



*No, you're really not drunk, that is, in fact, a pink submarine. (As opposed to a Yellow Submarine) Dennis Korn's sense of originality and of the absurd shines through in the recreation of the USS Sea Tiger, a fictional fleet sub whose misadventures in the Pacific during world war II concerning . . . aaah, just read the article on page 2*

## Meeting Debriefing

- by The Editor

The meeting convened at noon with David Mohr, Dennis Korn, William Reece, Richard Adams, Rodney and Melissa Huyett, Chuck Colucci, Jim Gower, Andy Fulsher, Kel Gaither, Jim Harriott, David Stiteler, Marshall Smith and Alan Welch in attendance. Dennis Morey arrived somewhat later.

There were introductions and a welcome to Kel as this was his first meeting, then we launched into the real reason for being there, the models we brought both built and going to be built.

David Mohr brought in two interesting projects he is starting, first a beautiful B-17F by Academy followed by a Bf-109g both to be built as captured and operated by their new owners, in the case of the

Fortress the Luftwaffe and the 109 by the U.S. Army. David said the project was inspired by the squadron/signal book "Strangers in a Strange Land" detailing captured equipment utilized by their former enemy.

BIG smiles were produced when Dennis Korn spoke on his latest build, the pink submarine from the film, "Operation Petticoat". (see article on page two). Dennis also brought in three rail cars, he is a model railroader after all. All nice work, as usual Dennis.

William Reece showed a diminutive Ki-44 Shoki in 1/72. The tiny aircraft was beautifully bare metal with green camo dotted over the top. Also on display were WIPs a Curtiss P-40, and Airfix Zero and an

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## Meetings

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

**New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.**  
Meeting location: 604 Guion St., 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**  
For their October meeting, they will meet on the 2nd Saturday the 8th due to BeachCon landing on their usual 1st Saturday. New Hanover County Public Library, Osprey room, 3802 S. College Rd, at 2:00 pm to 4:30. <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 selection of hobby kits and supplies and is a grand center for tabletop gaming

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# Meetings

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activities. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1319666224752922>

**IPMS Eagle Squadron** General meeting on the second Sunday at 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/IPM-SEagleSquadron>

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

## Con Roundup

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

**BeachCon 22**

*"The Best of the Beach"*

800 Gabreski Lane

Myrtle Beach, SC

[www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org/](http://www.grandstrandscalemodelers.org/)

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

*"Fast Traxx Fall Con"*

VFW Post 2031

Jordan Lane,

Statesville, NC 28677

[gsw0882@gmail.com](mailto:gsw0882@gmail.com)

**October 22, 2022**

*"Doin' The Charleston"*

4990 Dorchester Rd.

North Charleston, NC

[niatira2014@gmail.com](mailto:niatira2014@gmail.com)

**November 12, 2022**

*"Eagle Squadron Minicon"*

American Legion Post 116

6400 Johnson Pond Rd.

Fuquay, NC

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/874411673009197>

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## OPERATION PETTICOAT

*Dennis Korn decides on a fun and simple build following his Penske ordeal . . .*

Operation Petticoat is a classic movie that brings back memories of hanging out in the living room with family, laughing and secretly getting excited by all the sexual innuendos.

The movie was made in 1959 and is the story of a special assignment for a US submarine during WWII.

Starring Cary Grant and Tony Curtis who end up saving five nurses and the adventures that obviously ensue. At one point the submarine requires repainting of the upper surfaces and there is not enough white or red to complete the whole job, so they mix the two together and end up with a pink submarine. I thought it would be fun to build a model to represent this pink submarine.

Starting with the Revell USS Lionfish Submarine model which has been released a multitude of times with vari-

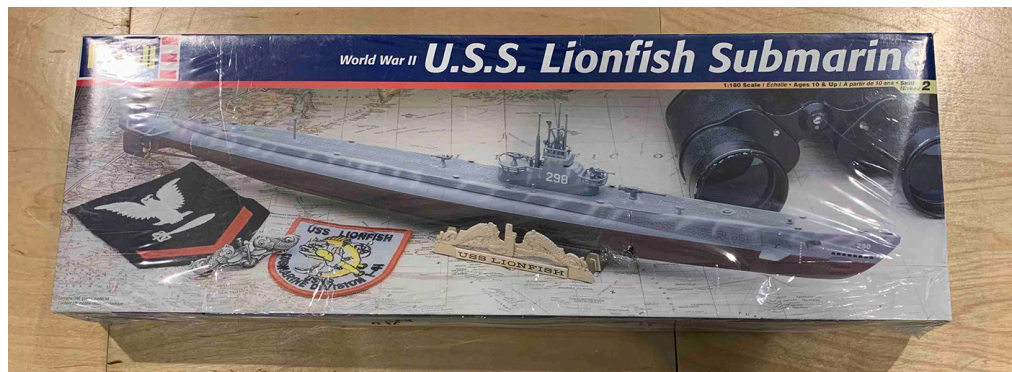
ous names and box art, I was looking forward to a quick, easy build. Of course, I can never do anything the easy way. The kit does not have that many parts, though right away I could see that the split deck might be trouble and for some reason hardly

