planned as a B&BS with a Quarterly Contest but we ended up conducting some business as well.

One of the "business" type items we covered was rearranging of the club meeting activities. In order to ease the busy Gala Holiday meeting it was decided to push the whole schedule ahead one month. The B&BS / Demo or Seminar / Contest and Raffle format stays the same just now the year will begin with a Contest. Look for a comprehensive list elsewhere in this newsletter.

Ted gave a quick report on the successful CMS 22 show from last November in which we made a larger profit than usual. Each club is getting back \$250 from that show, money that will likely go towards Raffle prizes as we are running low.



In a very welcome surprise we had more models on the tables than attendees which hasn't happened in years. The storm arrived just as we were wrapping up the contest results so we didn't stick around for table talk. As such while we have pictures and Contest results from John C, we don't have details or even who built the kits that didn't place. I recall that John Vitkus had his feline panther in an ambush scheme and Ted had his Rufe and kit-bashed Tank-Plane there but I don't know who built the Weird-Ohs.

The results were in the non-theme category:

- First Place -- Hawker Typhoon by Ted Bamber
- Second Place – CAC Boomerang by Ted Bamber
- Third Place – AV-8 Harrier by Robby Goldberg

The results were in the non-theme category:

- First Place – EG-6 “Gonk” Power Droid by Kirk Ballash
- Second Place – Sherman ‘Toon Tank by John Camper
- Third Place – Panther ‘Toon Tank by Jim Ward



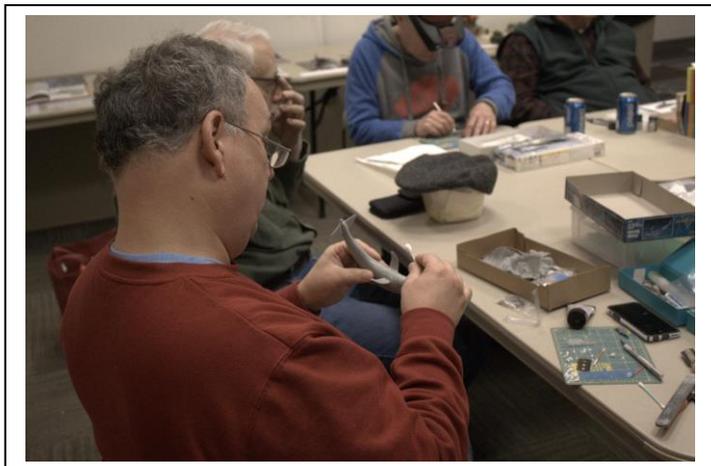
In other business we wish a warm welcome to returning member John Robinson. Good to have you back with the WR family.

Congrats to all the winners and thanks to everyone who brought in a model. This month's meeting will also be a B&BS meeting, getting us on track for the rest of the year. Bring something to work on and something to talk about.

See you Sunday.

Kirk Ballash sitting in for the absent Jon Hudak, WR Secretary





From the Editor

Attached with this month's newsletter you'll find a PDF of the Bob Sistek Collection Auction results, reminding everyone of which kits they purchased and are now eligible for the theme contest come this October (pushed back a month to align with our regular Quarterly contest). Start building!

The IPMS/Western Reserve Chapter has sponsored category 161 - Civil, Sport, Racing, and Air Taxis in 1/48 and 1/32 scales at the 2019 IPMS/USA National Convention this August in Chattanooga. We've got a few of us planning to go and we're looking forward to another great weekend.

It's time again to place WR Shirt orders. The prices are the same, \$10 for a T-Shirt and \$15 for a Polo/Golf Shirt. Since my sister has the transfers we can put the logo on other shirts but keep in mind that some materials hold the transfer better than others. There is also the option of including more colors other than the Club medium blue, though that would risk the unity look of the members in matching shirts. I have samples and we can BS about it at the Build & BS meeting this Sunday.

Kirk Ballash



What the Heck is That?

Last month the *What the Heck?* was the 1939 Graham-Paige Model 97 "Sharknose" Sedan.

The Graham brothers, Joseph, Robert and Ray were very talented and skillful business men. They started with an investment in a glass company making bottles and then in 1919 decided to get into the automobile manufacturing business. First they made kits to convert Ford Model Ts and TTs into trucks. From there they began to build their own trucks using Dodge motors and sell them through Dodge dealers. Business was so good that in 1922 they expanded from their plant in Evansville, Indiana to plants in Detroit and Stockton, California. In 1925 Dodge purchased their truck firm and they became executives at Dodge, at least until Chrysler bought Dodge in 1928.

