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IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

Presidents Message

Hello everyone,

I would like to thank Joe Trotter for his presentation at the last meeting. It was a fascinating look at life on a nuclear submarine in the 70's and 80's.

I'm back again concerning a theme for Modelzona. So far, I have only one input: "America's 250th - Best American Subject". This could cover most categories, many subjects, and many eras. It could mean that there are dozens of entries, however, an entry will only be judged for this award if indicated on the model entry form. Again, we need to decide on a theme very soon. If you have any ideas, please let me know ASAP. Stay tuned for more announcements about Modelzona.

The presentation for May is postponed until June. I still have nothing after that. There are still four more meetings this year that could have a presentation. Please let me know if you have something you are willing to present at a meeting or know anyone outside the club who may be willing to present.

That's all for now. Keep on modeling!

Kevin

kdhpolarbear@yahoo.com

Corsair Stop Press Dates 2026

January	25th
February	22nd
March	22nd
April	19th
May	24th
June	21st
July	26th
August	23rd
September	20th
October	25th
November	22nd
December	20th

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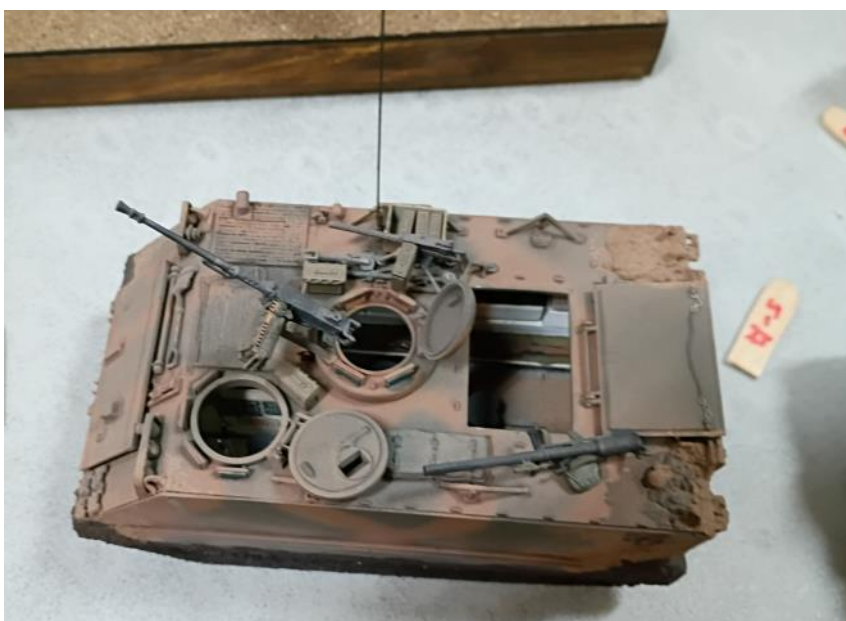
April Display Pictures