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*(above) It all looks so simple and easy sitting there in the box*

*(below) GOSH Beav, a scale model of a real U.S. submarine! What could possibly go wrong?*



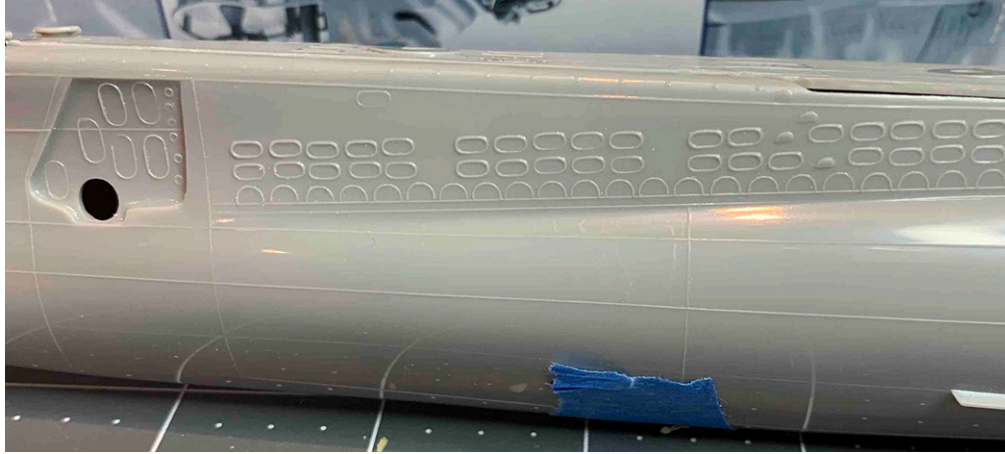


# Petticoat

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any of the holes along the side of the sub are drilled out.

What to do? Duh! Drill 600 holes out so I could make it look a bit more realistic. Did it take a while? Yes, but I think it looks better . . . though I wish that I had thought of thinning the plastic out from behind as well.



(above) 62 of the 600 (!) holes awaiting attention from Dennis' drill. And, of course, they couldn't be simple ROUND holes . . .

(below) Here is Dennis' solution for the see through holes in the sub's hull. Simple answers are usually the best solutions, in this case a curved sheet of styrene plastic..



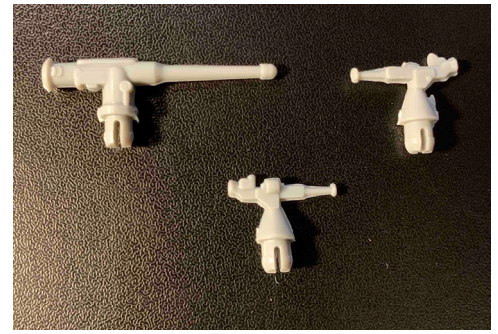
Since I was going through all the hassle of drilling out the sides of the sub, I thought I should put an insert inside to keep one from seeing all the way through the sub.

On the conning tower I decided to replace some of the stanchions with brass and then decided that I could just thin out the plastic enough to make it look good.

Painting was done simply enough with a Tamiya spray can of Oxide Red for the lower half and I mixed up some red and white to get pink for

the upper half. I also had to modify the dive planes as they are designed to be shown in the extended position. So, I glued them onto the cross beam, cut them off and reglued them in the upright position.

I added 3D printed armament from Shapeways, but could not find any machine guns for the conning tower, so I went with some bigger guns.

