



THE CORSAIR

IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

Presidents Message

Hello everyone,

The November meeting was also our bi-annual election for club officers. There were no surprises, as usual, because there were no contested offices. The only change in officers is that Hal Sanguinetti will be our secretary next year in addition to serving as Member at Large. I would like to thank our outgoing Secretary, John Carroll for his hard work and "thorough" meeting minutes.

Thank you also to Lyn Gorton, who presented an interesting and educational "tour" of the USAF Museum in Dayton Ohio. If you are interested, I highly suggest that you visit the website (<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil>).

To continue the theme of giving thanks, I would like to thank everyone involved for another spectacular Modelzona, especially Wendell Rogers. Wendell has put together two excellent Modelzonas this year. Although we have no specifics at this time, we are certain that the event was a profitable one. We will be ramping up for next year's Modelzona by the middle of 2026. A list of this November contest winners is on the club website.

Don't forget, our next meeting is on December 9th and consists solely of the ever-popular White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring an un-started, complete, wrapped kit, and join in on the fun!

In addition, I would like to remind everyone that our club Awards Dinner is January 10th, 2026. The specifics are in this Corsair. Join us for food, fun, and friendship.

Going into next year, we have already determined the monthly club contests. They are posted in the November Corsair.

My ongoing quest for seminars/presentations for next year continues as well. Please let me know if you have something you are willing to present at a meeting. At this time, I have nothing scheduled for 2026.

That's all for now. Keep on modeling!

Kevin

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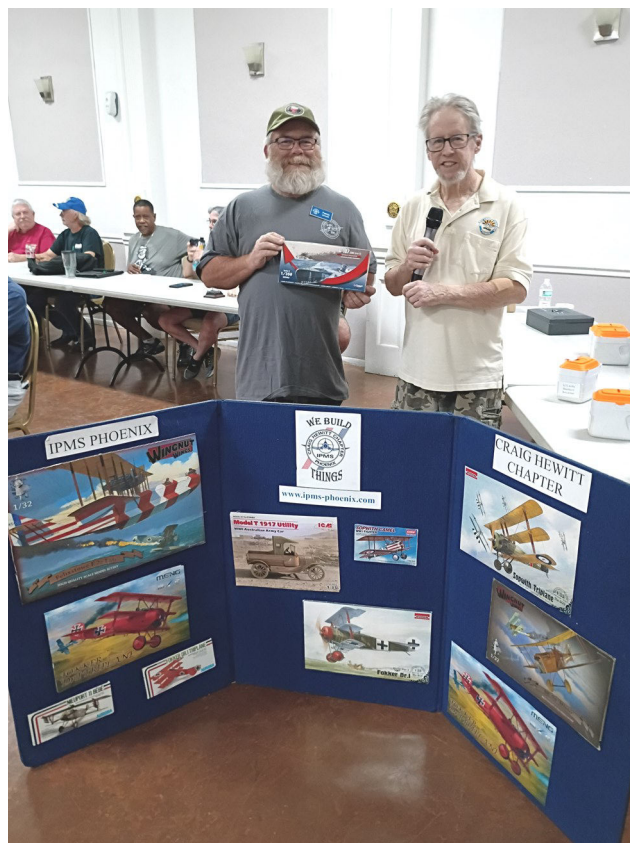
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January	27th
February	23rd
March	23rd
April	20th
May	25th
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July	27th
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November Raffle Winners