April Competition Vietnam



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April Competition Winner



Steve Collins

Skyraider

April Raffle Winners



April Raffle Winners



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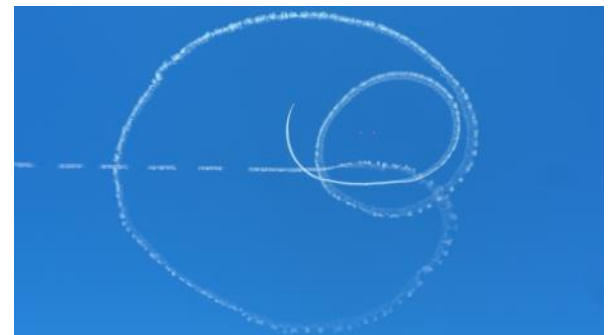
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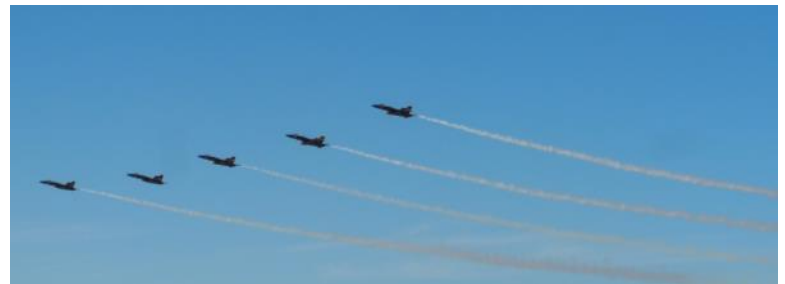
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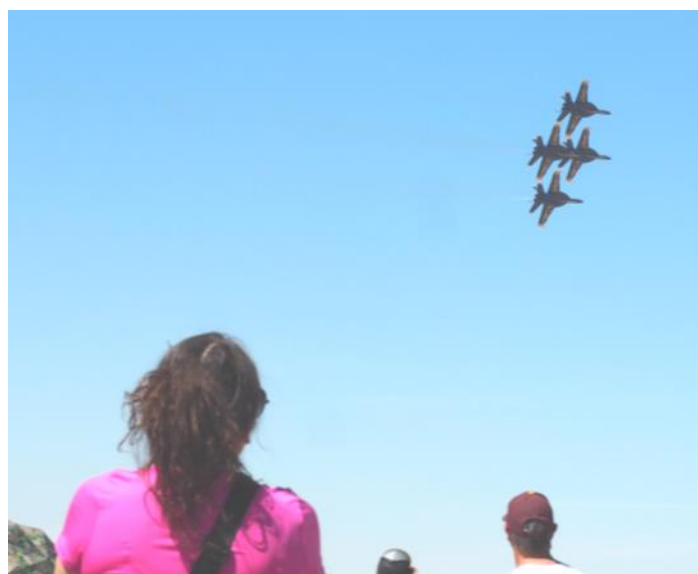
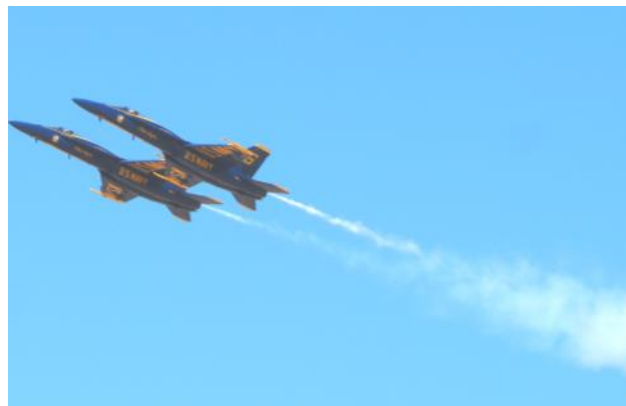


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2026 Club Contest Themes

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



Another good turnout in April with 50+ attendance
A big entry for the competition which was Vietnam

Thanks to all who stayed for the presentation .We were treated to a very informative lecture on life in a nuclear submarine in the 70's.Those who left early really did miss a good night.

Special thanks to Mark Rossmann for first of all braving the heat, and secondly sharing some of his pictures from "Luke Days 2026"

Letter From Wings Of Flight Foundation By Scott Germain



Craig Hewitt IPMS member Mark Krumrey poses with a Monogram B-25 Mitchell he built and donated to the 1/48 scale model collection at The Wings Of Flight Foundation

WOFF is a non –profit 501(c)3 aviation education and preservation organization, and five core members run the group. We're based in one of two historic landmark WW11 hangars still standing at Mesa's Falcon Field. Our hangar, still in use, houses Stearmans, T-6's, a PT -19, aT-34C, and a P-51D.

As some members may remember, I gave a short talk about the WW11 history of Falcon Field, and the 4th British Training School that was founded and based there beginning in 1941. Over 3,000 British cadets were trained at Falcon Field until 1945. A small number of Mexican and Chinese pilots were also trained at Falcon. The talk concluded with a request for members to build 1/48 scale models to donate to our collection.

We are thrilled to show off Craig Hewitt member's Lancaster's ,Spitfires, Lysanders, TBM's and a variety of other aircraft operated by the RAF and RN. Various patches ,photos, and memorabilia fill out and add color to the display. Several types are still desired to round-out the collection. The display visually educates the viewer on the types of aircraft Britains cadets went on to operate during WW11

Members that have built and donated models include John Lewis, Lyn Gorton, Keenan Chittester, Carlos Cisneros, Mark Krumrey, Mark Rossmann, Scott Germain and Brian Baker.