Seeing the sale of Dodge coming they made a plan to get back on their own and purchased the Paige-Detroit Motor Company, and began offering a line of Graham-Paige sedans and light trucks (the trucks only lasted a short while once Dodge reminded them of their non-compete clause).

Looking to make a mark, and some sales in during the Great Depression, the Grahams hired Amos Northrup of Murray Body to design a new model for 1938. Northrup's nose-first Model 97 design, finished by Graham after his death, was introduced with the slogan "Spirit in Motion". The grille, fenders and wheel openings were designed to convey motion even when standing still (the Forward Look DeSotos say 'thank you'). This design won the prestigious Concours D'Elegance in Paris, France, as well as awards in the Prix d'Avant-Garde at Lyon, the Prix d'Elegance at Bordeaux, and the Grand Prix d'Honneur at Deauville, France. It was also widely praised in the American press and by American designers, but unfortunately not so much by the American public. Only some 8000 cars were sold during the model's 1938 through 1940 run.

By all accounts the Model 97s, as well as all the Graham-Paige models, were solid, reliable automobiles. Our featured car came powered by a 218-cubic inch Continental engine, rated at 90hp normally aspirated or 116hp when supercharged. The engine had more efficient intake and exhaust components specifically designed by the Graham engineering department. The Model 97 also had the tail lights mounted above the beltline, where the roof meets the trunk, much like the high-mounted third brake light on today's cars.



While the nose-first design wasn't popular when it was new, at least on cars (see the Raymond Loewy designed T1 locomotive), cars enthusiasts back to the 50s have taken a shine to it and given it the "sharknose" moniker.

Congratulations to John V, Jim Wentzel, Fred Horkey, Robby Goldberg, Andy Kinzelman.

This month we are flying again. I didn't know this ugly little spud even existed until I saw a kit for one this weekend, but if you recognize the tail you'll know right where to look. Good luck.

Quarterly Contest Themes for 2019 and 2020

As mentioned in the Minutes we'll be adjusting the club activity schedule beginning this year. Below will give you an outline of our planned meetings. The Demos or Seminars are being firmed up and I'll include them under the Upcoming Events list once they are set.

2019

- January – Raffle and Quarterly Contest – Theme *"Novel Novelties"*
- February – Build & BS
- March – Demo or Seminar TBD
- April – Raffle and Quarterly Contest – Theme *"Sea Animals"*
- May – Build & BS
- June – Demo or Seminar TBD
- July – Raffle and Quarterly Contest – Theme *"Land Animals"*
- August – Build & BS
- September – Demo or Seminar TBD
- October – Raffle and Quarterly Contest – Theme *"Air Animals"*
- November – Build & BS
- December – Demo or Seminar TBD

2020

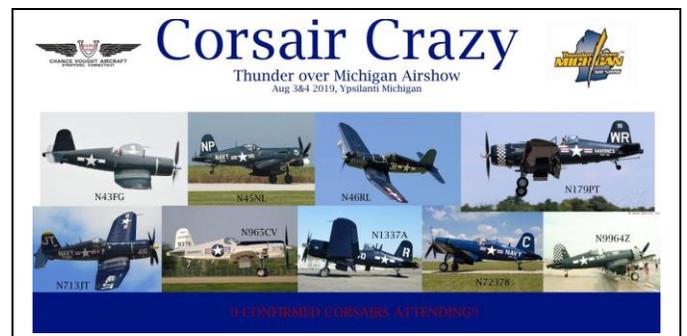
- January – Raffle and Quarterly Contest – Theme *"The Animal Kingdom"*

John C took the theme suggestion of John V and will round out the 2020 Quarterly season with *"People"*, *"Places"*, and *"Things"*. Details to follow.

Corsair Crazy – 2019 Thunder Over Michigan

The dates for the **2019 THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN** Air Show will be August 3rd & 4th, 2019. The theme will be "Corsair Crazy".

Between Canada and the US, there are as many as 26 currently/potentially active Corsairs that could have invites sent to their owners (though of course at least a couple of them don't typically/won't ever stray beyond their home airports). Nine are confirmed so far.



Fun and Interesting Websites to Visit

Joe Barteld and Dave Virant passed along a couple more web sites to visit if you find yourself with some extra time.

