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IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

Presidents Message



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White Elephant



The club annual white elephant gift exchange took place at the December meeting. There were 115 gifts on the table and as per tradition John Carroll was the MC. Ethan Dunsford did a sterling job as scribe, keeping note of all stolen gifts. The first steal was taken after pick 5 (which was me) and it went to Pat Arnold, and then stolen again a bit later so I didn't feel too bad. I managed to steal from Don Stewart at pick 112 for a kit more to my liking. I think everyone who was there had a good night so see you all again in December 2026



1st Air Commando Group
1/48 Monogram B25H
by "Mark L. Rossmann

In August 1943, the "H" model replaced the "G" on the assembly line at Inglewood. The version added a 5th MOS crew member, "Military Operational Skill" persons, the pilot and tail gunner the only ones with single roles. The lower turret was finally deleted since it never really was successful. The tail area was redesigned to have a gunner with twin 50's with 600 rounds a piece. Barbettes were now standard on both sides with a single 50 carrying 200 rounds. A T13E1 75mm cannon was retained in the nose along with two more 50's and two twin gun packs on either side of the nose. H could carry 3200 lbs of bombs or a 2000 lb aerial torpedo and could carry eight 5-inch rockets under the wings. A total of 1000 H models were produced, serving in the MTO, SWPA and CBI theaters, with the USAAF and Marines. Most notably serving with the 12th Bomb Group and 1st ACG.



1st Air Commando Group
1/48 Monogram B25H
by "Mark L. Rossmann

This is an excellent Monogram kit of the "H", found it on a hobby store shelf among other vintage kits. It stands up very nicely against the AM kits with nice detail and well written instructions. Decals were old and discolored so I picked up SuperScale #48-992 and built "Barbie III" piloted by Capt. R.T. Smith, flying out of Hailakandi, India. Make sure you have plenty of weight in the nose, as you see had to use the ladder and steps to keep it from tail dragging. I interpreted a picture incorrectly and thought the plane was overall Olive Drab, using Tamiya Olive Drab spray AS-6. It should be standard USAAF grey underneath. The P51 is that of Col. Cochran

References: Squadron/Signal publications #34 and the SuperScale decal sheet.



2025 IPMS Craig Hewitt Awards Dinner

Tickets available today!

2025 IPMS Craig Hewitt Awards Dinner

Theme: Cozy Cabin in the Woods — Wear flannel or plaid!
(Best outfit wins a prize)

 Date: Saturday, Jan 10, 2026 At 6pm

 Location: Chompie's – 3212 E Cactus Rd, Phoenix, AZ

 Cost: \$30 one • \$50 two • +\$25 each additional

 Tickets: Available Oct–Dec from Laura Gorton at meetings.
Not attending? Contact Laura Gorton or Laurie Rice-Henthorn.

Buffet Dinner

Main: Beef Brisket or Chicken Piccata (choose one)

Sides: Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Veggies, Rolls

Drinks: Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Water (Cash Bar available)

Dessert: Chocolate cake with raspberry filling & mousse frosting

Dietary concerns? Contact Laurie Rice-Henthorn.

 Club Awards + Trivia Night with Prizes!

Questions? Ask a member of the Social Committee.



Club Dues

This is a reminder letter supported by our treasurer.

Club fees of \$12 PA are now due you can pay at the January meeting. I will then be sending out personal reminders to those not in good standing (I only do it once)

"Only members of Good Standing" will be eligible to receive any of the benefits associated with club membership, and I do not want you to miss out by not renewing your subscription for 2026.

I know some of you are already paid through 2026 so please ignore this group letter.

For those of you unsure about your standing you can see me at the meeting or just email me and I will tell you if you need to pay dues.

The easiest way to pay dues is to pay Bill with cash at the meetings.

If you are unable to attend meetings Bill Dunkle will be only too glad to give you his postal address and cheque details if you want to mail in your subscription.

Bill's email address is BDUNKLE@msn.com

2026 Club Contest Themes

- January: Moving On: Cars and Trucks (Any scale. Automobile, Truck, Race car, Motorcycle)
- February: The Braille Scale: 1/72 scale or smaller (Any Airplane, Land Vehicle or Water craft)
- March: Large Scale: 1/32 scale or larger (Any Airplane, Land Vehicle or Water Craft)
- April: The Vietnam War: (Any Scale, Any Aircraft, Land Vehicle, Water Craft. Including Figures, and Armored Vehicles.)
- May: Ships and Boats: (Any Scale Civilian or Military)
- June: Figures: (Any Scale: Includes, 3-D printed, Injection mold or Resin)
- July: Armor: (Any Scale, Any Armored land vehicle. Tracked or wheel driven)
- August: No contest / Club Swap Meet**
- September: The ETO: (Any 1/48 scale model aircraft, Depicting use in the European Theater of Operation during World War II)
- October: Sci-Fi: (Any Scale, Any Figure or Vehicle)
- November: Peoples Choice: (Any Model, Any scale. Judged and voted on by the present Attendees of this monthly meeting)
- December No Competition (Club White Elephant)**



EDITORS CORNER

BY LYN GORTON



I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year

This past year has certainly been a busy one for the club with the advent of not one but two Moselzonas in the same year. The club did well at both events and I am looking forward to another great one next November.

This club like all others is nothing without the input from its members and I am happy to report that we usually see a 60% turnout for our monthly meetings, with competitions being in the most part being well supported.

Time now to talk about the elephant in the room—Club Dues.

So far we only have 44% of the membership renewed and as per usual it is an uphill struggle to get everyone with the program.

I struggle every year to understand why we have to fight so hard to get people to part with \$12 which is probably the lowest membership dues for any club of this size.

This year I am going to give you a heads up.

Those who have not paid dues by the January meeting will be given a personal email informing them that they are in danger of not being in good standing and giving them some options on payment. (See the note on page 6)

Those still outstanding after the February meeting will no longer be in good standing and will lose club privileges.