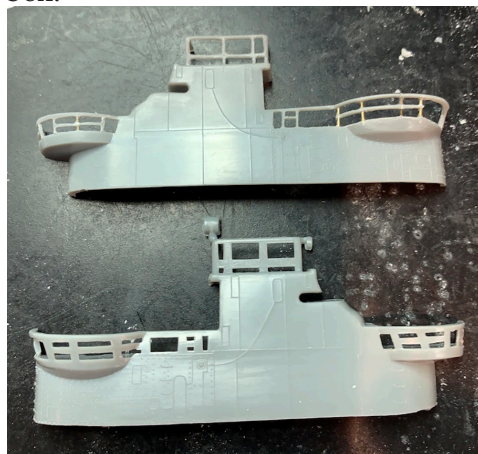


(above) Old molds contain old problems . . . such as mold marks, flash and not-terribly-accurate depictions of parts they are meant to represent. Thank God we live in the era of 3-D printing.

Now questions do arise about the reality of the events depicted in the movie (remember it is just a movie), but one should know that the USS Spearfish evacuated one Navy nurse and several Army nurses from Corregidor to Australia. The USS Sealion was sunk at the pier at Cavite Navy Yard in the Philippines. The USS Bowfin torpedoed a bus . . . not sure if it sank. The USS Seadragon had her black paint scorched off by the burning USS Sealion next to it and fought with only her red lead undercoat visible . . . Tokyo Rose referred to the sub as the "red pirate submarine." And the USS Harder held the belief for a while that a pinkish tint would be great camouflage at dawn and dusk, so he added pink to the light grey that was standard. ■

-Dennis Korn

(below) The conning tower on top after Dennis put the railings on a reducing regime. The bottom showing conning tower out of the box.



## HUMOR

Guys, be sure to be aware that our wives are catching onto us. David Mohr had discovered this infommercial and has kindly provided us with a link.

Remember, forewarned is forearmed.

<https://babylonbee.com/news/is-your-husband-looking-at-pictures-of-world-war-2-planes-on-the-internet-know-the-warning-signs>

# New IPMS/USA Region 12 Facebook Group

## IPMS/USA Region 12



Due to recent changes in staffing at IPMS/USA, the old IPMS Region 12 facebook page has been converted to an independent group and is no longer considered to be a part of IPMS/USA.

Tim Kirkland, IPMS/USA Region 12 coordinator, has requested a new facebook group page to be set up in reponce to this and is reorganizing

the Region 12 group to participate on the new page.

All region 12 IPMS members and chapter reps are urged to go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/IPMS-Region-12-100909812790255>

and apply for membership. Above you will see the masthead for the

new group for positive I.D.

All things being equal once we make this crossover there should be no further disruptions.

Life is like this in social groups on the world wide web.

Model on, folks. ■

*-Editor*

## New 'Filmless' Decals

I ran across an interesting YouTube video last week. Apparently, Eduard jas developed what they call a "filmless" decal.

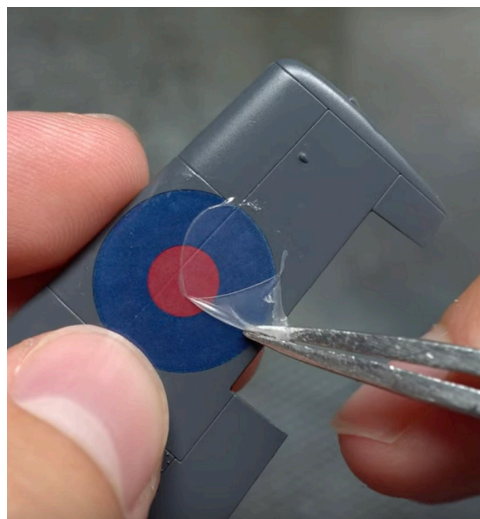
Initially, the decals on the backer sheet will have a film around the image. You treat this decal as you normally would by dipping it in warm water and sliding into position.

Now the Magic. After setting up for a bit, you can peel the film off (see picture to the right) and it leaves only the colored image on your model.

This looks very interesting and we could be looking at the future of decals. Kind of neat never having a model undone by "silvering". Here is the link to the video, happy viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXjyRn0ScCQ> ■

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*NEW Eduard "filmless" decals*

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**It's time to  
join up  
you guys!  
Don't be a  
loner.**