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November Display Only



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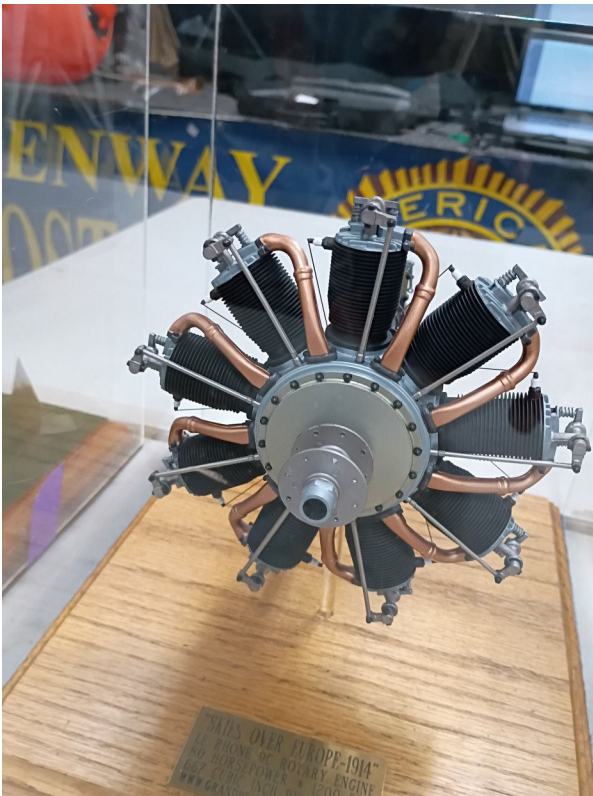
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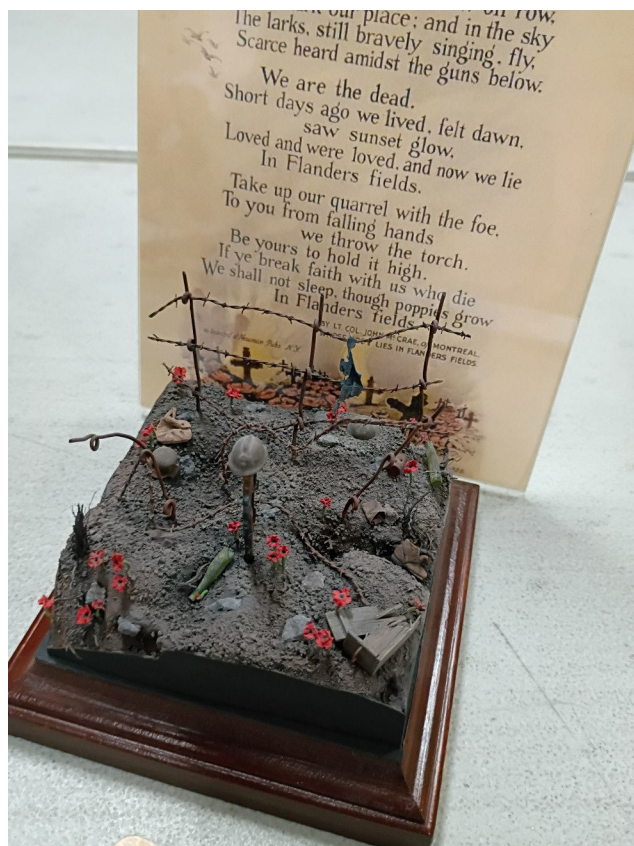
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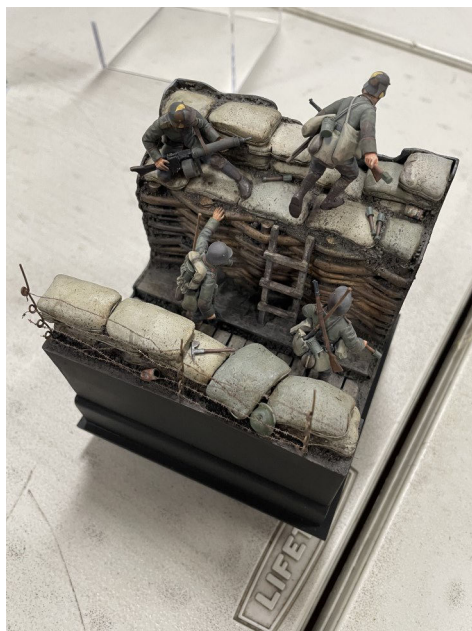
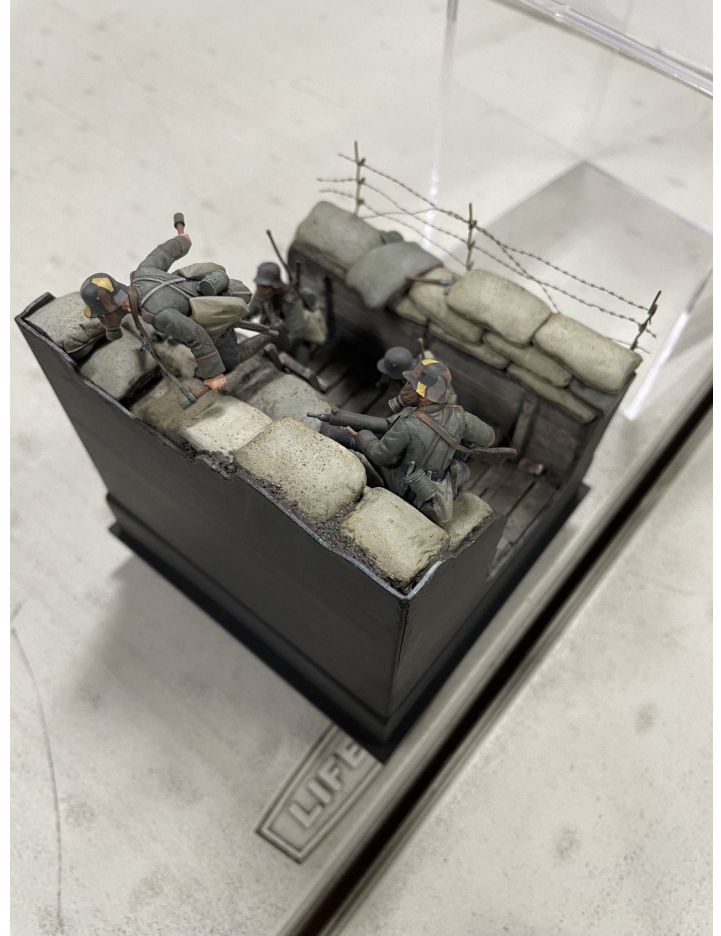
November Competition (WW1)