WHERE WE WERE

JANUARY 1975



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ARIZONA HISTORICAL MODELERS SOCIETY IPMS/PHOENIX

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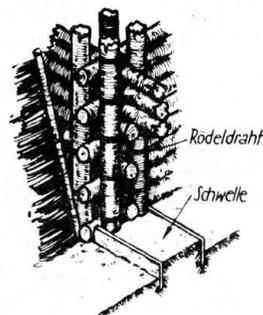
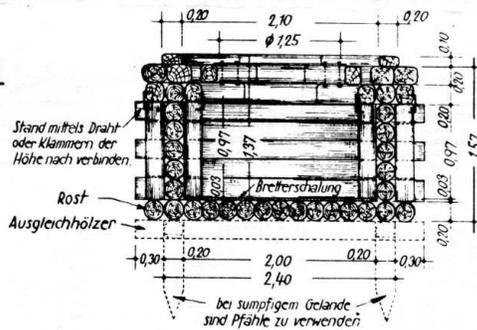
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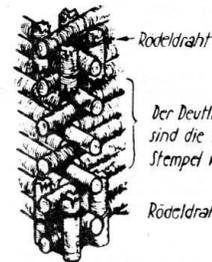
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Der Deutlichkeit wegen sind die senkrechten Stempel weggelassen

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Longman's Hobby Craft, 49 E. Broadway, Tempe. (967-7241)
Webster's Hobby Shop, 30 E. Camelback, Phoenix(266-5343)

ARIZONA HISTORICAL MODELERS' SOCIETY

The ARIZONA HISTORICAL MODELERS' SOCIETY, IPMS/Phoenix, is an organization of modeling enthusiasts dedicated to the improvement of this activity in the Phoenix area, and to the collection and distribution of information concerning models of aircraft, ships, and vehicles, and their historical backgrounds. The AHMS is entirely an amateur organization, and all members and officers serve without pay, frequently at their own expense.

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BUSINESS MEETING

B. R. BAKER

A business meeting was held at my place on January 6, and several decisions were made concerning the operation of the organization and the publication of DIRTY PLASTIC. Now, all we have to do is stick to the schedules and we'll be OK.

Concerning the D/P schedules, excluding this issue, which will go to press as soon as possible, all D/P copy material, including articles, drawings, and anything else printable, should be in the hands of the editor by the 4th Monday of the month. This gives the editor several days to get the paste-up to the printers via Chuck Krause by the first of the month. Then, the printed copies go to Heinz Jacobs by the 4th of the month, to be mailed no later than the 6th. At least, the local copies should be in the mail by then.

Now, to the meeting schedules. Our plan is to alternate social meetings between Val's Hobby Hangar (a west side location) and Longman's Hobby Craft, in Tempe. This has a couple of advantages. First, it gives those of us who don't often get around a chance to get over to one of these two shops once every two months. Second, it gives most of us a short drive at least once every other month. And third, it gives all of us a chance to examine the new kits provided the stores have them in stock.

The time schedule decided upon is to have the social meeting on the SECOND Monday of each month, starting in February. These, as described above, will alternate between Val's and Longman's, starting with Longman's in February, Val's in March, and infinitum. Maybe next summer, we can deviate from this practice long enough to sample Marsh Beaubian's swimming pool.

The business meetings will be held at my place, as they have been, but on the FOURTH Monday of every month. As always, anyone can attend, as we usually discuss business for only a few minutes, and the rest of the time deteriorates into a bull session anyway. For the social meetings, however, we will attempt to have some sort of a program. Suggestions are welcome here.

Incidentally, at the last business meeting, a phone-interest roster of members was collected. This is most important when we need to contact everyone regarding a special meeting or event, or, when we get behind, for regular meeting notification.

KIT REVIEWS

BRIAN R. BAKER

We've obtained several new kits in recent weeks, but of course, haven't had time to build anything. The following descriptions are from cursory examinations of the kits in the box, and do not include the reflections made after an attempt at construction or assembly.

Airfix has finally come forth with their Lockheed F-80C Shooting Star. From all indications, this appears to be an excellent kit, although I haven't seen one as of this date. The decal sheet was made from information obtained from Dave Menard, one of the authorities on postwar USAF markings, and with this kind of research, Airfix cannot possibly go too far wrong. We'll review this one in depth later.

Airfix has also come out with a comparative rarity these days, a civilian airplane in 1/72 scale. This one is of a fairly common sight around modern airports, the Piper Cherokee Arrow. Cast in white plastic, the lines seem accurate, and the casting is detailed and well done proportionally. Details are evident but do not require removal. These aircraft are generally flush riveted throughout, so the old stove bolts are hopefully a thing of the past. A sparse interior is provided, including an instrument panel, two wheels, four seats, and a baggage compartment. All in all, it is well worth having.

Matchbox has also come out with a couple of new kits, and the Westland Lynx helicopter is typical of some of their newer releases. Basic outline appears to be good, while surface detail is somewhat heavy when it is there at all. With the usual good-quality Matchbox decals, the model should be a good addition to any modeler's showcase. Two versions are provided for, and I suppose that export conversions could be made with little effort.

The Matchbox Dornier "Skyservant" is another new issue that is worth obtaining. This is a light, twin-engine aircraft about the size of a Twin Beech. Two markings variations are provided, a German Navy version and a civilian Swedish aircraft used in Biafra, Nigeria, in 1969. The casting colors are unfortunate, with orange, white and brown plastic being used, but a thick coat of paint should solve that problem. The decals look excellent, and I can see possibilities for using the extras. Buy several of this one.

Incidentally, Matchbox has a long list of types being prepared for release, including a Junkers JU-188, and a Hawker Hector. The A. W. Siskin fighter (biplane) is due for release soon.

Last issue I reviewed the new Hasegawa kit of the G.M.C. CCKW-353 "Deuce and a Half" 10 wheeled military truck in 1/72 scale. Now, the other variants are available and these include the gas and oil tank truck and dump truck. All are typical Hasegawa quality, and should prove very useful in diorama construction, since the tank truck, especially, can be used for airfield scenes. There's been a lot of German stuff available for some time now, and it is good to see some American military vehicles, even if they originated in Japan. The trucks, incidentally, all have the soft top, and a hard top conversion would have to be done from scratch. There is also an interesting armored cab version that could be done. The actual vehicle is displayed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, and perhaps we can do an article on it next time.

