



Absent Friends



friend and his smiling face will be missed from our meetings.

Jay was always a positive influence on everything we did and his builds were the equal of any of ours so his passing will definitely leave a hard to fill hole in our group

Before he left us Jay had written an article for our publication and redistributed much of his stash. Thank you for your contributions, my friend.

I was able to visit with Jay shortly before his death and he recorded a short video farewell to us all. I have posted it on my website and it can be viewed at:

<http://alanwelch.weebly.com/jay.html>

It is with a great deal of sadness I need to announce the passing of our friend and member Jay Roig on October 6th, from illness.

All of us have known Jay as a staunch club supporter and faithful

Meeting Debriefing

We had a good turn out for our October meeting. There was a total of 13 in attendance and we were able to welcome some new joining members and visitors. Richard Adams returned for his second visit and William Reece transferred in from Raleigh. William had been a member of our sister chapter, Eagle Squadron, which meets there. There were two additional visitors whose names, unfortunately, were not recorded and I cannot remember.

Much DownEastCon business was discussed and the biggest step forward was when our Head Judge,

Steve Kasza, (who is finally listed on our member page), called for volunteers to judge, 5 members stepped up and volunteered. This is a great move forward and you could feel the enthusiasm growing.

Here is a list of the managers to date:
Graphics/Advertising & Venue Liaison - Alan Welch

Contestant Registration - Dennis Korn

Vendor Solicitor - Jeff Maples
Sponsor Wrangler & IPMS Liaison - Mark Sandvigen

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Events

Contact & meeting info on regional model building groups and info on upcoming cons and other events.

New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.

Meeting location TBA, 3850 Butler Rd, New Bern, NC the second Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon. For up to date info on their meeting: <https://www.facebook.com/nbmmgnc>

Wilmington, NC Plastic Modelers

Meets at the new Hanover County Public Library, 3802 S. College Rd, 1st Saturday, 2:00 pm Wilmington <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117277425006833>

Jacksonville NC Plastic Modelers

meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 pm at The Hobby Chest, 345 Western Blvd, Jacksonville, NC. The Hobby Chest carries a great selec-

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tion of hobby kits and supplies and is a grand center for tabletop gaming activities. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1319666224752922>

IPMS Eagle Squadron General meeting 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the American Legion Post 116 in Fuquay Varina and an Informal Build Night, Hangar 18 Hobbies in Cary the last Wednesday of each month from 6pm-8pm.
<https://www.facebook.com/IPMS-EagleSquadron>

Carolina Maritime Model Society Next meeting will be 2:00pm, September 25 at the North Carolina Maritime Museum, 315 Front St., Beaufort, NC. This group builds ships and boats and the museum is a great meeting space. <https://www.facebook.com/CMMSNC>

ModelCons

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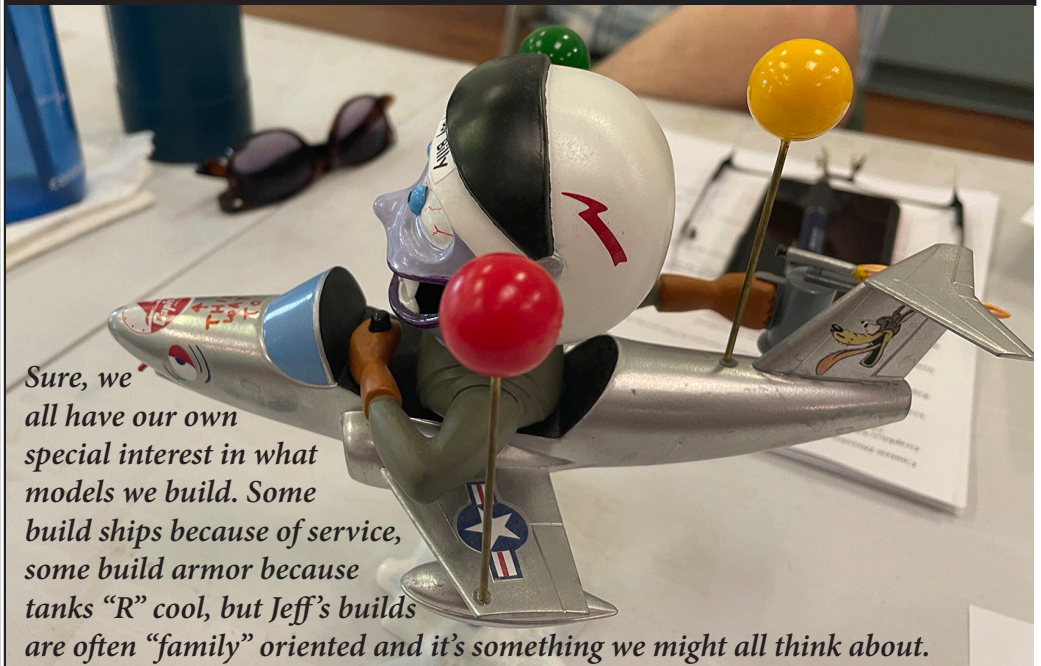
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Captain Billy's WhizzBang