Still on our "acquire" list are: P-39, B-26, Barracuda, Wellington, PB4Y, C-47, Anson, Vampire, P51-A, Blenheim, Tiger Moth, Hampden, Lysander, P-40 (early and Late), Beaufort, and others

If you might be interested in building and donating any models, please contact Scott Germain at 602-430-6795 or LightAndLift@gmail.com. He has several kits he could donate to limit member cost and expenditure. We can also coordinate what markings would serve the collection best.

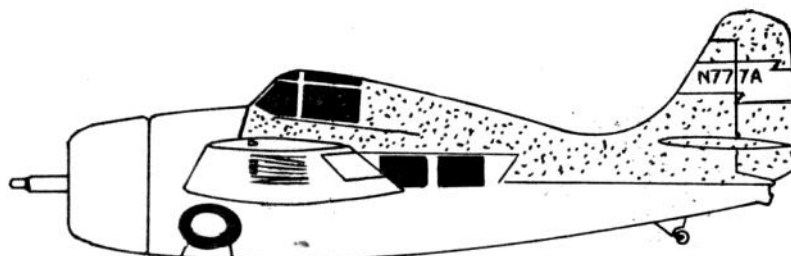
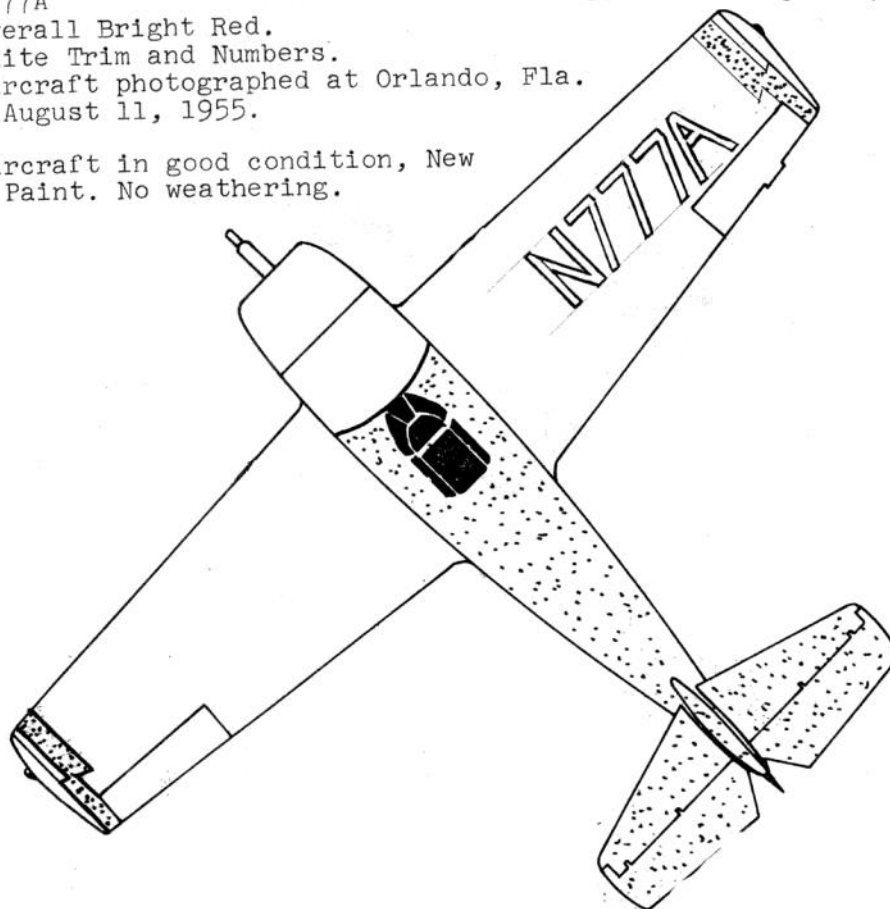
Once again, thanks to all the Craig Hewitt members that have contributed! The Wings of Flight foundation sincerely appreciates your skills, time and effort

WHERE WE WERE

MAY 1975

General Motors FM-2(Modified) Note: Four seats behind
N777A Pilot's Cockpit. (Windows)
Overall Bright Red.
White Trim and Numbers.
Aircraft photographed at Orlando, Fla.
August 11, 1955.