ODDS AND ENDS

BRIAN R. BAKER

The other day, we received a letter from Donald E. Grafmyer, who is secretary-treasurer of the IPMS organization in East Central Illinois. One of the points he made, that I have had in the back of my mind for some time now, is the publication of a list of displays of aircraft, tanks, and artillery pieces throughout the area. The American Aviation Historical Society has done this for some years, but, of course, lists aircraft only. I don't know about armor or artillery, but I do know that these things are displayed in many out-of-the-way places. Tanks are quite easy to identify, so there is no problem there. The artillery poses another problem, however.

The artillery identification problem arises from the fact that there is not a lot of reference material available on the subject. I have been through all of the reference material on artillery that I have seen around, but I still have a number of gun photos that I cannot identify.

In the Phoenix area, there are several guns on display, and it is now the time of the year that it is comfortable to go out on an afternoon to look at them without coming back melted and wilted. On McDowell Road, just west of Third Avenue, are two small anti-tank guns, displayed on the south side of the street.

One of the guns is readily identifiable; it is a German 3.7 cm. Anti-Tank gun. Most of the writing on the gun is obscured by paint, but the serial number 117101 is visible ahead of the shield on the top of the barrel. The gun is in fair condition, and oddly enough, I did not see the type displayed at Aberdeen.

The other gun, while being European, remains unidentified. There is a lot of writing on various parts of the gun, but all I know is that it is a 25 mm. anti-tank gun. One of the trails has the date 10/5/43, but why anyone would be using a 25 mm. anti-tank gun of that size during 1943 is beyond me, since by that time, it took at least 75 mm. to deal with existing tanks. The writing states that the gun is a "Canon De 25 m/m S.A.M. le 1934 Fab. ov(I'm not sure of the "ov") (M.L.S.) No. 3350. The "3350" also appears on the breech. I have photos of this gun, if anyone wants to have a go at positive identification.

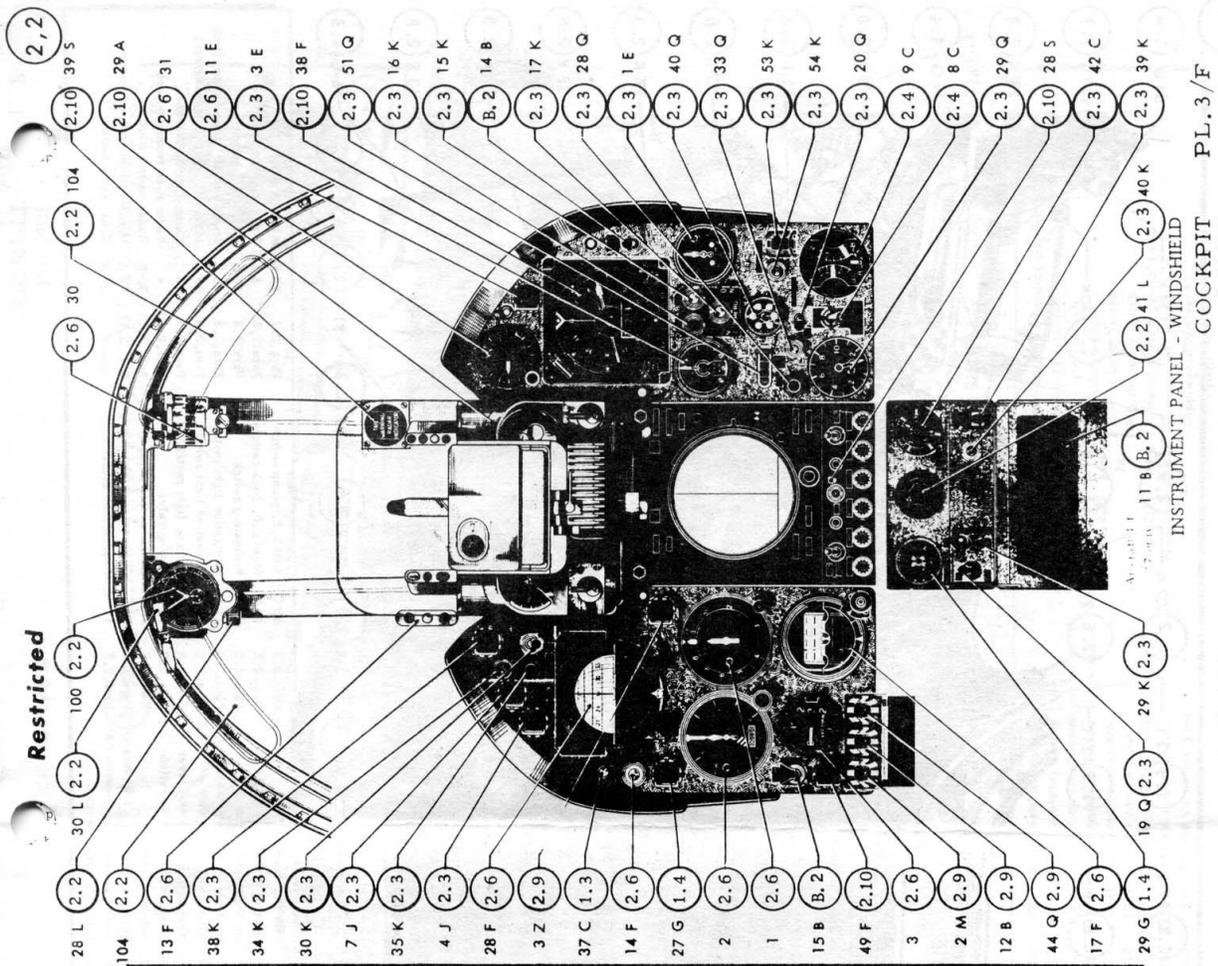
The other day, I made a swing down through Tempe and Chandler, looking for two field pieces I knew to exist in these areas. The gun formerly at Tempe, which defended the old WFW Hall on Apache Blvd., has gone. Any leads on this one would be appreciated, but it appeared to be a World War I 75 mm. field gun. While a student at Arizona State University too many years ago, I remember students talking about wheeling the gun over to the women's dorm and "emplacing" it there, but I doubt if it was ever done. I would, however, like to know where it went.