-by Jeffrey Maples



Sure, we all have our own special interest in what models we build. Some build ships because of service, some build armor because tanks "R" cool, but Jeff's builds are often "family" oriented and it's something we might all think about.

On August 27, 2021, my father, Billy G Maples, slipped the surely bonds of Earth after 93 years with both feet on the ground but mostly in the air. He was a pilot in the USAF, fought/flew in Korea, and retired as a captain with United Airlines.

When dad's two feet were on the ground in the early '60s, he got me started building models when I was about 6 years old. My first was a 1:48 Gee Bee which I still have sitting on my shelf. Many models that I would buy or get as presents were the Aurora monsters or the Weird-Oh figures which he loved to see me finish.

Dad's love of modeling was from building the balsa wood planes which he built as a kid and even in the military when based in Germany in the '50s. I actually found a photo of him from the mid-'50s with his handwriting on the back labeling it - 'German Model Club'. Very cool.

To continue the love of model building, and as many of you know, I build models of those planes he flew in

both the military and his commercial career. With only his military planes, however, do I include a pilot (it's hard to find and/or fit a 1/144 pilot for a Boeing 737). If I'm lucky, those kits came with a molded pilot, but many times I have to search through other kits or ask friends for that special figure that is wearing a jet helmet and flight suit.

After about 5 of dad's-plane-builds, I came across Weird-Ohs 'Flameout Freddy: The Way-Out Jet Jockey' (in a series of models HAWK calls Car-Icky-Tures) at one of the many contests we attend. That's when it hit me that I never really captured (in large scale) the pilot himself.

Knowing dad would get a kick out of the build, I decided to make the model more personable with jokes related to him and his flying career. Like something out of MAD Magazine...Oh, yeah, another thing dad turned me on to at a young age.

First, the HAWK model itself. It was
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Brush Review

by Julian Conde



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Being a tool lover, I love brushes too. I think of them like bitcoins, I always get one or two when I have some extra cash, and keep them until I need them (maybe never since most great brushes are indestructible if taken care of). And MichToy now has it's own brush! They are based on Rosemary & Co Series 33 (specially made to order) and boy, they are great...

Super premium kolinsky sable (take no substitutes!), with a sharp design (not much belly to get in the way of some precision paint needs), but just the right length to keep enough paint for a good session. Build quality is also high, just what you can expect from the best brands around like Raphael and Winsor & Newton.

They sell as a set of 5 (RAC-33-SET) or Individually (sizes from 3/0, 2/0, 2, 1 and 0) and if you get the pack you get free MichToy brush holders (mini & regular) to keep them secured on the bench.

Now, let's take a closer look at them. Protective caps. Black design. Great Kolinsky Sable, can't go wrong.

Length of the brushes is great for miniature painting, based on the usual length from other brands.



See their design, for precision painting (miniatures for sure!), just the right amount of belly and a somewhat longer tip for getting into those hard to reach spots.

Precision and sharp point is the keyword here. With a firm hand you can do great chipping effects and detail painting.



This greater taper means greater precision in painting.