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November Competition (WW1 Winner) Craig Pierce



Redneck RV

by "Mike Mcfadden"

Deluxe REDNECK RV

The RV is my fourth in the series of redneck models. I looked forward to doing this after I saw a redneck RV camper on an old rusted truck on the net. Why not?!

I started out using Roden's 1/35 M43 ambulance as the base vehicle. I like using 1/35 because of the huge amount of aftermarket items out there. The kit is great with a super amount of detailing but I found a lot of parts to be thin and the kit without good solid attachments to put one part into its location (say, something like the wheels). Although I liked many of Roden's details, I decided to go with the old Italeri ambulance as the base vehicle. For connections like the wheels into the frame, it had better attachment points that were solid. Roden was used for its fine detail parts.



What's the first thing a redneck to of course..... so I length-

it mid-section and placing styrene 'beams'. I used styrene strip and detail bolts to give it a solid look. Members of my car club, Cactus modelers, recommended strengthening the rear where the camper would go. So, I decided to make it dualie. I changed the frame and axle to allow this but just could not bend fenders out of styrene using hot water to look right. I finally vacuformed the rear fenders.

would do?!- something you're not supposed ened the frame by 2-3 centimeters by cutting



Redneck RV

by "Mike Mcfadden"

I chopped the truck right behind the cab and made the rear of the cab have an opening to allow passage of beer back and forth. The vehicle was basically ready to go.



I created the camper's base shape with .040 strip styrene. I wanted the camper to go too far back and too far forward over the truck. I wanted to use both wood and Evergreen corrugated sheets to cover the base frame. I made the corrugated panels different lengths and with various edges to heighten the randomness with which they were used. I followed Dave Brown's (the 'weatherman' from Tucson) method of putting down various colors of rust and wear with lacquer thinner to grab the plastic. I then sealed this with three coats of hairspray. I've had mixed results with this method but the majority of the panels came out well. I used many shades of metal and blue to show randomness. Of course, the roof bows.

Although it was more than a little extra trouble, I made a wood roof frame so that it could be removed to show off the interior and yet be as squared up as I was able to get it. The horizontal panels were placed with various lengths used, often two panels for one spot. I also wanted to real wood as part of the camper as I like to use various wood stains (often model RR stains) which look great and realistic. Many, many widths and thicknesses were stained to be ready to go for placement. I couldn't really figure out how to do the front/ top bedroom opening.

Redneck RV

by "Mike Mcfadden"

I thought of placing PE screen but opted for making two wood doors. I left these open so a viewer could see the bed. I also used wood for the front and back panels. I really wanted the RV camper extended WAY too long, so I lengthened the rear of the camper, placing a porch with the back door open. The rear door, camper and porch are mainly of wood. I felt really good that Bob Letterman's wife sent me PE fencing from Bob's personal stash; I placed this on the back of the porch as kind of a tribute to Bob. To further extend the length I wanted to place an outhouse to the rear of the porch, just attached. It was just too heavy to do that. I decided that a redneck would love to have a towed outhouse. I found some aircraft wheels to use, placed these on an axle, then attached the outhouse to the rear of the porch as a towed porta potty. I wanted the steps to vehicle and outhouse to be modern looking so frames were created in L-shaped styrene with PE screen. RN outhouses are fun just because..... Again, I used model RR stains on the wood panels for the sides. I thought it'd be cool to have shingles over the porch and outhouse. I found paper ones used for model RR; I really liked using them as they are a very different color and texture than the rest of the RV. The front actually extended way past the front of the truck so I added supports that come off the front bumper area on each side.



Redneck RV

by "Mike Mcfadden"

On to the fun parts of the project- adding as many redneck jokes as possible. On the exterior sides I placed a tool frame and tools like you'd see on a tank, a spare wheel from one of the kits, pierced steel planking like that used by the SAS in the desert. I thought it'd be fun to use aftermarket picture frames as frames for the windows and pass through to the cab. Of course, there had to be a gun rack. An item I love that I've used before is 'target deer' with a target on it attached on the side, so huntin' practice could be done at rest stops.