In Chandler there are two field pieces on display. The local National Guard Armory has a World War II 75 mm. airborne (or Pack) howitzer displayed on the lawn in front of the building. A sign partially obscures the gun, but it appears to be in pretty good condition. It is a standard World War II gun.

In the town square, however, is a more unusual display. This is an old howitzer of approximately 75 mm. bore, and is set at an extremely high elevation. It has a split train carriage, and appears to be very small and light. I think it is a German or Austrian gun, as it has wooden "fellow" -- the insides of the wheels where the tires would normally go. It is a strange looking gun, and has no decipherable writing of any kind. I'll try to publish rough sketches of these guns.

WHERE WE WERE

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MIRAGE III O

| KEY | |
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| Para. 1.3 | 37 C Spread-brake position indicator light |
| Para. 1.4 | 27 G U/C not down light |
| Para. 1.4 | 29 G U/C position indicator |
| Para. 2.2 | 100 Clock |
| Para. 2.2 | 104 Rear-view mirrors |
| Para. 2.2 | 28 L Clock and standby compass lighting rheostat |
| Para. 2.2 | 30 L Clock light |
| Para. 2.2 | 41 L Navigation computer lighting rheostat |
| Para. 2.3 | 1 E R. P. M. indicator |
| Para. 2.3 | 3 E J.P.T. indicator |
| Para. 2.3 | 4 J Engine fire warning light |
| Para. 2.3 | 7 J Afterburner fire warning light |
| Para. 2.3 | 15 K Afterburner operating light |
| Para. 2.3 | 16 K Afterburner injector light |
| Para. 2.3 | 17 K Emergency afterburner injector button |
| Para. 2.3 | 29 K Rocket motor safety switch |
| Para. 2.3 | 30 K Rocket motor control switch |
| Para. 2.3 | 34 K Rocket motor engagement hold light |
| Para. 2.3 | 35 K Rocket motor thrust light |
| Para. 2.3 | 38 K Rocket motor fire warning light |
| Para. 2.3 | 39 K Slow drain switch |
| Para. 2.3 | 40 K Slow drain light |
| Para. 2.3 | 53 K Overspeed button |
| Para. 2.3 | 54 K Overspeed light |
| Para. 2.3 | 19 Q Bay tank transfer switch |
| Para. 2.3 | 20 Q Fuel tank crossfeed switch |
| Para. 2.3 | 28 Q 130 Gal fuel warning light |
| Para. 2.3 | 29 Q Fuel gauge |
| Para. 2.3 | 33 Q Fuel gauge test button |
| Para. 2.3 | 40 Q Fuel transfer indicator |
| Para. 2.3 | 51 Q Fuel remaining indicator |
| Para. 2.4 | 8 C Hydraulic pressure selector switch |
| Para. 2.4 | 9 C Hydraulic pressure indicator |
| Para. 2.6 | 1 ASI/Machmeter |
| Para. 2.6 | 2 Altimeter |
| Para. 2.6 | 3 Vertical speed indicator |
| Para. 2.6 | 30 Standby magnetic compass |
| Para. 2.6 | 31 Accelerometer |
| Para. 2.6 | 11 E Aircraft Mach limit light |
| Para. 2.6 | 13 F Incidence indicator |
| Para. 2.6 | 14 F Incidence indicator test button |
| Para. 2.6 | 17 F Standby gyro-horizon |
| Para. 2.6 | 28 F Spherical flight indicator |
| Para. 2.9 | 12 B Wing store jettison button |
| Para. 2.9 | 2 M Fuselage store jettison button |
| Para. 2.9 | 44 Q Pylon tank jettison button |
| Para. 2.9 | 3 Z Failure light |
| Para. 2.10 | 29 A Sight head |
| Para. 2.10 | 38 F Navigation computer |
| Para. 2.10 | 49 F Gyro center failure warning light |
| Para. 2.10 | 28 S Radar scope |
| Para. 2.10 | 39 S Tail warning radar indicator (not installed) |
| Book 2 | 11 B Special store control panel |
| Book 2 | 14 B Heading error switch |
| Book 2 | 15 B LABS selector switch |