Now, even great brushes can get messy tips when you are cleaning them or maybe a harder stroke. One of the great advantages of Kolinsky sable brushes is their capability to recover the tip, for years, even under some abuse. All you need is to clean them good (take all paint

away) and then a product like B&J's Brush Cleaner & Restorer. (BNJ-0290001105)

I get a couple of drops of tap water on the soap (after they are clean) Then soak the brush in and pull backwards while twisting them to form the tip. If the tip gets white you added too much soap. This soap is also a preserver, to store the brush and always keep the brush point sharp. You can also wash the whole brush with the soap, and wrap by making the tip, pulling backwards and twisting to take the excess out. Now they are just as good as new and sharp again, every time. ■

-Julian Conde

Julian Conde is the backbone of the MichToy TRENCH RUNNER force with 70 and counting articles on their blog. Julian is an award winning modeler in São Paulo Brazil who equally likes building figures and AFVs with an occasional fantasy and sci-fi kit thrown in. His work has been published in several magazines including Scale Military Modeller International.

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Meeting

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Head Judge - Steve Kasza

Set Up Guru - Jim Gower

Eventually we managed to get to the important business, show and tell.

Dennis Korn brought in the finished and mounted Revell model of MV Calypso, which he allowed had not been a fun kit to build. Some kits fight you every step of the way and this was one of them. Dennis spoke of using a new technique for attaching a flag. Details can be found with the pictures on page 10.

Steven Kasza brought in an impressive Trumpeter-1/72 Kfz 9 - 18 ton halftrack. Even in this small scale the tracks had to be assemble with each link consisting of 2 parts which gave an excellent result when assembled.

And sailing in from Steve's workbench is the 1/72 Zvezda Black Swan sailing ship. This is quite impressive even in it's unfinished state, pay particular attention to the wooden deck treatment, hopefully Steve will share his technique for this kind of finish.

Two helicopters were displayed by Richard Adams, both in 1/72. The first was the Flying Banana. Next was the Bell H-13 ala medivac Huey of MASH fame.

Chuck Colucci showed his unusual 1/35 Tamiya M8 Howitzer Motor Carriage. I've not seen many builds of this and it is an interesting open topped vehicle. The M8 Howitzer Motor Carriage was designed in 1943 by the Cadillac division of General Motors. It saw service from 1943 through the 1960's. There were 1,778 built and used a 4 man crew. The main armament was it's 75mm Howitzer with a 50 caliber Browning

machine gun serving as it's secondary armament. It had a 89 gallon fuel capacity allowing a range of 100 miles and can travel at 36 mph.

It saw action in WWII during the Italian Campaign, on the Western Front and the Pacific Theatre by the U.S. army and on the Western Front by the French Army. It was also used by the French Union and the state of Vietnam in the 40's and 50's during the First Indochina War. It remained in French Service til the 1960's.

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Chuck also brought in his 1/35 Academy M4A3 Sherman with Calliope rocket launcher. The T-34 Calliope saw limited action from 1944-45. The Calliope was designed by Victor Hawkins in 1943 and adapted its name from the musical instrument "calliope", also known as a steam organ, which had similar parallel pipes. It's main armament was 60 (114 mm) rockets. In Dec. 1944, 30 M-4 Sherman's of the 743rd Tank Battalion had the T-34 adaption installed to assist a planned push by the 30th Infantry Division.

The December German Ardennes Offensive stopped the push and the launchers were removed until March 1945 when Patton's Army was push-

ing into Western Germany where the launchers did see some action by Armored Divisions.

Mark Gray showed his Israeli Merkava. The kit is a Meng 1/35 Israeli Merkava 4, OOB except for the tracks which are also Meng, workable but tricky to assemble. Mark used Model Master IDF Armor Sand. Gear in the bustle rack, the water cans, and MRE ration boxes labeled in Hebrew were a Meng accessories kit.

Hawk models produced a number of unusual "monster" kits during the 60s and early '70s including the "Freddy Flameout" brought in by Jeff Maples. Jeff builds a lot of models inspired by his father and this was one of them. Lots of personal "in jokes" refer to his dad, Captain Billy Maples, who flew for the Air Force, (yes, ours) as well as United and Capital Airlines. This oddity rated its own article in this issue.

New member, William Reece, brought in a squadron of his 1/48 aircraft builds which include some award winners. William is a recent transfer from the Eagle Squadron, in Raleigh, and a more than welcome addition to our ranks. Details, in his own words, can be found on the photos pages. ■

-Editor

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!



Cpt. Billy's Whizzbang

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a joy to build, but not because it was an easy build. Let's face it, most HAWK kits don't fall together. The joy mainly came from me reliving those elementary school days on Zerman Drive in Middletown, NJ, building those classic monsters.

