# The Assembler



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### **1** Meeting Themes

06-15-18: Cold War

07-20-18: Christmas in July

08-17-18: The Big Screen: Models from movies

Location: HobbyTown USA of Orland Park

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

Cover Image: 1/48 H-21C by Ed Mate

### 2 Bill's Banter

All right everybody, here's your heads up. We are now six months into the year and our Christmas in July Party is next month. Dues paying members will have their chance at the raffle again. Even if you are not a legal, card carrying member please come to the party.

The other thing is; our list of models to be built for the year is also six months into being finished. Here is a little incentive to prod y'all to get your model done (started, looked at, completed, painted, decaled, etc). I'm thinking of having a contest in December of all the models that were supposed to be completed. Winner gets a prize. It will be something worthwhile too.

Some of you have already completed your builds and are onto bigger and better things. I applaud you (and secretly hate you) for your modeling acuity. The rest of us are going to have to step up going into the back half of the year. Let's see how many kits we can have on our own table to end the year. Now go build something...and hopefully finish it.

#### Wild Bill

### 3 News

#### May 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

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#### **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

# **More Thunderbolts**By Ed Mate

Tamiya 1/48 Republic P-47D-1-RE Thunderbolt, 4th FG, 336th FS Debden, England November 1943 of Lt. Johnny Godfrey. For a detailed explanation of how Ed Mate builds Tamiya Thunderbolts, see IPMS Will-Cook newsletter from July/August 2014. So what's unique about Lucky / Reggie's Reply? This is the first 4th FG Thunderbolt in the collection. The kit has been enhanced using an Eduard Zoom photo etch set, Ultracast seat and Ultracast block tread wheels. The instrument panel shade and early gunsight were used - they fit well. Ignition wires were added to the engine. A Quickboost early cowl flaps set was used to help backdate the model to a D-1-RE. The metal drop tank look alike of the 108 gal. paper tank is from True Details. The model is painted with Floquil and Model Master colors. Markings are from Aeromaster. The model is weathered with artist oil paints and pastel chalks. Johnny Godfrey had 18 confirmed victories by the end of WWII.



Tamiya 1/48 Republic P-47D-1-RE Thunderbolt, 4th FG, 334th FS Debden, England June 1943 of Lt. Steve Pisanos. For a detailed explanation of how Ed Mate builds Tamiya Thunderbolts, see IPMS Will-Cook newsletter from July/August 2014. So what's unique about Miss Plainfield? The kit has been enhanced using an Eduard Zoom photo etch set, Ultracast seat and Ultracast block tread wheels. Ignition wires added to the engine. A Quickboost early cowl flaps set was used to help backdate the model to a D-1-RE. The paper drop tank is a Frankentanken made from Eduard Brassin and kit parts. The model is painted with Floquil and Model Master colors. Markings are from Kits World except for the national insignia from Fündekals. Kits World insignias are misproportioned. The model is weathered with artist oil paints and pastel chalks.





# **5** April 2018 Meet Model



1/72 Revell C-54D by Dave Stukel









1/48 Tamiya P-47D by Ed Mate