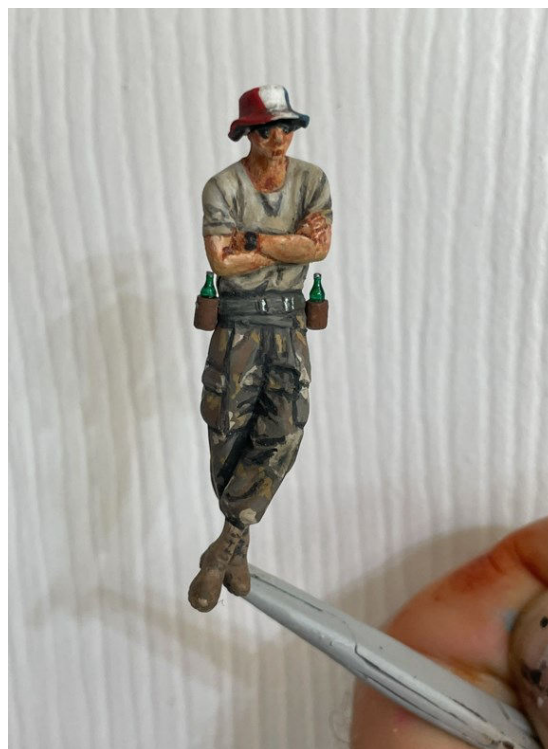
Redneck RV

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On to signage- I go for almost 'too far' sayings. 'If this RV's rockin', don't come knockin' sorts of signs. Stickers (decals) were taken where ever I found ones I liked- Coke, NASCAR, and a couple of 'Arizona' decals I found in my stash. On the roof and front and back I placed an all-American steer skull, two TV antennas and my signature flamingo. 'Billy Bob loves Charlene' on the roof siding is a tribute to the great Joe Diffy's 1990's song.

The interior was fun—so much redneck potential. I felt that even though the exterior was of all kinds of things laying around and dirty/dusty, the interior should be well kept and furnished. I created the master bed from built up sheets of styrene. The milliput pillows- one blue and one pink- for the redneck and his underage cousin. Blankets of course had to be camo as well as red, white and blue. Dresser drawers and compartments were added from the parts box(s). Mini-art stove, table and chairs, plates, food were used, and of course, beer. The rear 'fenders' sat up into the camper floor, so I made sheet styrene covers for them. The ladder to get up to the bedroom was done with stainless steel rod I have left-over from my orthodontic days. Carpet of course should be astroturf- I did the carpet and rear mud flaps using 400 grit sandpaper. The sink I made from scratch- it has 5-gallon bottles over it for water. I figured a redneck would want the latest in flat screen TVs to watch NASCAR and SEC games. I made the TV and a 12-V battery from scratch and placed of photo of a U of A game on the screen. I felt the outhouse should also be a sanctuary and placed a VLS carpet, with a tubular beer holder and TP from styrene tubing. Of course, there has to be Playboy magazines and IPMS journals sitting around.

And there's gotta be beer, doggies and guns everywhere and so they're are. If a leg broke off a dog, it's like-no problem!



Redneck RV

by "Mike Mcfadden"

The ground work is a place to add atmosphere and was done like I'd do for an armour project. This area allowed me to do additional RN jokes- doggies, a trash barrel, ice coolers and traffic cones.

The figure is a resin DEF Model US army driver at rest. I liked the pose and hat. Of course, a redneck would dress in clothing from an army surplus store. The hat is red, white and blue. I added dual holsters (of brass tubing) to his belt with him having dual beer bottles at the ready instead of pistols.

The project was on and off over several months as I problem solved build dilemmas but overall was fun. You just can't be in a bad mood doing redneck jokes.



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)

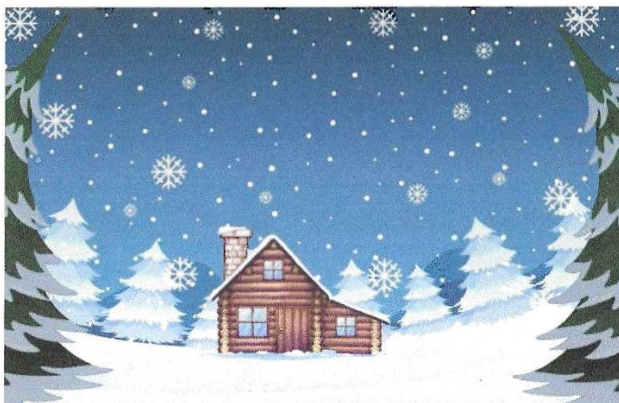
Dessert: Chocolate cake with raspberry filling & mousse frosting

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 dues of \$12 PA are Due at the start of the new year but you can pay at the next meeting.

"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

Club “White Elephant “Guide Lines

As you are aware the December meeting is our annual “White Elephant “ gift exchange.

Just to make sure we are all on the same page here are the guide lines for White Elephant

Bring a gift wrapped model kit (or Kits) to be exchanged.