If you take your time, you will get everything to fit and get smooth out the seams with a little filler and sanding. I wanted the colors to pop, so I primed the whole model with Testors enamel white gloss (the helmet, actually, is the primer with a final gloss coat) and the rest of the model is painted with enamels. The jet air-frame is Testors rattle can silver, and the sky blue was a Rust-Oleum rattle can light blue from Home Depot. I chose purple for the pilot because I had that Testors bottle in my collection doing nothing since a car build in the past...so let's use up that paint.

I did use splashes of acrylics on the cloud for shadowing effects. I thinned out a blue and grey and worked the washes into the curves and crevasses.

For the balloons, I had to use brass wire to hold the plastic balls up as the 'string' made of styrene was not strong enough and would break. I don't know if you noticed, but the port balloon is red and the starboard balloon is green as in a plane's navigation lights.

I used all the decals that came with the kit which included the wing and fuselage markings, Emergency Only label on the welding torch, the sleepy eyes on the nose, and lightning bolts on the helmet. I did add my own decals(?). I question this because 2 of the 3 decals(?) are simply printed on paper, cut out, and white glued



on. I did not know how or have the supplies to make my own water slide decals. However, the 3rd additional decal was printed on Laser Ink white backing decal water-slide paper. I, finally, caught up with 22nd-century technology.

So, here are the 'jokes' that I added to Freddy...

His sister liked to call him 'Fly Boy' and he was a captain in the air force, so his helmet has his nickname 'Cpt Fly Boy Billy'. This is a paper-printed decal.

In the air force, he flew with the 303rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. Their emblem was that of a wolf (mouth open and tongue hanging out) with camera lenses for eyes (recon...get it?). So, the rudder paper-printed decal art is that of McWolf from Tex Avery's cartoon 'Red Hot Riding Hood' (yet one more thing that dad turned me onto was Bugs Bunny).

He is flying over Cloud 9 because he was never happier than when he was in a plane, hence, the #9 was handwritten with a Sharpie on the cloud.

When he retired from the air force in 1958, he got a job with Capital Airlines. So, Capital's logo (the Laser Ink printed water-slide decal) is on the jet's nose showing dad the direction to fly to his next career destination..."Just follow your nose, Dad."

Dad loved the model, and it even made it to a special place on his model display case. That would be the very top shelf. ■