Aircraft in good condition, New
Paint. No weathering.



WHERE WE WERE

MAY 1975

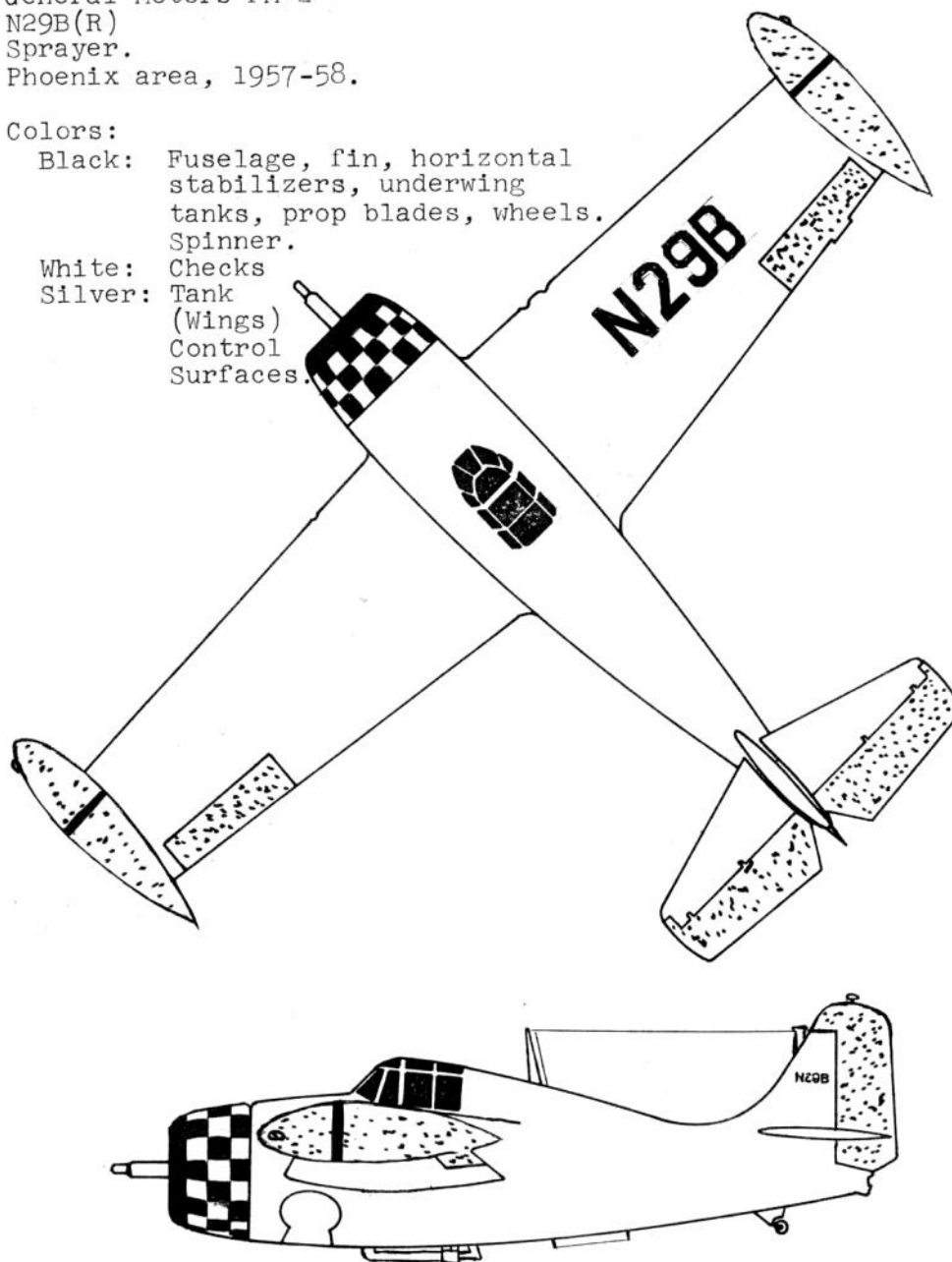
General Motors FM-2
N29B(R)
Sprayer.
Phoenix area, 1957-58.

Colors:

Black: Fuselage, fin, horizontal
stabilizers, underwing
tanks, prop blades, wheels.
Spinner.