Each kit you bring gets you a number drawn at random of your place in the exchange line. One kit gets you one number.

Each kit must be un-started./complete and gift wrapped

The person bringing the most kits will be deemed the MC for the evening and the person bringing the second most gifts will be the scribe and is responsible for keeping track on which gifts have been stolen

When your number is called you get to take a gift from the table—open it at the table so everyone can see. **This is now your kit.**

Kits can be stolen twice. When it is your turn you can elect to take a kit from the table or steal a kit that is already out there, you just exchange your turn in line for the kit you want and that person then gets to pick a new kit from the table—you may also elect to steal a kit rather than pick a new one. If your kit is stolen you can steal anothers kit by giving them the turn in line.

Once a kit has been stolen twice it is deemed safe and the person holding it gets to keep it.

I hope this is all clear just remember this is supposed to be a fun event so if you are not prepared to lose a kit then don't play

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)

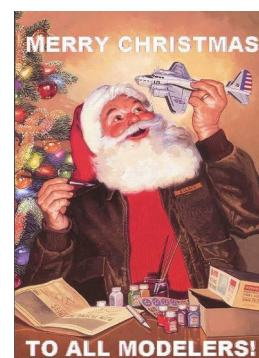
August: No contest / Club Swap Meet

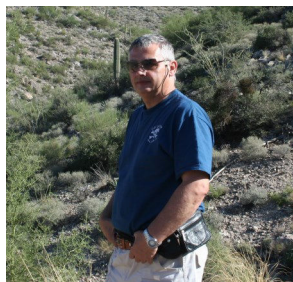
September: The ETO: (Any 1/48 scale model aircraft, Depicting use in the European Theater of Operation during World War II)

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 with over half of our members in good standing in attendance. Thanks to all those who stayed behind for my presentation on the USAF Museum at Dayton Ohio.

If you did not get a chance to have a look at their website you can find the web address on the “useful links” page 33.

It is well worth a look for lots of high quality pictures and histories of all of the exhibits at the museum

The December meeting will be your final chance to buy a ticket or tickets for the club award night on January 10th. Laura will be only too glad to sell you a ticket. You can find all the info on the evening on page 17.

The December meeting will not have a raffle or a competition as it is the annual “White Elephant” gift exchange.

If you have not attended one of these events before please check out the guidelines on page 19.

The club elections were held at the November meeting with only one change to officers. John Carroll has stepped down as secretary and Hal Sanguinetti has stepped up to cover Secretary and member at large positions.

Remember the **December meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month ie 9th December.**

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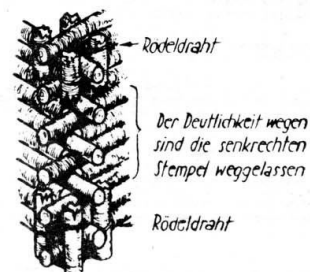
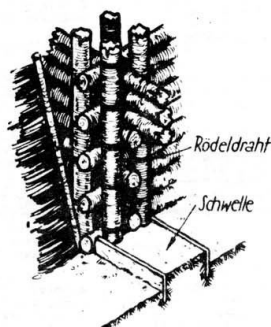
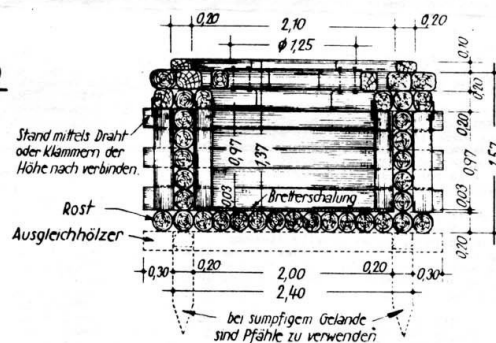
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ARIZONA HISTORICAL MODELERS' SOCIETY

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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, ad infinitum. Maybe next summer, we can deviate from this practice long enough to sample Marsh Beaubien'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-interested 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 assembly 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-engined 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 gasoline 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. Grafmeyer, 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 91711 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.