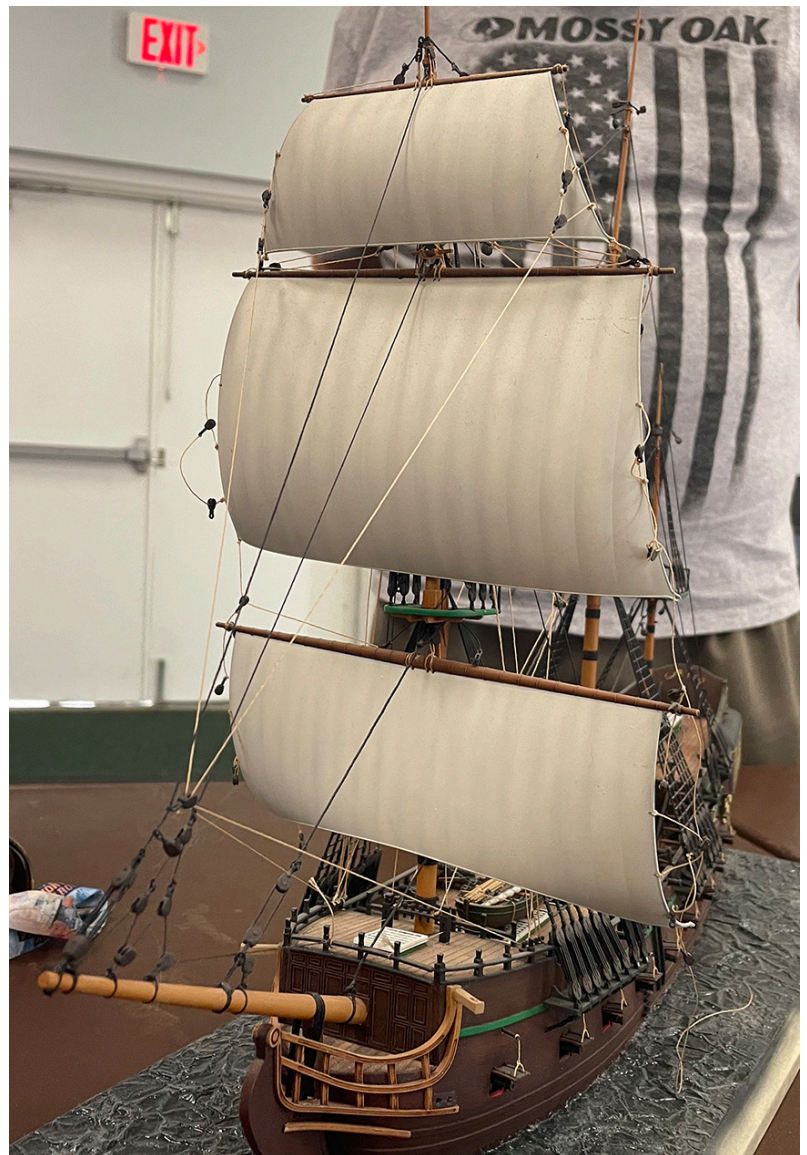
-Jeff Maples

Images from top to bottom: T1. The original emblem of the 303rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 2. Jeff's "Tex Avery" version of the emblem. 3. The signature personalization of Captain Billy's helmet. B4. "Cloud 9" which we all wish we could be flying over.

There are more images of this build on the photos page.



Build underway by Steve Kasza of the "Black Pearl" of movie fame.





(above) Another view of Jeff Maples' Captain Billy's Whizzbang.

(below) Meng 1/35 Israeli Mercava built by Mark Gray. Mark used Model Master IDF Armor Sand. The gear in the bustle rack, the bustle rack water cans, and MRE ration boxes labeled in Hebrew were in a Meng accessories kit.



(above) Steve Kasza's ESCI 1/35 M60A3. It has many added / replaced details including tracks are from AFV Club. The JA-37 is the old Matchbox kit, which was taken apart and rebuilt from one that was given to Steve already (poorly) built.

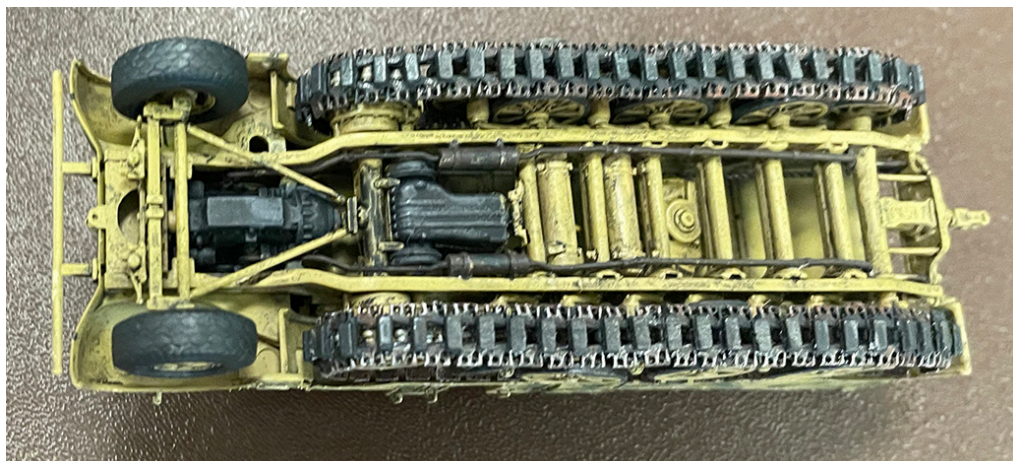




(above) Richard Adams helicopters. The top is the venerable H-21 Flying Banana. Richard actually flew one of these in Southeast Asia.