White: Checks

Silver: Tank
(Wings)
Control
Surfaces.



WHERE WE WERE

MAY 1975

The Heller P-47N Thunderbolt is somewhat of a disappointment, although it looks like the inaccuracies will be remedied without too much trouble. Again, this critique made after close examination of the kit, prior to assembly, so we might be way off. The basic outline, except for the cowling, appears good, but the cowling appears to be somewhat inaccurate in outline. I presume that a cowling from a scrapped Revell or Airfix P-47D would solve the problem, but I'll try assembling the kit before I say anything about that. Certainly, modifying the Heller kit has got to be easier than bashing up a Joffa or Hasegawa P-47D, to get a P-47N. By the way, the ANG units used this aircraft, and we'll run some colorful ANG aircraft in future issues of D/P.

The last, and a most welcome addition, is the German Messerschmitt ME-262B-1a/U1 two seat nightfighter. The basic kit, upon examination of the castings, looks very nice, with good detail. The "toasting fork antenna" is somewhat oversize, and should be replaced by fine wire or sprue, but overall, the kit appears to be very impressive. At \$2.00 each, these seem expensive, but that is the price of a good model these days.

I understand from Frank Hunter that Heller's FW-190 is now available. Rumor (Ray Sweet) says that it is excellent. It apparently converts to the A, F, and G versions, with different MG cowling configurations, bomb racks, and underwing gun pods. Maybe it will be available locally soon.

MORE B-25 MATERIAL

DICK MARKOWSKI

EDITOR'S NOTE: As a result of the recent article on B-25 development, reader Dick Markowski came up with some very interesting observations. The following is an excerpt from his letter of June 4, 1974:

"I would say that there were as many modifications during the war as there were after the war; when one looks at your photos, which brings me to your question of visual I.D. of J, K, L, and N models.

My observations are as follows:

1. "J" Models (with glass nose) all seem to have the reinforcement on the windscreen in front of the pilot. (See sketch.)



2. "J" Models (with solid nose) do not.
3. "K" Models are, as you stated in your letter, known by the radome on the nose. Also, they seem to have the same reinforcement in front of the pilot.
4. L and N Models do not have the reinforcement.
5. J's (Glass and Solid Nose) and L's seem to have the original North American designed air scoop above the engine nacelle. (See Sketch)



6. The majority of K's and N's have a square, and higher sitting redesigned airscoop which was only put on postwar Mitchells. (See Sketch)



Well, anyhow, my observations and yours, on the exhaust stacks, I guess, are about as positive as the Chicken-and-Egg question."

AIRCRAFT PHOTO SLIDE CATALOG AVAILABLE

B. R. BAKER

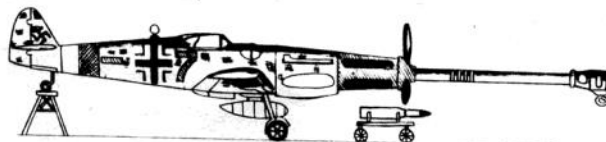
Hugh R. Muir, P.O. Box 5815, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102, announces that he is still selling color slides. This was the organization that Mick Roth is, or was, associated with. They have a fairly complete line of 35mm color slides, much of the collection being Mick's superb photography.

Hugh sent a copy of the catalog to me gratis, and it is available to anyone who wants to examine or use it. The slides are mainly of modern and museum aircraft, and include both overall views and detail shots. The slides have seen are excellent. (Ed.)

ARMOR PHOTO SLIDE CATALOG RELEASE PENDING.

B. R. BAKER

This is actually a classified ad, so beware. I've catalogued the slides I've taken at Aberdeen, Fort Knox, and various other places, and these are now available in color and black and white print form. They are mainly overall of tanks, armored vehicles, artillery and similar military equipment. There are some photos of Civil War artillery, also. The list, and sample slide and print, is available for \$1.00, from Brian R. Baker, P.O. Box 25211, Phoenix, Arizona, 85002.