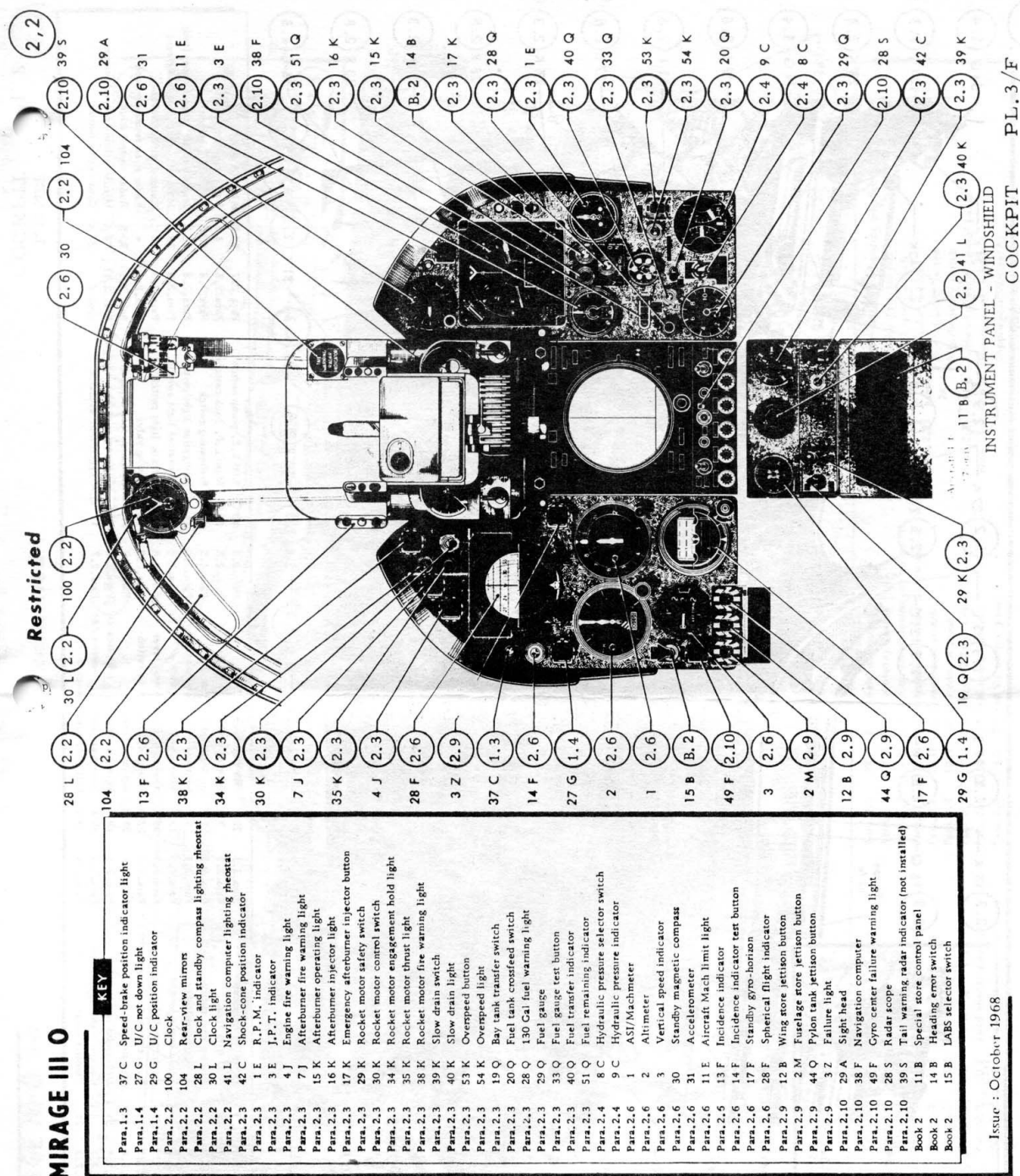
The other gun, while being European, remains unidentified. There is a lot of writing on various parts of the gun, but all I know is that it is a 25 mm. anti-tank gun. One of the trails has the date 10/5/43, but why anyone would be using a 25 mm. anti-tank gun of that size during 1943 is beyond me, since 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') (W.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 know to exist in these areas. The gun formerly at Tempe, which defended the old VFW 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 "felloes" -- 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