INSTRUMENT PANEL - WINDSHIELD
COCKPIT PL. 3/F

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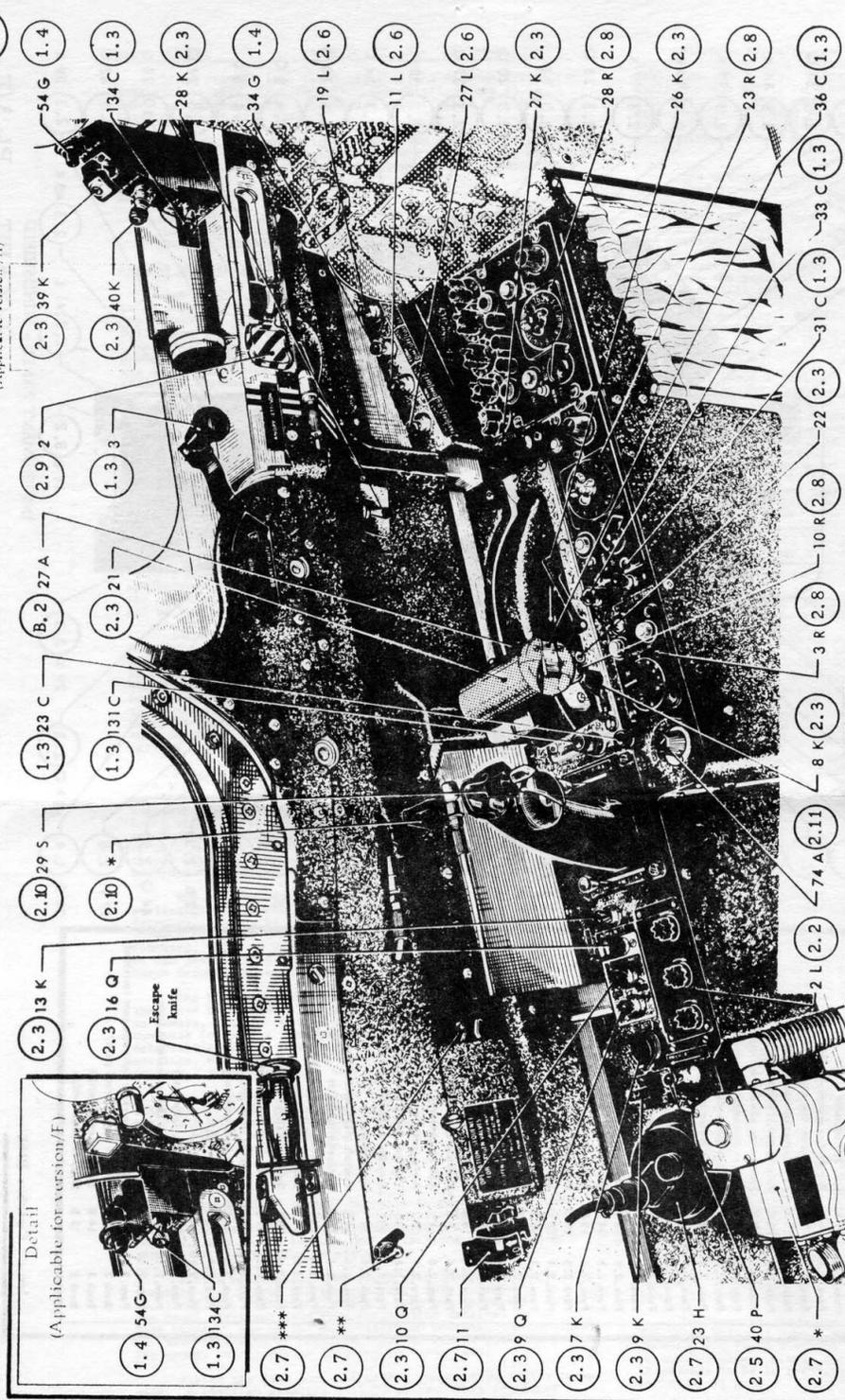
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| Para.1.3 | 3 Brake chute control |
| Para.1.3 | 23 C Roll trim light |
| Para.1.3 | 31 C Rudder trim switch |
| Para.1.3 | 33 C Rudder trim light |
| Para.1.3 | 36 C Speed brake control |
| Para.1.3 | 131 C Pitch trim light |
| Para.1.3 | 134 C A.C. emerg. disengage switch |
| Para.1.4 | 34 G Mistrap switch |
| Para.1.4 | 54 G U/C audio test button |
| Para.2.2 | 2 L Cockpit lighting rheostats |
| Para.2.3 | 21 Throttle lever |
| Para.2.3 | 22 Idle stop override |
| Para.2.3 | 7 K Starting push-button |
| Para.2.3 | 8 K In-flight reflight switch |
| Para.2.3 | 9 K Ignition/ventilation switch |
| Para.2.3 | 13 K Afterburner cock switch |
| Para.2.3 | 26 K Approach speed control lever |
| Para.2.3 | 27 K Emergency regulation switch |
| Para.2.3 | 28 K Actuator control |
| Para.2.3 | 39 K Slow drain switch |
| Para.2.3 | 40 K Slow drain light |
| Para.2.3 | 9 Q L/H L.P. pump switch |
| Para.2.3 | 10 Q R/H L.P. pump switch |
| Para.2.3 | 16 Q Main L.P. cock switch |
| Para.2.5 | 40 P Preheating switch |
| Para.2.6 | 11 L Navigation light switch |
| Para.2.6 | 19 L Formation light switch |
| Para.2.6 | 27 L Landing light switch |
| Para.2.7 | ** Anti-r valve |
| Para.2.7 | ** O2 chest cock support |
| Para.2.7 | ** O2 chest cock plug support |
| Para.2.7 | ** C2 chest cock off cock |
| Para.2.7 | 11 Oxygen shut-off cock |
| Para.2.7 | 23 H Altitude switch |
| Para.2.8 | 3 R Radio selector box |
| Para.2.8 | 10 R Radio R/T button |
| Para.2.8 | 23 R Stand-by DHP control panel (red) |
| Para.2.8 | 28 R Main DHP control panel (green) |
| Para.2.9 | 2 Canopy jettison lever |
| Para.2.10 | * Radar stick retaining book |
| Para.2.10 | 29 S Radar control stick |
| Para.2.11 | 74 A Missile volume potentiometer |
| Book 2 | 27 A Gyro caging button |