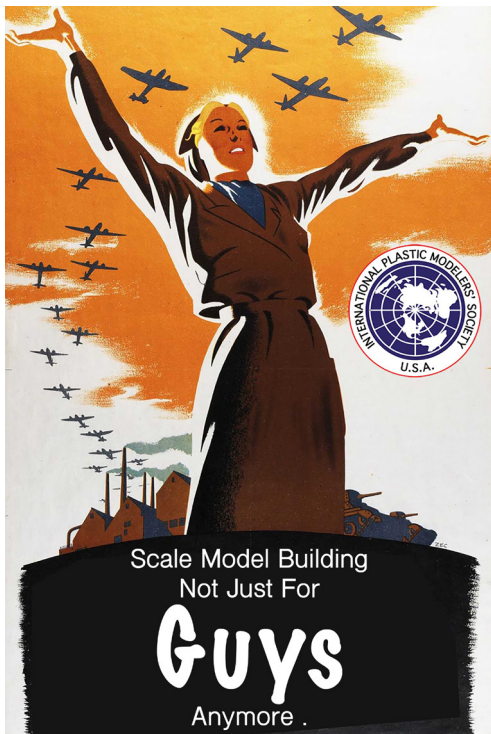
# Confessions of a Closet Modeler

By David Stiteler

August was a month that was bittersweet for me. It started out with the death and funeral of a close friend in Oklahoma, the bitter part, and the sweet part came four days after our return from Oklahoma with the birth of my first grandchild, a boy, three weeks early and very healthy. Since I wasn't successful in getting my son into the hobby of modeling, now I have something to look forward to with my grandson.

Getting back to my trip to Oklahoma, as expected, all the guys I served with was present for the funeral and reception, or wake, and we shared the memories of our good and bad times in the service.

The next morning, the close circle of friends of mine got together for a breakfast before my wife and I hit the road back home. More memories were shared and as usual with this bunch, the conversation turned to modeling and what projects we all are working on.



Yes, I did get quite a ribbing about the never-ending build of the B-17. I was told that if Boeing built B-17's as long as I did, we would have lost the war! Haha, laugh it up guys. You should have seen the looks when I brought up Lt. Taylors P-40. Priceless.

But then as the jokes and ribbing continued, the subject of rigging came up. I was asked about the rigging of antenna wire on both the B-17 and the P-40. Now the owner of the B-17 had mentioned that it was up to me about that detail but reminded me about his cats and the concern he had about them getting to it. After almost 8 years, I'm not sure he still has cats, but who knows. I haven't asked.

I confess that rigging hasn't always been a favorite of mine. I was never really successful with stretched sprue, and I always got my tail in trouble with my mother when I was younger building ships and needing to rig them raiding my mothers needlepoint kit stealing her thread.

Trying to find the right size thread and color for whatever I was working on was a chore. I once got a tip about silk thread. The trick to silk thread was you didn't have to stretch it tight, leave a slight droop in it. After you have it in place, wet it down with water or if needed because color, thinned paint on a fine brush and as it dries it shrinks, tightening up to its limits, leaving a finished product.

The problem was my mother never used silk thread and it wasn't easy to find sometimes. So, I didn't do a lot of rigging back in those days. I

also didn't like the look when dust attacked the sewing thread on the rigged ships I built. Oh well.

Now, there is a product called E-Z line. We tossed that around a bit and found that none of us has ever used it. I've heard of it but was never able to find it in stock anywhere. As far as we knew, there was only one place online to acquire it, a hobby shop I can't remember the name of. What I have been able to research is it comes in two sizes, and there is a good amount of quantity available in the kit.

I know that some of the members in this club has used it, and from the results I've seen it works well, if you know what you are doing. I do not. So, I'm hoping that I can get some feedback on the proper use of E-Z line. If it's available locally I would love to know where I can get it.

When asked about the rigging of the antenna wire on the B-17, I haven't decided yet. But some of the guys know the Airfix kit of the P-40, and that the antenna wire comes off both wings and ends on the tail. Just how much detail was I going to get into with that kit?

Unless I feel confident about the E-Z line when I get it, and not have to rely on raiding anymore needlepoint baskets for thread, I'll give it a try. I will accept any and all pointers on the correct application of E-Z line and any advise on rigging ships.

I know in the future that ships will be built, and it would be nice to give them a more realistic finished look. But for now, one step and project at a time. Well, maybe two at a time.... ■

-David Stiteler



# A "Special?" Spitfire.....

-by Jeff Maples

Back in April, I bought a Special Hobby (my first – and maybe my last) for our DownEastCon. I wanted to start with a new plane that would fit our Catch '22 theme of serving in the Italian Campaign 1943 – 45.

My chosen and researched Special Hobby is the 1:48 Spitfire Mk Vc 'RAAF Service' kit that would be built as a RAF/Baltic Air Force (Y) Squadron based in Cannae, Italy, in 1944. With aftermarket Xtradecals 'Spitfire Overseas Users' for BAF markings, and new Hataka RAF WW2 lacquer paint set, I could enter it in the Catch '22 theme and 1:48 single engine prop category.