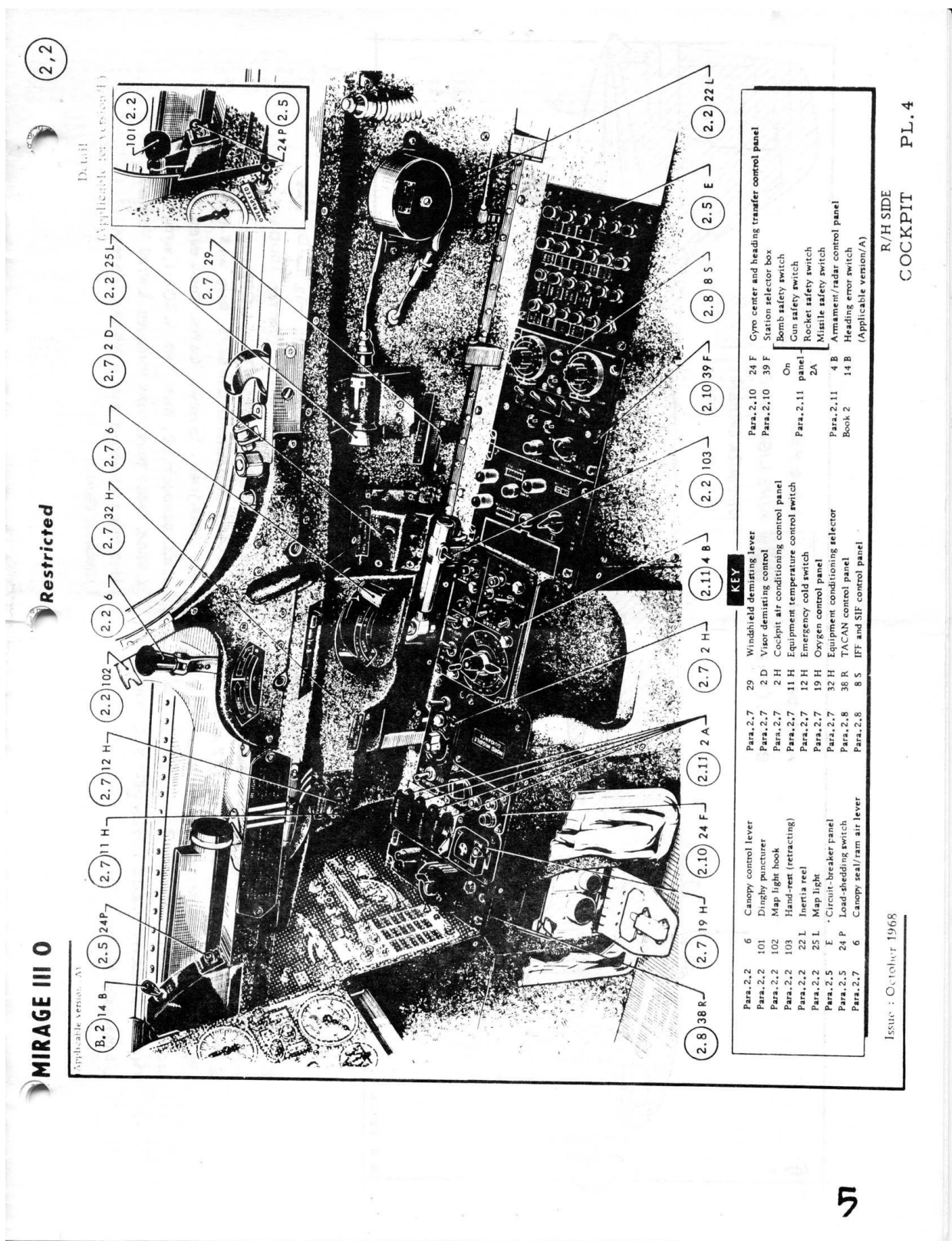
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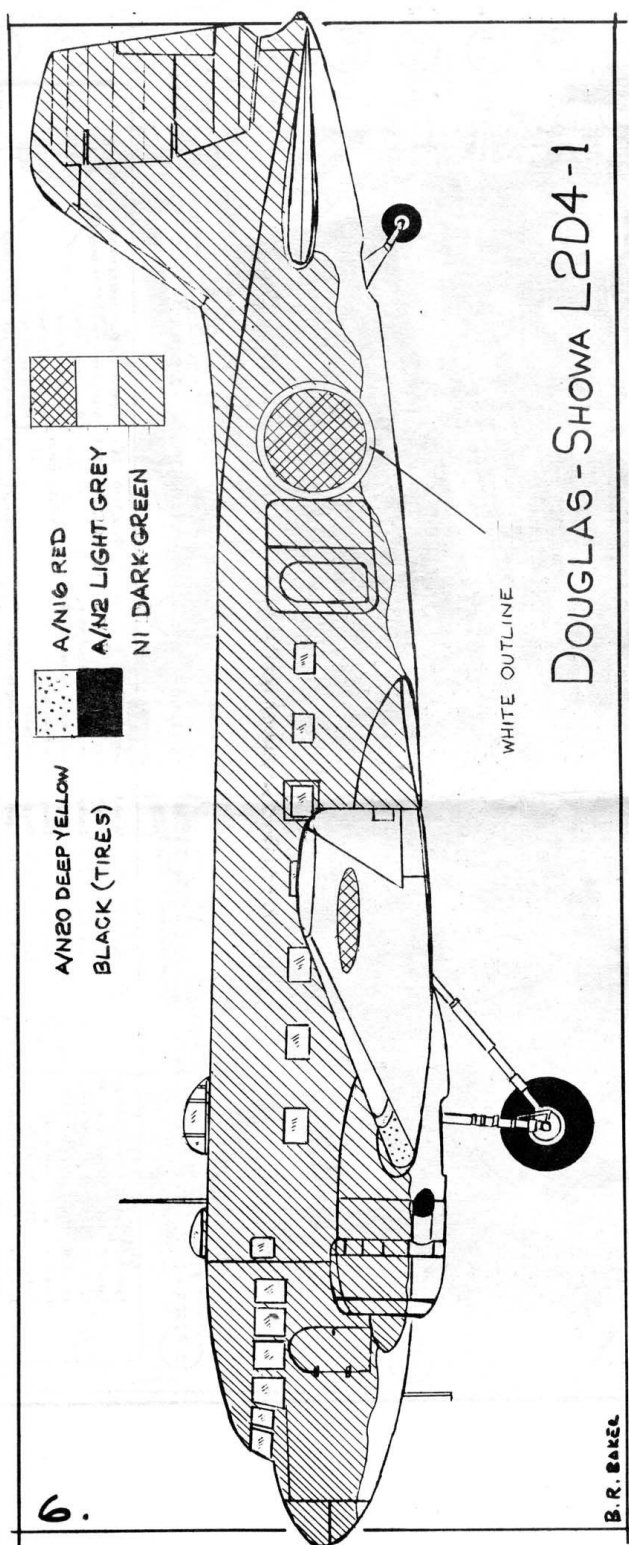
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Para. 2.2	22 L Inertia reel
Para. 2.2	25 L Map light
Para. 2.5	E - Circuit-breaker panel
Para. 2.5	24 P Load-shedding switch
Para. 2.7	6 Canopy seal/ram air lever
Para. 2.7	29 Windshield demisting lever
Para. 2.7	2 D Visor demisting control
Para. 2.7	2 H Cockpit air conditioning control panel
Para. 2.7	11 H Equipment temperature control switch
Para. 2.7	12 H Emergency cold switch
Para. 2.7	19 H Oxygen control panel
Para. 2.7	32 H Equipment conditioning selector
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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 Bomb selector box
Para. 2.11	On Gun safety switch
Para. 2.11	panel - Rocket safety switch
Para. 2.11	2A Missile safety switch
Para. 2.11	4 B Armament/radar control panel
Book 2	14 B Heading error switch
(Applicable version/A)	