L/H SIDE
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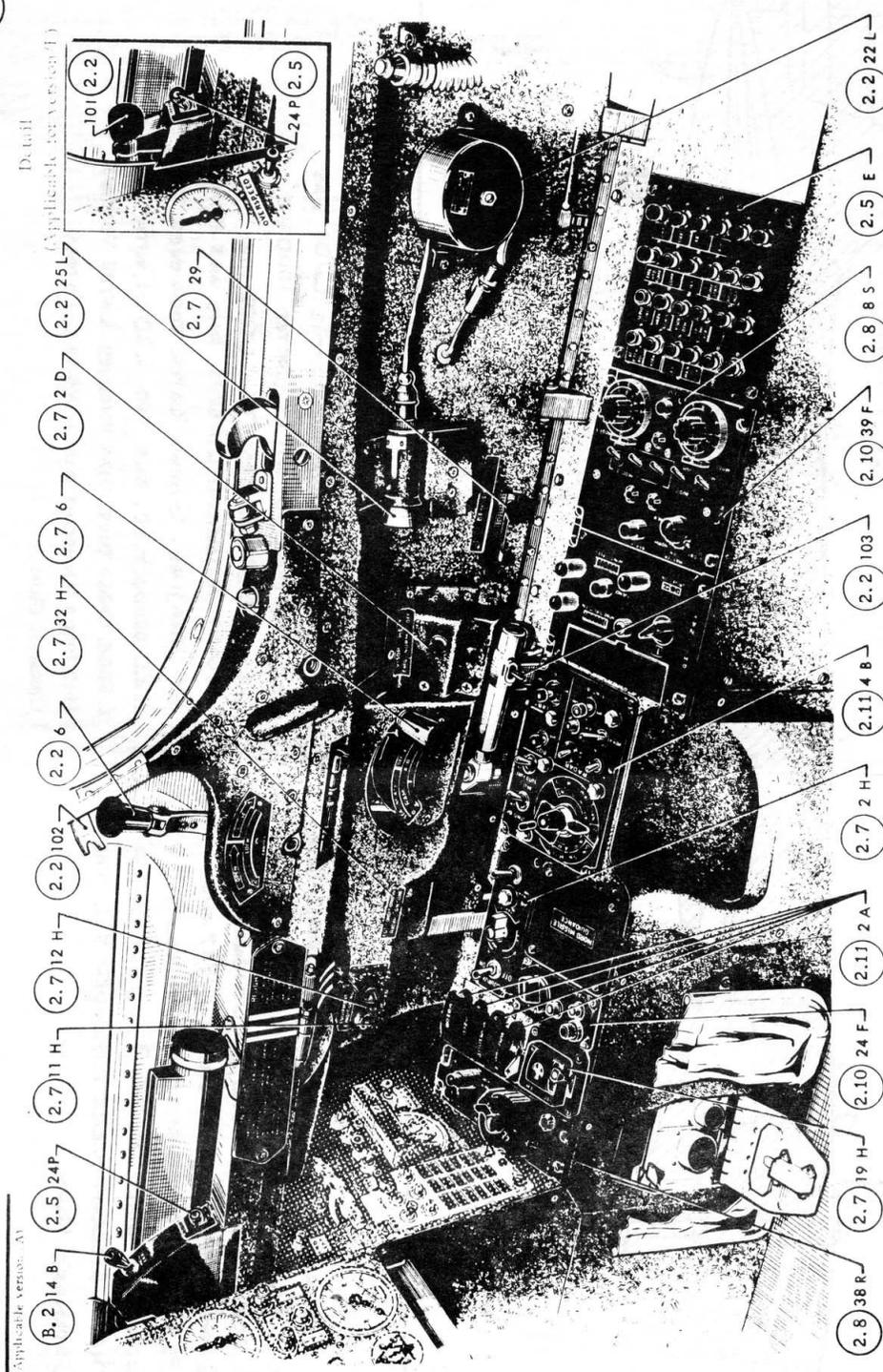
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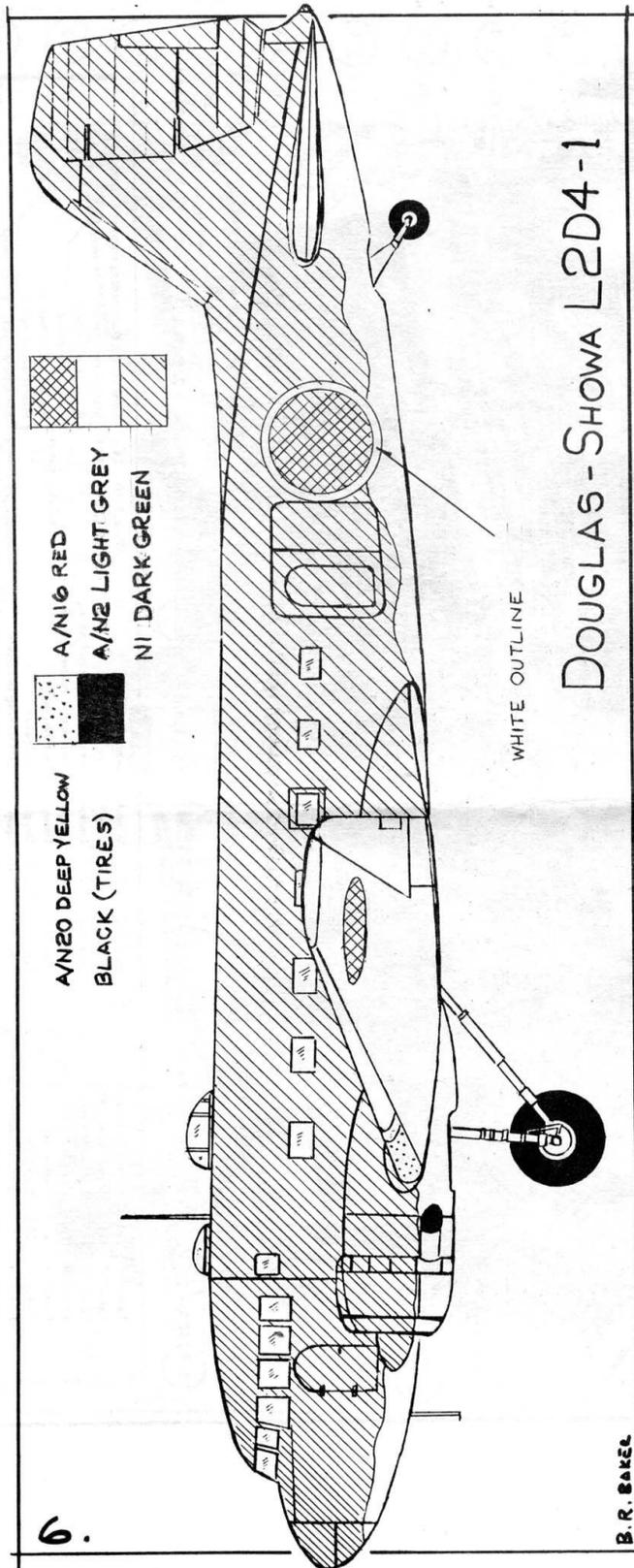
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| Para. 2.2 | 6 | Canopy control lever | Para. 2.7 | 29 | Windshield demisting lever |
| Para. 2.2 | 101 | Dinghy puncturer | Para. 2.7 | 2 D | Visor demisting control |
| Para. 2.2 | 102 | Map light hook | Para. 2.7 | 2 H | Cockpit air conditioning control panel |
| Para. 2.2 | 103 | Hand-vent (retracting) | Para. 2.7 | 11 H | Equipment temperature control switch |
| Para. 2.2 | 22 L | Inertia reel | Para. 2.7 | 12 H | Emergency cold switch |
| Para. 2.2 | 25 L | Map light | Para. 2.7 | 19 H | Oxygen control panel |
| Para. 2.5 | E | Circuit-breaker panel | Para. 2.7 | 32 H | Equipment conditioning selector |
| Para. 2.5 | 24 P | Load-shedding switch | Para. 2.8 | 38 R | TACAN control panel |
| Para. 2.7 | 6 | Canopy seal/ram air lever | Para. 2.8 | 8 S | IFF and SIF control panel |
| Para. 2.10 | 24 F | Gyro center and heading transfer control panel | Para. 2.10 | 39 F | On Bomb safety switch |
| Para. 2.10 | 39 F | Station selector box | Para. 2.11 | 2A | Rocket safety switch |
| Para. 2.11 | 2A | On Bomb safety switch | Para. 2.11 | 4 B | Armament/radar control panel |
| Para. 2.11 | 4 B | Rocket safety switch | Book 2 | 14 B | Heading error switch |
| Para. 2.11 | 4 B | Missile safety switch | (Applicable version/A) | | |