OBSCURE GERMAN SECRET WEAPONS: THE SS-109

B. R. BAKER

Faced with increasing numbers of seemingly unstoppable Allied heavy bombers during 1943 and 1944, the Luftwaffe High Command, in December 1943, issued a specification for a "superzerstörer", or superdestroyer aircraft, carrying the heaviest possible armament with the most ferocious striking power, the intent being to produce a combat weapon that could quickly rid the sky of the menace that was threatening German cities and industrial production. Henschel submitted a proposal not unlike their HS-129 equipped with heavier armament, but this was rejected since Henschel could not produce the aircraft in sufficient numbers. On the other hand, Messerschmitt provided their usual answer to most problems of that period, a much modified BF-109, and this was quickly accepted since mass production could be started immediately.

A standard BF-109K-1 was taken from the Augsburg production line and flown to Peenemünde, where modification was undertaken. Based around a lightweight version of the 15cm howitzer, the BF-109 was expected to be somewhat nose-heavy, and this fault was eventually to prove its undoing. The extensive modifications included a specially designed crankshaft to allow the mounting of the cannon along the center thrust line; a chamber located just ahead of the engine for the storage of six long range shells, which were ejected off to the side of the aircraft, hopefully missing the tailplane; and a long barrel, complete with muzzle brake, to increase the velocity of the shell, while flattening its trajectory.

The first flight test of the SS-109K-1, or "Schnorkel-schmitt", as it was dubbed by its ground crew, proved to be very short. The aircraft was towed aloft by a Henkel HE-111Z "Zwilling" glider tug, and after climbing to five thousand feet, it was cut loose. The aircraft was then seen to dive away abruptly towards the sea, the pilot fortunately managing to extract himself from the aircraft before it dived into the sea. There is no evidence to indicate that any further tests were conducted on this project.

THIS MONTH'S CENTERFOLD: GERMAN FLAK TOWER

H. F. JACOBS

The German flak tower was an attempt to provide local target area defense against low flying allied aircraft, and hundreds, if not thousands of these towers were built during the war years. This particular variation is illustrated in a German technical manual, although variations based on local conditions must have existed. Armament was usually a heavy machine gun, although it cannot be assumed that heavier cannon were not installed at times. One advantage of the flak tower over ground-mounted flak emplacements was the fact that a 360 degree field of fire was attained, and a less than zero degree elevation of the gun ensured that low flying targets could be effectively engaged.

The flak tower was built of rough-hewn logs or whatever material was available. The walls, roof, and floor were of rough lumber, with walls usually furred out, and small rocks or sand were pounded between the boards for protection against strafing attacks. The tower was approximately sixty feet high, and was braced by cables. Camouflage was achieved by the use of tree limbs, paint, and other local materials.

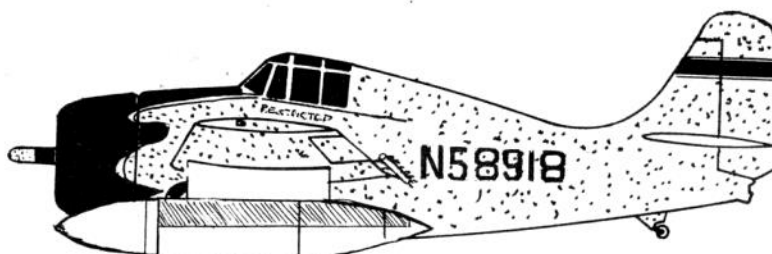
C-47/C-117 AIRCRAFT MARKING SPECIFICATION (SEE FIGURE 3-14)

1. MARKING	2. LOCATION	3. SIZE	4. COLOR
A. U.S. Air Force	Both sides of fuselage	Letters 12 inches high	-Code 15044
B. Model Designation, Serial Number and Fuel Requirement	Left side of fuselage only	Letters and numbers 1 inch high	-Code 17038
C. National Star	Both sides of fuselage	50-inch star	Background, Border, -Code 15044, Stars, Bars - Code 17875, Stripes - Code 509.
D. National Star	On under surface of right wing and top surface of left wing	50-inch star	Background, Border, -Code 15044, Stars, Bars - Code 17875, Stripes - Code 509.
E. USAF	On top surface of right wing and under surface of left wing	Letters 50 inches high	-Code 15044
F. Call Numbers	Both sides of vertical stabilizer	12 inches high	-Code 17038
G. Arctic Markings	One inch clearance around all large insignia and lettering		-Code 633
H. Anti-Glare	Top of fuselage in front of cockpit, and inboard nacelles		-Code 37038
I. Propeller Caution Band	On fuselage through same plane of propeller travel	3 inches wide	Band, Arrows; Danger - Code 509, Propeller - Code 17875
J. Propeller tips	On both sides	4 inches from tip	-Code 33538

NOTE: This information accompanies the drawing of the C-47 in last month's Dirty Plastic. We're pretty well coordinated at times. Ed.