I was excited to get the Special Hobby kit as PE and Resin pieces were included which I really wanted to start using in my builds. I started by looking over the instruction sheet and SH crossed off a number of pieces on such sprues that I would not be using on the Mk Vc. Good to know and let's start at the beginning: Part 1 & 2: Cockpit

For the instrument panel there are 2 layers of film (printed instruments dials) that get sandwiched between 2 Photo Etched layers (I already painted dull black) showing Buttons & Bezels (& Bows! No, Alan. No bows). Of course, for this to work, you have to file away the molded B&Bs from the styrene instrument panel base so the 4 glued layers will lay flat. Once glued on, I very lightly took a file to the raised surfaces on the painted PE and highlighted the B&Bs with the PE natural bronze color. The instrument panel popped.

I used the supplied PE seatbelts (my first, ever) and they came out nice. I used a spray from Mr. Hobby called Mr. Metal Primer-R. It holds onto the paint (in this case acrylic) very well. When testing Mr. Metal Primer-R on small PE frets, I took a razor to the



*(above) Topside looking down. To view from the bottom side turn page. (Just kidding, the lower view is actually on page 8)*

paint on top of adhesive, it took a few scrapes to get it off.

The cockpit took a long time to build, as I would find out through the build, SH put in misaligned location pins and holes. With every sanded and then painted piece, I had to glue not only carefully, but also dry fit the cockpit each time to the 2 fuselage halves to make sure everything fit in that small space while the glue was drying.

Now the fun was really going to start as the 2 fuselage halves had no clear indicators as to how the cockpit fit. Well, let's glue the instrument panel and back bulkhead to the floor, dry fit this awkward mess between the fuselage and see where they should sit. Unfortunately, there are no stops to rest on for the correct cockpit position. Ah, yes, now I remember. The cockpit floor stop was molded into the inside of the 1-piece bottom wing half wingtip-to-wingtip. So, the cockpit, 2 fuselage halves, and the 1-piece bottom wing half had to be dry fitted to make sure the cockpit would, actually, fit into position. Yikes!

I have talked about the 2 fuselage halves that are still a bear with locator pins and holes. I had to keep them for the cockpit dry fitting (which is now firmly glued into one fuselage half). But, now I knew I would have to sand the locator pins off and glue the fuselage piecemeal.

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*(above) Nice instrument panel and nice technique, Jeff. His way of highlighting drtail is described in the article text, above this picture.*



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(above) *An intimate view into the business office of the Spit 5. These are Jeff's first P.E. seatbelts.*

This helped with lining up the panel lines, rivets, and such. Speaking of locator pins and holes, the 'Trop' nose halves did not have any!

So, the cockpit, fuselage halves, and the bottom wing piece are now glued into place. Before gluing on the top port and starboard wing halves, I had to glue in the accurate wing gun covers (there are 2 versions). Surprise...they didn't fit. Not only that, but they were not level with the wing top surface. So, I glued the covers in the best I could, put putty around each of the 4 sides to fill gaps, then sanded the edges smooth with the rest of the wing surface. Finally, I re-scribed the details lost.

Let me save time here: Every step includes the above – Glue, Putty, Sand, Re-scribe (and repeat).

The ailerons and the rudder came separated but not the elevator. I razor cut both sides off to match the other control surfaces. I like to position these surfaces just a little bit to add realism. Also, I positioned the

control stick in the cockpit to match the control surfaces positions.

However, we now come to the wing tips that came too wide and too thick when glued to the wings. (Me: hands-to-face, 'You have to be kidding me.'). Normally, not a problem because in most cases the tip of the wing comes along with the rest of the wing. In SH defense, some Spitfires had clipped wings but my Mk Vc going to the BAF did not. Glue, Putty, Sand, Re-scribe, and, yes, repeat all the way through to Step 11.

Okay. Don't panic. Shoulder to the wheel. Stiff upper lip.

I'm now in June with 3 weeks to go until DEC and I finally did get the build to its priming stage. I grabbed my faithful Vallejo grey primer and, over a couple of days, gave it 2 coats. My first mistake was saying to myself, 'You know, this just might work out because it was looking... um...not horrible.'

So, let's grab the RAF lacquer colors and make this thing shine with...

Wait. A. Second. I have a bad feeling about this. Oh, Crap! In the 2 months I've been working on the model, I had a brain fart when it came to spraying the Vallejo primer. Can Hataka lacquer go over Vallejo acrylic? Hataka does sell their own primer, but I did not have it, nor would I get it in time. Unfortunately, the internet really didn't help me with an answer on Hataka over Vallejo. I can't take a chance.