WHERE WE WERE

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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.

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 13MM MACHINE GUN.

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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 Hummer 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 section 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 Mirfix 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, was completely outclassed by Allied armor. 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 use 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 and 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 shelf, 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 y 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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2025 CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

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

JANUARY 2025

Tuesday 7th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 18th

JULY 2025

Tuesday 1st, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Hobby Rooms/Kevin Henthorn

B&B Session 19th

FEBRUARY 2025

Tuesday 4th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 15th

AUGUST 2025

Tuesday 5th 7pm
Event : **Club Swapmeet**

B&B Session 16th

MARCH 2025

Tuesday 4th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 15th

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2nd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Model Therapy – Round table—Lets talk about it

B&B Session 20th

APRIL 2025

Tuesday 1st 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: How to transport models/Mike Mackowski

B&B Session 19th

OCTOBER 2025

Tuesday 7th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: What Judges are looking For/Mike McKowski and Other Judges

MAY 2025

Tuesday 6th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 17th

NOVEMBER 2025

Tuesday 4th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: USAF Museum visit/ Lyn Gorton

B&B Session 15th

JUNE 2025

Tuesday 3rd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker:

B&B Session 21st

DECEMBER 2025

Tuesday 9th 7pm
Event: **White Elephant**



December Raffle

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

No raffle this month as it is the clubs annual white elephant gift exchange



UPCOMING EVENTS

Awards Night January 10th 2026



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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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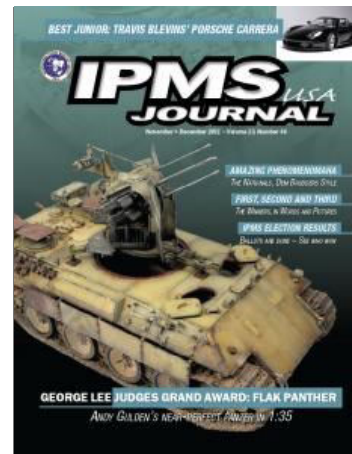
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- Kit reviews/In-box reviews
- Website links
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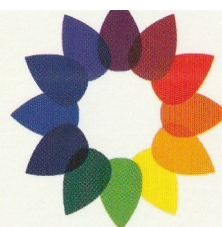
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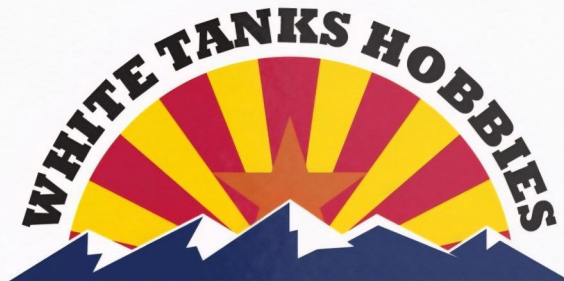


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