Modeling tips:

Scribing any shape by JM Villalba -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qPaTTqQ23w>

Masking Canopies by JM Villalba -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0gbAD0JrHo>

Derelict WWII aircraft:

<http://warbirdinformationexchange.org/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=67162>

<http://warbirdsnews.com/warbirds-news/wwii-japanese-aircraft-wrecks-salvaged-at-balalae.html>

Other interesting things:

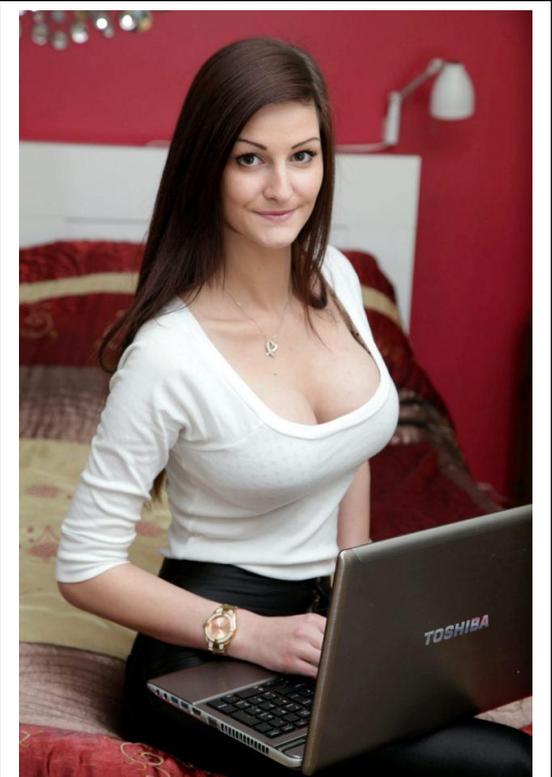
Flight of the XP-82 Twin Mustang:

<http://warbirdinformationexchange.org/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=67617>

Angels of War – Flares and Acrobatics (C-130, Su-27)

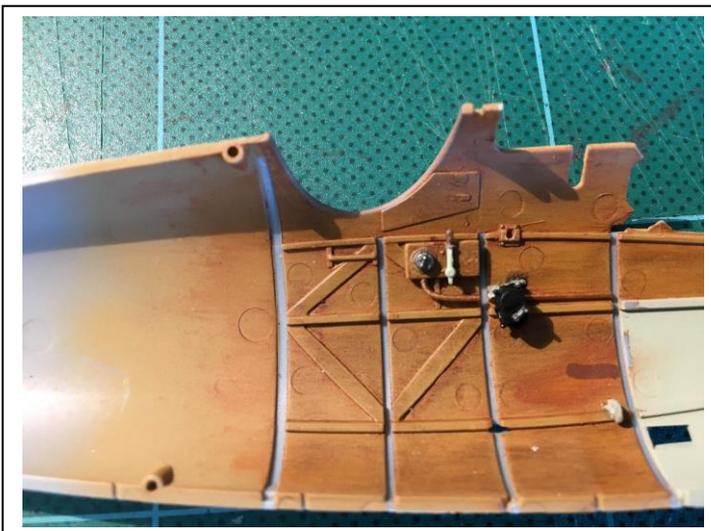
<https://youtu.be/qXhXHoVFMvI>

Air Force Funny Ground Crew: <https://youtu.be/tejqAiCenAg>.



Gemini Smith finds the web to be a very useful resource

Tip – The Better the Prep Work, the Better the Result



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Upcoming Events

Western Reserve Meetings and Events

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| Feb 17, 2019 | General meeting at Euclid Library Lake room – Build & BS Meeting (bring something to work on) |
| Mar 17, 2019 | General meeting at Euclid Library Lake room – Seminar or Demo TBD |
| Apr 21, 2019 | General meeting at Euclid Library Lake room – Quarterly contest: theme of “Sea Animals” |
| May 19, 2019 | General meeting at Euclid Library Lake room – Build & BS Meeting (bring something to work on) |

IPMS and Regional Events

For any show listed go to the IPMS/USA Upcoming Events page for more information, or if you don't have web access contact Kirk Ballash

2019

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| Feb 16, 2019 | Blizzcon 2019 Annual Show – Columbus, OH |
| Mar 9, 2019 | SEMEX 2019 Annual Show – Warren, MI |
| Mar 9, 2019 | Annual Contest and Swap Meet – Indianapolis, IN |
| Mar 30, 2019 | TRIcon Annual Show – Pittsburgh, PA |
| Apr 5, 2019 | Region IV Convention -- Dayton, OH |
| Apr 7, 2019 | BuffCon 34 – Cheektowaga, NY |
| Apr 14, 2019 | Lorain County Spring Swap-n-Bull – Westlake, OH |
| May 9-11, 2019 | AMPS International Convention – Buffalo, NY |
| May 18, 2019 | MMCL Invitational – Louisville, KY |
| Aug 7-10, 2019 | IPMS/USA National Convention – Chattanooga, TN |
| Jun 15, 2019 | Summer Swap Meet – Sharon, PA |
| Sep 21, 2019 | SVASMCN 35 Annual Show – Sharon, PA |

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