Okay. Don't panic. Use your Vallejo Model Air colors. You must have them. Except I do not. I have all the

early RAF colors...but not the later adopted Ocean Grey, Dark Green, and Sky Type S.

Panic, Panic, Panic! No - Deep breath. Thank goodness for Amazon, as I had Vallejo's Model Air RAF Color 1941-45 paint set in 3 days. At least now I can spray with confidence that the paint will not fall apart.

First, the belly was sprayed with Sky Type S and then masked for the camo colors on top. I sprayed the Ocean Grey and when dry, I drew out the camo pattern with pencil for the Dark Green. I masked over the OG with Silly Putty and tape following the pencil lines and then sprayed Dark Green. The next day, I took off the masks after the Dark Green dried and guess who partially covered up some of the pencil lines with the Silly Putty? Spoiler Alert: it was me.

So, now, having masked over the pencil lines (here and there – not all), and they are running through the Ocean Grey, and I am seconds away from throwing the Mk Vc out the window (BTW: erasing or  
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(below) *The tropic filter certainly messes with the refined lines of the Spitfire.*





## "Special" Spitfire

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light sanding did not work). Cooler heads prevailed the next day and I very carefully airbrushed patches of Ocean Grey and Dark Green to cover up the pencil lines.

Time to spray a gloss coat on for the decals. Fortunately, there were not a lot of decals for the BAF. With the Xtradecals BAF markings on,

another coat of gloss and then the next day a final coat of semi-gloss. There is no time for weathering. Glue and paint will still be drying when I put this Spitfire on the contest table, but I will be ready for Saturday's show.

Apparently, I was not kidding about the glue because when I went to go pick up the Spitfire after the show, the tail wheel was completely on its side resting on the elevator. Also, I forgot to place the pull-back canopy on the Spitfire (that was still back at the hotel).

Again, Yikes! ■

-Jeff Maples

(left) The finished build, here displayed on some decidedly out of scale duck board. (Jeff, we need to speak about this.)



(above) SEE! I wasn't kidding, here is the bottom view. Interesting the difference in national marking from the upper surfaces to the lower. (For a view of the upper . . . no, wait, used that joke already)



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Join us for another MiniCon!

We're back again with another round of MiniCon action! This time, we've got more categories with special awards for Best of Show, People's Choice and Best Junior! Plus, if you're looking to thin the stash, we're also featuring the Tailgate Swap Meet\*. Come out and join us on November 12—Bring kits you want to sell or trade, pick a parking spot, and set up your tailgate table.

\*Tailgate Swap Meet and MiniCon details and rules available on our website

[www.ipmseaglesquadron.org/minicon-2022](http://www.ipmseaglesquadron.org/minicon-2022)

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MiniCon 2022  
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Got stuff you want to sell or trade? Great! Because we're also featuring the Tailgate Swap Meet, so if you're looking to thin the stash (and make a few bucks before the holiday season!) c'mon out, pick out a parking spot and sell your wares\*\*

Visit:  
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for more details, registration information, and contest rules.

\*\*The Tailgate Swap Meet is on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited parking spaces. ■

-Rob Rode



# E.C.P.M. DISPLAY CASE

ART: CAROL PEARL



(above) Three examples of rolling stock from Dennis Korn . . . I swear, this guy will build anything. (And he builds it so well).



(above) A future project for Wiliam Reece to look forward to is this large scale Ford GT-40. He was quite excited because the decals set was so extensive.



(above) William Reece's lovely build of a Ki-44 Shoki. You can just barely make out the radio aerial line, its .02mm rigging from Uschi van der Rosten .



(above) Another yet-to-come project about to hit William's work bench is this F4F-3 Wildcat. This has the new Eduard "filmless" decals.



(above) William Reece's WIP of an RAC-5 Vigilante, a kit that had languished for years.



(above) A much newer WIP by William Reece's a new tool Airfix P-40B in Pearl Harbor livery.