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R/H SIDE
COCKPIT PL. 4

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THE ORIGINAL PROTOTYPE, THE L2D1, WAS DELIVERED IN 1939, WITH IMPORTED 1000 HP. P.W. SB3G ENGINES. THE L2D2 HAD 1000 HP MITSUBISHI KINSEI'S, AND WAS BUILT BY NAKAJIMA. SHOWA LATER TOOK OVER THE L2D PRODUCTION, AND THE L2D2-1, WITH LARGE CARGO DOOR, WAS EVOLVED. LATER VERSIONS HAD MORE WINDOWS AND A DORSAL 13 MM MACHINE GUN.

ORIGINALLY BUILT FOR DAI NIPPON, KOKU K.K. (GREATER JAPAN AIR LINES), 20 DC-3 AIRCRAFT WERE BUILT BY DOUGLAS AND EXPORTED TO JAPAN BETWEEN 1937 AND 1939. IN 1938, MITSUI OBTAINED A LICENSE TO BUILD THE DC-3 IN JAPAN, AND THESE AIRCRAFT WERE INTENDED FOR THE JAPANESE NAVY.

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Over at one of the Arizona National Guard installations (a motor pool, I believe) near Papago Peaks, is displayed an old 75 mm. Field Gun, Model M1897A7, on M2A3 Carriage. This is a World War I gun mounted on a World War II carriage. The carriage was built in 1941, and the serial number is #20920.

While on the subject of artillery, there was another gun on display at the National Guard Headquarters on Van Buren Street. This has now gone, and I suspect that it will be displayed at the new facility at Papago Peak. It appears, from memory, to be a very old gun, possibly a Columbiad, and may date back to the Civil War.

I would like to compile a list of tanks, guns, and airplanes displayed in the State of Arizona, as it could prove quite interesting. I suspect that there are some guns displayed in Tucson, and I recall seeing at least one gun on display in the Globe-Miami area. Sometimes, these are guns which were taken or captured by locally raised military units, and so can be pretty unusual pieces of ordnance.

NEW AND IN VIEW

B. R. BAKER

The grapevine has it that the new Matchbox JU-88 and Siskin, both in 1/72 scale, are available on the West Coast. We are all anxious to see them.

Val managed to obtain a couple of long-awaited items, the Hasegawa P-51D Mustang and Spitfire I. I have examined both of these, although I have not had time to build them, and they appear to be excellent. The P-51D has a lot of good detail, including a recessed wheel well, and the Spitfire has provision for making the early flat-canopy Mk. I, and the prototype can also be done with little effort, since a two-bladed prop is included. These were priced at \$1.80, but with the high quality, they are well worth it. We'll have a kit review next issue.

A couple of other items have appeared in the shops recently. The long awaited Frog Spitfire Mk. 8/9 is here, and looks, from box examination, like a very nice kit. Matchbox has a British Rubber Armored Car out, and this looks fine. Fujimi has added to their diorama kits with a box of Japanese Infantry. This includes a very limited amount of plastic (The Japanese solution to the plastic shortage?) and a well done 75 mm. field gun. This looks like the standard World War II weapon, complete with high spoked wheels and crew. Also included are some infantrymen in various positions.

A rather strange coincidence has been the almost simultaneous issue, by Airfix and Fujimi, of 1/76 scale kits of the Japanese Chi-Ha Type 97 tank. This was a rather obscure and out-of-date vehicle used by Japanese forces during World War II, and with either a 47 or 57 mm. main gun, and was completely outclassed by Allied tanks. I haven't built either of them yet, but they appear to be good kits, and are welcome additions to the 1/76 scale line. To date, few kits of Japanese armor have appeared. The Fujimi kit, incidentally, shows two new Japanese AFVs on the box, including a later model Japanese tank and a SP howitzer.

KIT REVIEW: THE MATCHBOX PANTHER AUSF. G B. R. BAKER

Matchbox (Lesney) has come out with another in its tank series, this kit, in 1/76 scale representing the famous Panther Ausf. G. This is their first duplication in this series, the previous kits being the Sherman Firefly and the British Comet Tank.

Basically, this kit appears to be well cast, with a simple, straightforward assembly. There are a couple of things to be careful of when assembling this kit. The turret has to be attached to the hull BEFORE the hull top is glued to the bottom. This makes painting a problem unless you want the turret to come off, which is not much of a problem. Also, paint and finish the bogie wheels before you assemble the wheels and tracks on the hull. The wheels were rubber-tired, and therefore should be dull grey or black, and this is quite a job doing these on the tank. The track is easy to assemble, but once on the tank, it doesn't sag quite properly. I drilled a small hole just above the positions the track should sag to, and inserted a section of piano wire (stiff) to hold the track down into place. It looks fine, and is hard to see. Another solution would be the installation of skirt armor, which would cover the track effectively.

All in all, it is a good kit, and worth having.

KIT REVIEW: THE MATCHBOX HAWKER TEMPEST Mk. II B. R. BAKER

This kit became available at a time when I had gone part way in converting a Revell Tempest Mk. V to a Mk. II, so I am thankful that this kit came along at the time it did. Although the kit is listed as a Mk. II or Mk. VI, forget the Mk. VI, as the wing requires considerable reworking to bring it to this standard. It is better to rework the Frog Mk. V rather than modifying this one. That would be a lot less work.

