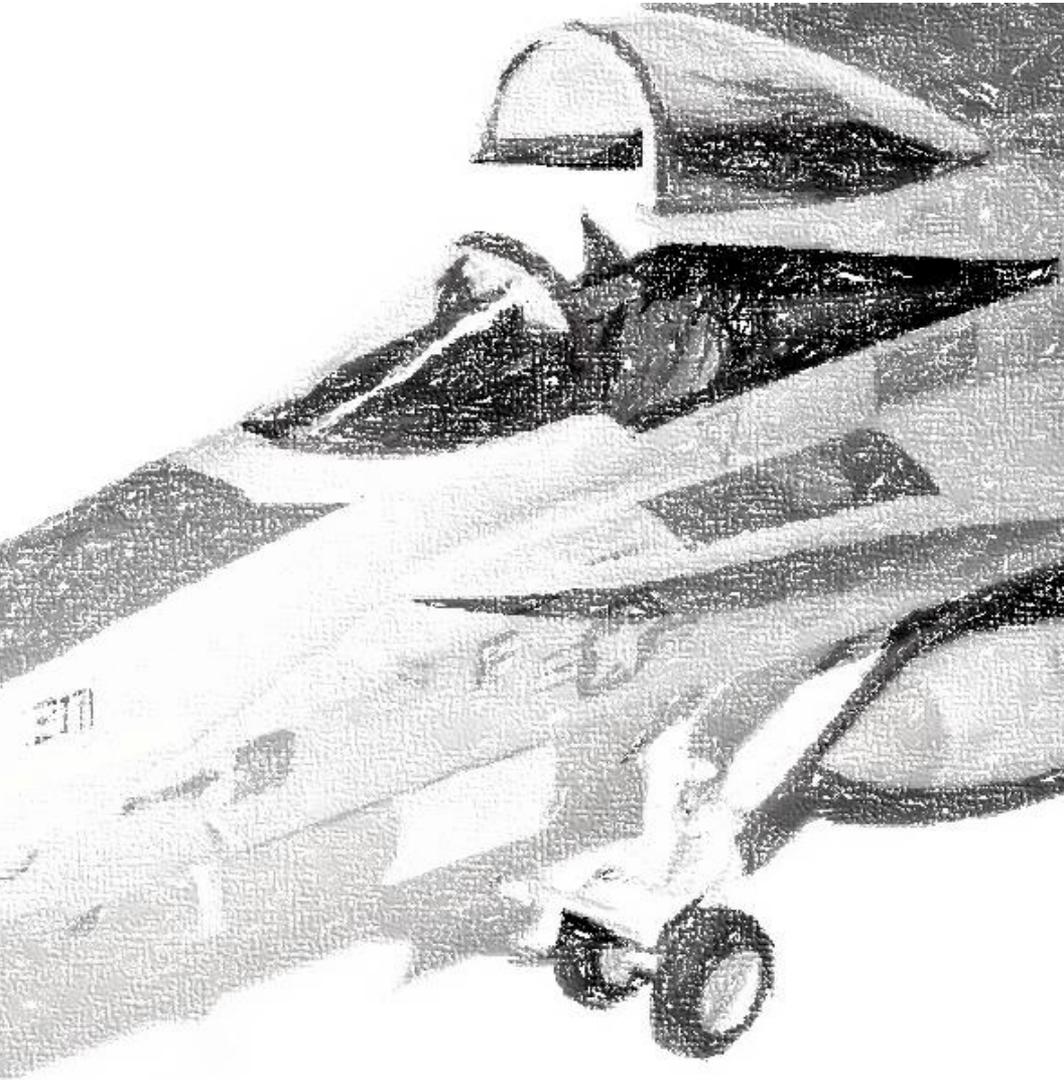


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1 Meeting Themes

05-18-18: Cold War

06-15-18: The Big Screen: Models from movies

07-20-18: Christmas in July

Location: The Church

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Cover Image: 1/48 F/A-18C by Bill Hunoway

2 Bill's Banter

How do you enjoy this hobby? What makes you spend your time and money on this particular pastime? I was thinking about what I liked about this and came up with a list of what makes me come back to it again and again. Here they are in no particular order:

1. I enjoy recreating something in miniature that I find fascinating. I like seeing a plane or a ship or whatever that I like to assemble is real and then have a model of it to look at.
2. I like the challenge of modeling. Painting, filling in seams to make it look real, applying decals, all of the tasks, are just some of the things that make it fun.
3. Sitting at my workbench and getting away from everyday life, for a while, is therapeutic for me.
4. Going to model meetings and seeing what others are making inspires me to build better. I get to learn a new technique or two in the process.
5. When I go to a model show I get inspired in other ways. I want to show my best work and see what others consider their best work. Although competition is not everyone's cup of tea, I go to a show and put stuff on the table to help out which ever club is hosting. I also enjoy seeing the goods in the vendor area.
6. I am not a modeler that checks out the littlest details to see if they are completely correct. But, I want the model to be a convincing representation of the item or vehicle it represents.
7. I like researching the specific history of a modeling subject. Learning about its service life, it's markings, and its development are of great interest to me.
8. I have been enjoying traveling around the country to different shows and contests to see the different techniques and subjects used and chosen. It's interesting to see how we all share a hobby in its various forms.
9. One of the best experiences, though, is meeting people who like the hobby as much as I do. I've made lifelong friends with people who I enjoy spending some time with every couple of weeks.
10. This has turned into a more expensive hobby from when I was kid. But, I still see value in it. I've learned patience, how to read instructions (I don't always follow them), how to set goals and how to tackle challenges. I've used this hobby to show my kids the same things.

So, what's your list?

Now go build something!

Bill

3 News

April Raffle Winners:

No raffle was held

Must Build Models 2018:

Max Bryant

Sam Buonadonna 1/35 Italeri PT Boat

Steve Butt 1/48 Eduard F6F-5 Hellcat

Bob Ford 1/35 Amusing Hobby VK201(K)

Bill Hunoway 1/48 Airfix TSR.2

Don Klein 1/32 HK Models Do-335

Ken Kwilinski Earth vs the Spider

Ed Mate 1/48 Italeri H-21C Shawnee

Jeremy Petersen Open Hawker Hobbies

Ken Scott 1/72 Trumpeter J-31 Gyrfalcon

Dave Stukel

John Truby

Mike Valentine 1/35 Club Build Jeep

Ed Wahl 1/48 Hasegawa TF-104

IPMS/USA News:

IPMS USA membership dues are: \$30 Adult 1 Yr., \$58 Adult 2 yr., \$86 Adult 3 Yr.

The IPMS/Region 5 web site is:

<http://ipms-gateway.com/Region5coordinator.html>

Any IPMS/USA member who recruits a new member will receive a two journal membership extension up to two full years.

IPMS Gallery Photos: Contact gallery@ipmsusa.org to post photos of your models on the web site.

4 Feature

Don't get stepped on by this bug!

By Ken Kwilinski



Some of my favorites science fiction movies are the Godzilla films. Also known as Kaiju. Kaiju is the Japanese word for “strange beast”. Diehard Godzilla fans often refer to the Godzilla monsters as Kaiju. There are a lot of different monsters in these movies. Some of them have the honor of being made into models. Godzilla, being the main character, has many different models. There's not too many models of the other characters.

I have built models of Godzilla, Rodan, King Ghidorah the Three-Headed Monster, and MechaGodzilla. The one Kaiju that I have been looking to build is Mothra. For the longest time there haven't been any models of this monster. I

always felt that if there ever was one it should have all the different stages of the creature. When I did find out that a company called IMAGE™ was producing a model of Mothra with a Mothra egg, I checked around to try and buy it. That wasn't so easy.

After many months one turned up on eBay™ and I bought it. I wanted to incorporate the Mothra as a larva so I used the Mothra larva from a Bandai kit that was the same scale size, 1/350. Since the model I was making didn't come with a base or cocoon, I created them from Aves Apoxie Sculpt™. I wanted it to have the Mothra cocoon against the Tokyo tower like it was shown in the movies several times. I used sheet plastic to form the tower. I also use sheet plastic for the nameplate.

Once I finished making the various diorama pieces to go with the kits, everything went together rather fast. I airbrushed and hand painted this model using Testor™ enamel paints. I heated a clear plastic rod and bent it into the perfect position so that Mothra looks like it is flying. Once the rod was mounted to the base and Mothra mounted to the rod, the finished

model looked just how I imagined it would. It came out great. The finished model looks right at home among the other Kaiju monster models in my collection.



5 April 2018 Meet Model



1/48 Revell F/A-18C by Bill Hunoway



Sammy Terry by Ken Kwilinski



1/48 Northrop N9M by Steve Butt