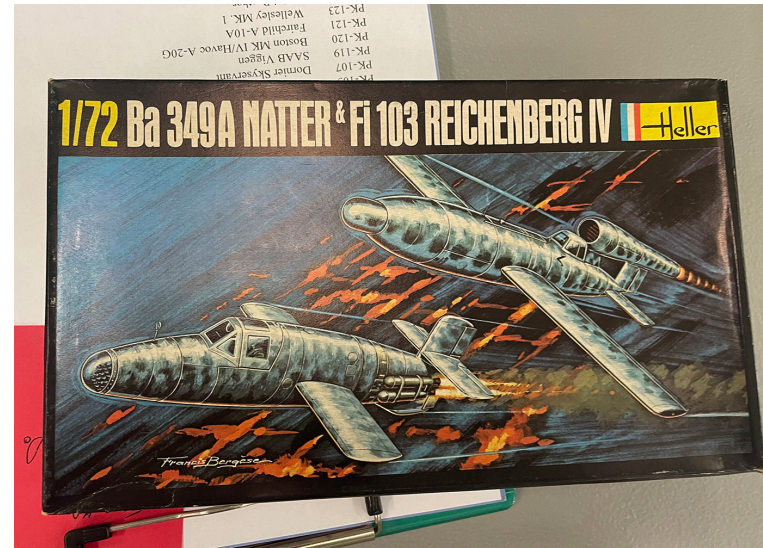
*(above) Bringing the Seagull back aboard the USS San Francisco build by Alan Welch. She will be the subject of a write up next month with some better photos.*



*(above) A lightly customized 1940 Ford panel truck was remade into a very silly hippie surf wagon complete with custom decals by Alan Welch.*



*(above) Richard Adams produced a 1/350 Academy Cutty Sark. This once mighty Clipper Ship looked tiny compared to the San Francisco both in the same scale.*



*(above) Rodney Huyett brought in some future projects to show, several were German experimental and/or "paper projects" born of desperation.*



*(above) Another "paper project" found by Rodney Huyett, this time a Mauve kit of the coal dust powered delta emergency fighter by Karl Lippisch.*



*(above) Next on Kel Gaither's workbench will be this Bandai Batmobile. It's an unusual scale for a car but Kel felt it's nearly a combat vehicle hence the 1/35 scale.*



# Meeting

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ancient RA5-C Vigilante. Also, not yet started and still in the box was a Ford GT-40 and and Eduard F4F-3 with the new Eduard filmless decals. (see article on page 4).

Richard Adams once more amazed us with his build of a 1/350 Cutty Sark. The ship is tiny compared to the other 1/350 ship displayed Saturday but he still rigged her and shadowed her sails. Well done!

Rodney Huyett brough in a pair of unusual unbuild kits, a Heller box containing two tiny "emergency fighters". One was the Bachem Ba-349A Natter and sharing the box was the manned V-1, the Fiesler Reichenbetg IV, desperation in a box. Also he showed a mystery kit, a Mauve 1/48 Lippisch P13a coal powered fighter. (Yes, look it up). These all were never fully developed.

Mrs. Huyett brought Rodney.

Chuck Colucci surprisingly appeared sans tank. (He usually bring in two or three finished builds each month) Chuck did mention he is currently working on another Tiger 1, another Panther and, (yes, another) M-48.

Jim Gower made an appearance but then was spirited away by a visitor to the meeting who was looking for someone to do a comission build of a wooden boat model for him. Our sister group, the New Bern Nautical Ship Guild, Jim's boat club, looked to be a better fit for this project.

Andy Fulsher described in some detail the replacing of two planks in the hull of the boat he is working on. Instead of wax on wax off its seems to be planks out, planks in

Kel Gaither brought in another unbuild project, a 1/35 Bandai automobile kit, the Batmobile. Going to be a great addition to his car collection.

Jim Harriott also had a WIP to report on, in this case his US Army bulldozer. Jim said he was "on track" with it, however, in this case on track means somewhat mired as each track has 144 parts which has slowed things down. Jim says the entire kit seems to cosist of fiddly bits.

It was a long, forgotten, vinyl Star Trek figure that caught David Stiteler's attention . . . especially sice it seemd to mirror his ex-wife. Especially her attitude. It was found by a family member and returned to Dacid after decades of being lost in space so David has yet another project to finish.

Today was not Marshall Smiths day, it seems. As least not his day to be both treasurer and computer printer operator. But he promises that next month will be better. Honest. (Word on the street is that it was all the fault of the cat)

Alan Welch brought in two finished pieces, the long gestated USS San Francisco in 1/350 and an AMT 1940 Ford panel truck reimaged into a 1970s hippie surfmobile. Yeah, the 60s were very good to Alan.

After the model discussion came a few business discussions.