The kit is to usual Matchbox standards, with somewhat heavy surface line detail, but the kit appears to be accurate, and builds up into a really nice model. The noses, both radial liquid cooled engines, are interchangeable, but as I have mentioned, the Mk. VI liquid cooled engine is not set unless the air intakes are removed from the wing leading edges. I checked photos of several Mk. V's and VI's and all had smooth wing leading edges.

The decals, in keeping with Matchbox standards, are very nice, and they include markings for an Indian Air Force Tempest as well as a wartime RAF version. This makes a very colorful addition to the model itself, and saved a lot of time on the conversion.

KIT REVIEW: THE HELLER FOCKE WULF FW-190

B. R. BAKER

Although I knew that this kit was coming out, I certainly didn't expect to find what is probably the best FW-190 kit available in any scale smaller than 1/32. This 1/72 scale kit is well cast, high detailed, and can be converted to all of the basic radial engine versions with very little effort.

The kit has two forward fuselage sections with the different machine gun fairings, and also comes equipped with two rear canopy sections, one early and one late model. In addition, the canopy is built just like the one on the real airplane, extending well back on the fuselage. This allows you to build the aircraft with the canopy open, exposing some really nice cockpit detail. My only added item was a printed instrument panel. The engine even has the fan included, and this can be fitted to turn with the prop. Some armament variation also comes with the kit, and accessories from the Johan Bf-109G and other kits can be used to add a variety of weapons carriers.

Heller should receive an "A" on this one. It is a good kit, and although it won't replace my Matchbox FW-190A's, I'll use the Heller kit for all of the later versions.

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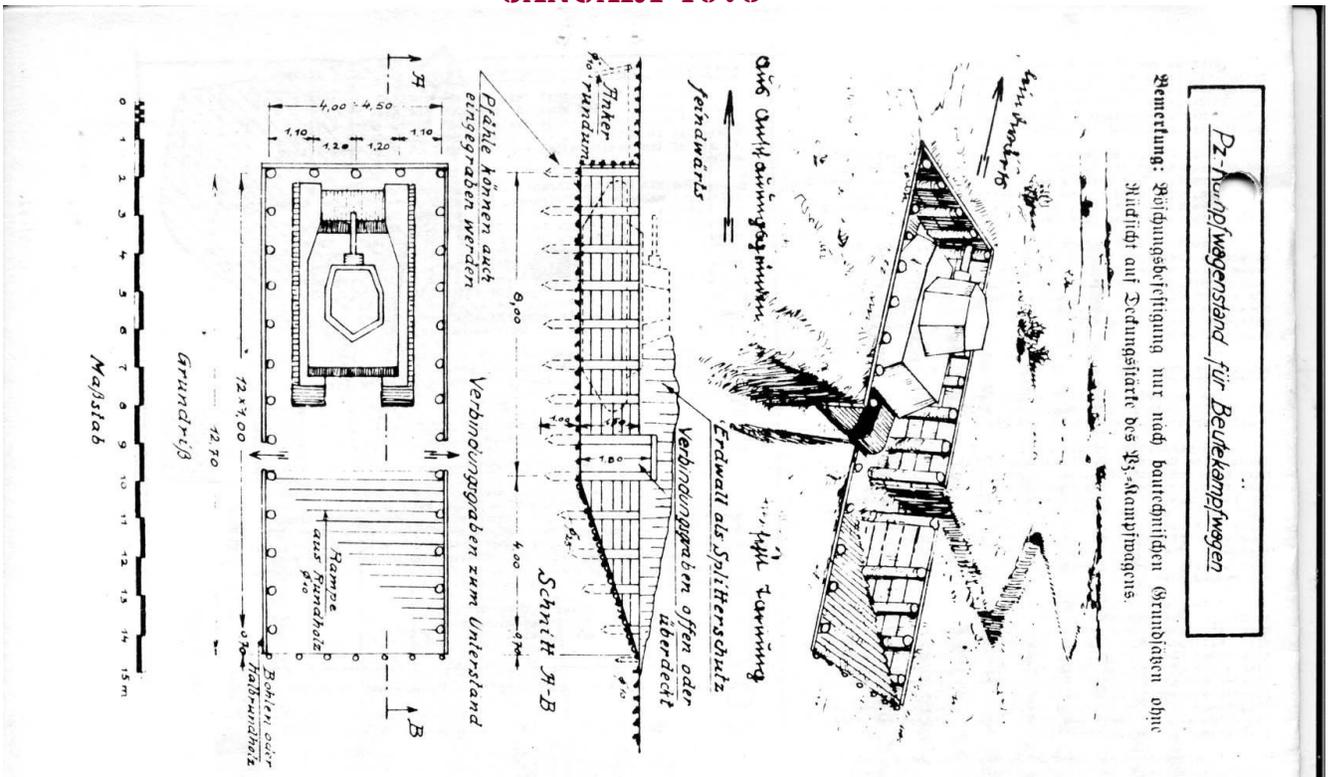
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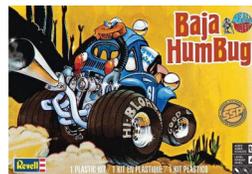
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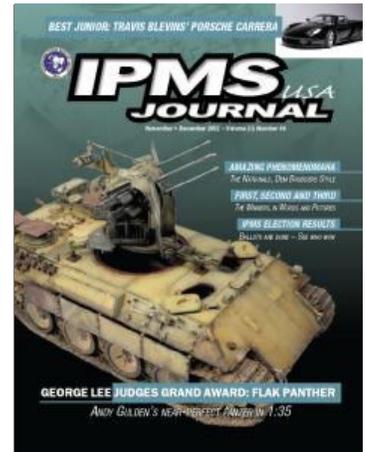
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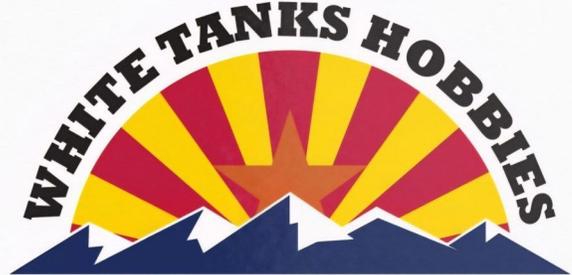


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