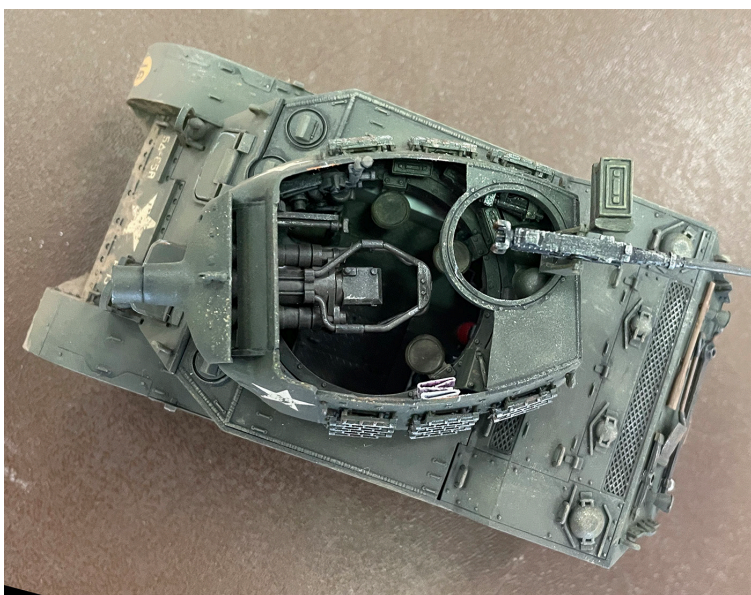


*(left) A beautiful build of the famous Bell H-13 of M*A*S*H fame. This one was not built with the two externally mounted stretchers.*



(mid page) Steve Kasza's 9 ton half-track undersides. Two parts to each track link make a difference in the detailing. Kit is in 1/72 by Trumpeter. The markings are for 237th StuG Brigade in Russia in 1943.

(below, below left) Chuck Colucci's M8 Howitzer Motor Carriage. Although built in smaller numbers than other, more famous U.S. SP guns, this 75mm infantry support vehicle was still used world wide.





(top left) Hasegawa, 1/48, F6F-5 Hellcat: This is the initial release from 1995. I built this in 1997. I used a Eduard PE set given to me by Edward at the 1996 IPMS/USA convention. I used True Details wheels and a vacuformed canopy in addition to the Eduard photo etched set. I used Archer Fine Transfers rub on stencils and National Insignia and Aeromaster decals for David McCambell's famous Minsi III. He scored a US record, 9 Japanese Zeros destroyed on Oct. 24, 1944 during the Battle of Leyte Gulf. I used Model Master Interior Green FS34151, for the cockpit and Model Master FS36440 for the interior of cowling and the area behind the cockpit where the windows are. This was built prior to the availability of aftermarket engine cooling to correct the flawed "Hellcat smile". The Glossy Sea Blue is the excellent and long unavailable Aeromaster USN Sea Blue, manufactured by Floquil. Regional 1st place 1998.

(top right) 1/48 Tamiya, A6M3, model 32. Hamp. Eduard photo etched cockpit. This is a 1982 mold. Another favorite kit. AK Interactive Japanese paints. Kit decals for Kenji Yanagiya of the Yamamoto protection flight. A very fun build.

(lower left) 1/48 Monogram P-47D Razorback. Right from the box. The most excellent Monogram Thunderbolt. I used Zotz decals for 9th Air Force's John Drummond's "Raid Hot Mamma" This model is a great "canvas" for a P-47D. I remember when this was a new kit 50+ years ago. It has not lost any of its luster. PolyScale paints

(lower right) 1/48, Tamiya Spitfire Vb Trop. Out of the box with Aeromaster decals for Malta defender George "Buzz" Beurling. Out of the box build with photo etched Polyscale Dark Earth, Middle Stone and Azure Blue. One of my very favorite builds. Several First place awards at various competitions. Also 1/48, Eduard Fw 190 A-5 ProfiPack, the old tool kit from 2006. Polyscale and Aeromaster Luftwaffe RLM 74, 75 & 76. Eagle Editions decals for German 127 kill ace Walter Oseau. 3rd place IPMS Lafayette Scale Modelers, All Aircraft. Very proud of this model. -William Reece



(above, above left) Chuck Colucci's T-34 mod of the M-4 Sherman. Also known as the Calliope. This mod saw limited use in the final months of the war and proved to be successful. Some unit's were equipped with this into the early 50's

(left) Dennis Korn's fine finished Calypso, Jaques Cousteau's famous motor vessel and dive base. Featured in film and on tv Cousteau's vessel is one of the most famous and recognizable non-military boats in the world. He ended up a wooden plaque from Hobby Lobby for the base.