WHERE WE WERE

MAY 1975



MAX. CAP.
550 GAL.

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Photographed at Sky Harbor Airport,
Phoenix, Arizona, on June 10, 1958,
by Brian R. Baker

General Motors FM-2 (Sprayer)
N58918(R) Montana Ag. Reg. #386
Sprayer, two large tanks. (Probably
from T-33A). Aircraft was bright
yellow overall, including spinner
and prop tips. Nose trim, numbers,
lettering, and tail stripe: glossy
black. Nose and tail trim outlined
in thin white strip. Tank probably
aluminum, with O/D A/G panels in
various places. Prop & hub: black.

dirty plastic



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

2026 CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

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

JANUARY 2026

Tuesday 6th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 17th

JULY 2026

Tuesday 7th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 18th

FEBRUARY 2026

Tuesday 3rd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 21st

AUGUST 2026

Tuesday 4th 7pm
Event : **Club Swapmeet**

B&B Session 15th

MARCH 2026

Tuesday 3rd, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: 3 British airfields
(History and exhibits)/Lyn Gorton

B&B Session 21st

SEPTEMBER 2026

Tuesday 1st 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 19th

APRIL 2026

Tuesday 7th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Submarine Life in
the 1970,s/LCDR Joseph W.Trotter
USN (Ret)

B&B Session 18th

OCTOBER 2026

Tuesday 6th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 17th

MAY 2026

Tuesday 5th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 16th

NOVEMBER 2026

Tuesday 3rd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 21st

JUNE 2026

Tuesday 2nd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Bases For Models/
Scott Reigel

B&B Session 20th

DECEMBER 2026

Tuesday 1st 7pm
Event: **White Elephant**



May Raffle

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

1/72 Trumpeter F-100D Super Sabre



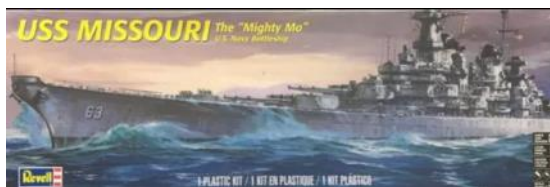
1/24 Revell Porsche 918 Spyder



1/25 AMT 1962 "Sock it to me" Corvette



1/535 Revell USS Missouri



1/35 AFV Club Sd.Kfz.251/17 Ausf.C



1/2700 Revell Imperial Star Destroyer



New From Hobby Depot: 1/48 Magic Factory F4U-1D



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16th—Desert Scale Classic (Flyer on last Page)

November 14th—Modelzona

Alan Martel

Build and learn session.

All are invited, but focusing on the NW guys.

11 AM to whenever we raise the white flag.

Second Saturday every month. We have use of the clubhouse, 50x100 foot space, multiple tables, plenty of chairs. Refrigerator available, but we will likely order pizza or something. We are allowed to paint (including airbrushing!) But lacquers are frowned upon.

Address is 11411 N. 91st ave, Casa Del Sol resort.

Peoria, AZ 85345

The gate code for entry is #0908

If anyone needs further details, they can call or text me at 323 216 9406, or my email is also available



IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

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.com for more meeting info.

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Aircraft Colors and Camo US Marine Corps	https://www.theworldwars.net/resources/ file.php?r=camo_usmc#helotps
USAF National Museum Dayton Website	www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

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.

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Membership also gives you access to the online Discussion Forum, where you can exchange ideas and information with other members of IPMS.



CONTENT NEEDED!!!!

The Corsair needs your help! To keep this newsletter filled with all the great content, I need your help with content. Here are some useful items that I can use to put together future issues each month:

- Kit reviews/In-box reviews
- Website links
- Modeling related articles
- Commentary and featured columns
- Neat, strange or otherwise shareable pictures
- Book reviews
- Trip and vacation write-ups

Anything you have can be used. Don't hesitate. Even a few paragraphs are great.



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8.30AM TO 5.00PM



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