It was decided we would repeat the pot luck lunch, (who knew model builders would turn out to be such good cooks!). Unlike last year, we decided to stick with tradition and have the holiday get together during the holidays instead of delaying it. So the lunch will be during our December meeting. We'll post a signup sheet o our website as soon as our webmaster returns.

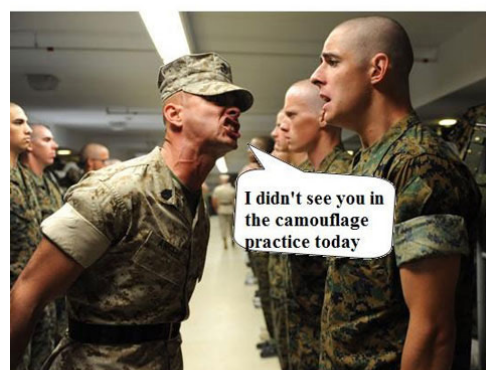
Speaking of our website, (notice that clever segue there?), we did receive our awards for Region 12 website of the year *and* IPMS National website of the year. Pictures posted on the back page of this newsletter.

There was also discussion of closer

ties with our sister Region 12 chapter in Raleigh, the Eagle Squadron. We hope to further cooperation between the chapters in several areas, more on this after the October meeting.

The meeting ended a bit early and by 2:00 pm the set up had been struck and the room returned to it's normal, empty state. ■

-Editor



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# News from IPMS/USA

Our Communications Officer, Mark Sandvigen, has just received and distributed information on a report relevant to judging at the National Convention as well and regional and local events.

The report is 14 pages, too long for inclusion here, but he has provided a link to it as well as a link for comments. As it is an issue for IPMS and IPMS members alone please do not comment unless you are a fully paid member.

[https://ipmsusa.org/sites/default/files/judging\\_discussion\\_paper\\_202208.pdf](https://ipmsusa.org/sites/default/files/judging_discussion_paper_202208.pdf)

"If you would like to make comments on this please feel free but sending them to: [ipmssec@ipmsusa.org](mailto:ipmssec@ipmsusa.org) by September 30, 2022.

It is an excellent discussion and one that certainly highlights some shortcomings in our judging process."

Other IPMS/USA news is the announcement of the venue for the 2023 IPMS/USA National Convention.

IPMS/USA will be traveling to (The Great State Of) Texas for the 2023 National Convention. It should be a great event and will show a side and a view of Texas many people will not be familiar with.

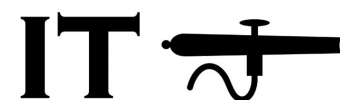
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# Two Awards For ECPM!

This year our chapter applied for one of the awards offered by IPMS/USA.

Surprisingly, we won *two* awards instead.

It worked this way. We applied for website of the year in our home region, IPMS/USA Region 12. We won that contest. From there, our regional Coordinator, Tim Kirkland, submitted our site to IPMS/USA National for the national competition.

And we won that one also.

I say "we" because no one person wins these awards. This award is our award, it belongs to the chapter, because what you guys do inspire me to do my best for you.

You can't print about good stuff without people in the chapter doing good stuff.

And this chapter continues to do good stuff.

I've said it before, but it is an honor to be a part of Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers. ■

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## Editor's Notes:

*Our September meeting was low key but even so we also made some good decisions. Last year we decided to delay our "holiday" meeting from December until January and create a "pot luck" lunch which worked out spectacularly! The chapter voted to continue the pot luck meal but have it during our December meeting and combine that with yet another drawing for yet another \$100 gift certificate from our favorite hobby shop, Hobby Chest.*

*Also, contact has been made with the Single Marine Program at Cherry Point in regards to our sponsorship of a "Make 'N Take" session to introduce, (or refresh), the art of scale model building to the young, (or not so young) members of the Corps. The initial reaction was positive and details are starting to be worked out. I'll keep all members abreast of developments and we'll have a sign up sheet for volunteer mentors on the website very soon. This should be a fun couple of hours doing what we like, building scale models.*

*Don't forget, chapter members, our October meeting will be set back one hour running from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.*

*In other Region 12 news the upcoming Charleston con, (Doin' the Charleston), has been cancelled, unfortunately. (and I was really looking forward to the worlds greatest hot dogs!). Here's hoping they can solve their venue issue and schedule this event at a later date. ■*

-Editor

**Don't forget, the next meeting will be Saturday, October 15, 2022, 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at the Fairfield Harbor Fire Department, 585 Broad. Creek Rd. Please bring your new builds and any work-in-progress projects. And check your email and the chapter website in case changes are made in time and/or date.**

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