(again, left) Dennis points to the French tri-color flag demonstrating one of many new techniques he used in building the kit. He discovered the extremely thin aluminum foil wrapped around Rollo chocolate candies was an excellent receiver for the flag decal supplied with the kit. It was able to be formed into believable waves as if in a good breeze, a sweet solution in more ways than one.

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- Ⓢ = CHECK SPELLING

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- ☐ = INSERT UNDER SHORT LEG OF TABLE
- !!! = EXCESSIVE EXCLAMATION POINTS
- 👤 = ADD ADVENTURE
- 👤👤 = CHARACTERS SHOULD FIGHT
- ☕ = OOPS! ... COFFEE SPILL (MY BAD)
- ADVERB = MOST EDITORS SAY "DON'T USE ADVERBS" BUT THIS IS A DAMN GOOD ADVERB
- ♡ = NEEDS MORE BOW-CHICKA-BOW-BOW
- 💡 = OH THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, I'M STEALING THAT!

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- zz-z-z delete ~ no one cares
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CATCH '22

The Italian Campaign 1943-45



July 9, 2022, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Havelock Tourist Center

We have refined the theme for our DownEastCon 2022 and targeted the concept a little tighter.

We want the theme to focus on the Italy that was so brilliantly and absurdly portrayed in Joseph Heller's best-selling novel - Catch-22! So it seemed only right to focus the theme entries to anything used in the Italian campaign, 1943-1945, in mainland Italy and Sicily.

We will have a secondary, theme as well: **Heller vs. Heller!** This theme competition is a special category, since the book was written by Joseph Heller and there was a Heller model

company, we will recognize the best Heller build.

(NOTE: By "Heller" we mean the original mold was made and marketed by Heller although re-pops are allowed provided you provide proof of origin. We will accept documentation from scalemates.com for instance)

Any subject, any scale, in this special head-to-head build off is legal. So, get your Italian on and start planning your builds now.

Also, get your Judging cap on! If you have judged in a contest before, then dust that hat off and put it back on. If you have never had the pleasure and honor of judging in a contest before, then hang on to your hat (that you will soon have). ECPM will make sure you will be ready to judge at our DownEastCon 2022. The link to volunteer as a judge is currently active on our website as are vendor table reservations. here:

<https://www.ecpmod.com/downeastcon-2022.html>

More news to come will be posted soon so stay tuned. ■

-Editor

Editor's Note:

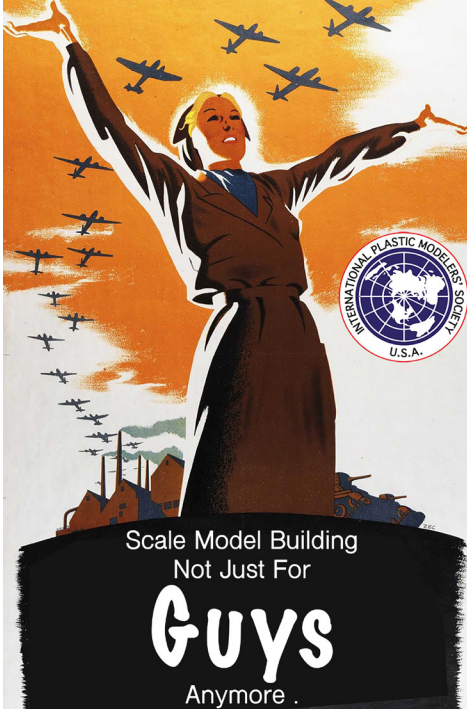
It was brought to my attention that some chapter members felt that I wasn't doing justice to the actual reason we all get together once a month, and that is to talk about & look at models. They felt I was giving short shift to the chapter's builds by not showing enough build photos.

Well, fair enough. Perhaps I could and, indeed should, run more and larger pictures of the club's efforts. So, starting this month I will amend my wicked, wicked ways and feature more images of the spectacular builds our club members produce.

I will now await your congratulatory cards and letters that will surely start to pour in.

You're welcome. ■

-Editor



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Don't forget, next month's meeting will be Saturday, November 20, 12:00 noon till 2:00 at the Fairfield Harbor Fire Station. Please bring your new builds and any work-in-progress projects.

Isn't it time you joined IPMS? http://www.ipmsusa3.org/uploads/ipms_application_form_2019.pdf