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**Next meeting date:**  
**Monday, April 15, 2019**  
**7:30 pm to 10 pm**

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# In The Pilot Seat



*Our next meeting will be Monday, April 15th. In this newsletter I started a section for Hints & Tips for anyone to voice their suggestions for others to try techniques. We welcome you to use input.*

*The club contest last month filled 3 tables. A great showing! Let's get them over to RepLIcon and a lot more on May 4th. Even if you aren't entering the contest, bring models to put on display. We have added tables and plenty of space for viewing. I was going to bring a few models for our club contest but I had so much to cart into the meeting. The winner list is in this newsletter along with pictures I took. Congrats to the winners and let's make a good showing at RepLIcon 29.*

*Repeat from last month: I have asked members since February to let me know who needs club member table space and how much is needed to sell your no longer needed hobby items. One member required only a half table for a few items to sell. 5 members requested one table each. There may be a limit for space so if you need any, do it now. You can't show up on show day and expect to get table space. A table floor plan is given to Freeport Rec Center a week before.*

*A few years ago I was at an IPMS National and saw an Eduard box containing a dual combo kit called Royal Class aircraft, a limited production run. If my memory serves me correctly, they were 1/48 scale Fw-190 aircraft that listed for \$120.00 but discounted to about \$82. It came with extras like a German Iron Cross, optional canopies, and decals. Yep, I took the bait and is still in my collection. In the Squadron catalogs, it appears that it is still available listed for \$130.00, on sale for \$104. I noticed Eduard has been continuing to expand the dual combo kit offerings of Afrika aircraft of a Bf-109F/BF and a Bf-109G-2. Another combo contains an Fw-190A8/R2 and a Bf-109G-6. Now they issued Bodenplatte, a Bf-190D-9 and a Bf-109G-14. These dual kits aren't advertising any extras as did the Royal Class, but the prices are lower at \$72.00 on sale, and Squadron is offering a 20% discount coupon. The whispering voice in my left ear wants me to buy them, but the right ear voice whispers I have these kits in my collection stash already in individual boxes. The pulling is awful! I have not built a bad Eduard kit yet. Is that another reason to listen to the left voice? LOL!  
**Keep our hobby alive and well,***

*Bob*



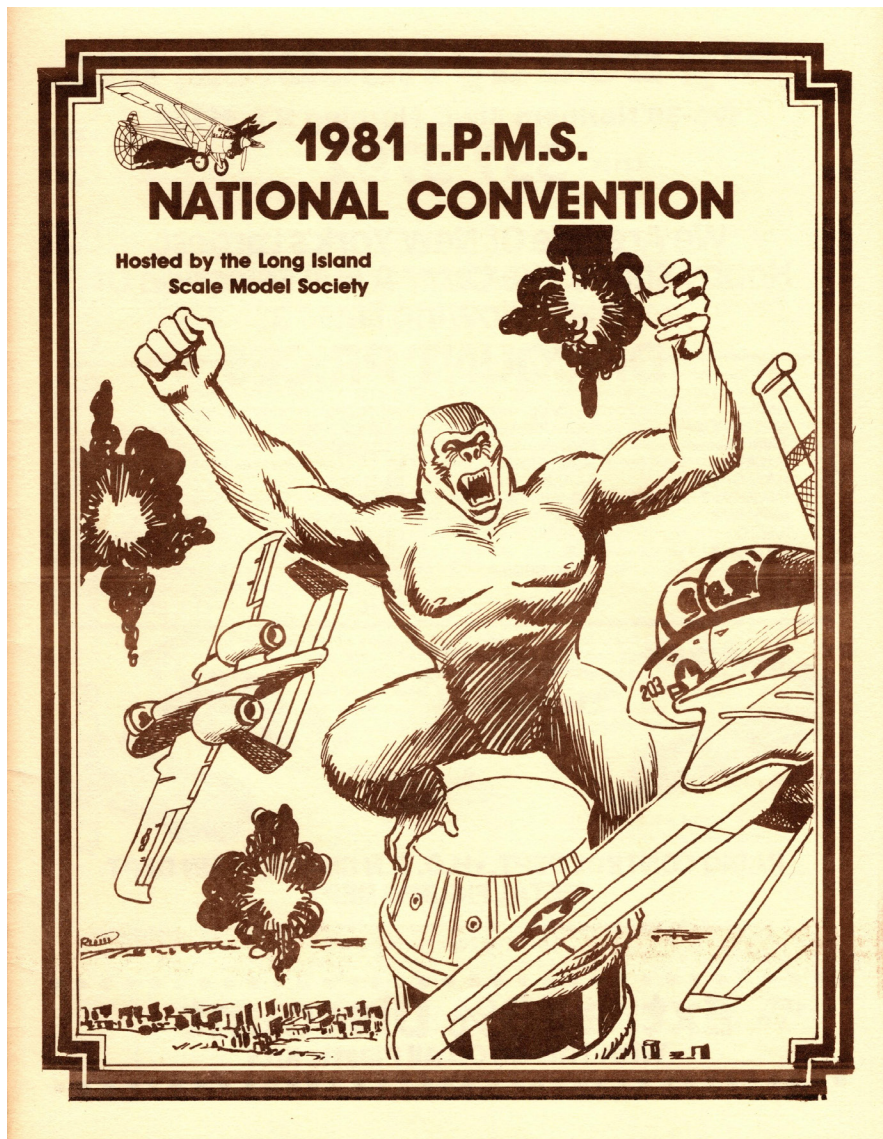


# A Bit of LISMS Nostalgia

By Robert DeMaio

By 1981, I had been a member of *LISMS* for a couple of years. *Jack Kennedy* (not *the* Jack Kennedy) was then the President of our club. *Howie Belkin*, at that time, was instrumental in hosting the *IPMS National Convention* at the *Sheridan Hotel* in NYC. Prior to the event, *Howie* asked me to be his Convention Co-Chairman. I was in the process of publishing my first book on the *Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II* for modelers while working there as a Structure Design Engineer. Working all three situations, sleep became a series of naps for a year. Ahhh to be young again.

Recently, I found that convention program in my file cabinet. The cover of *King Kong* atop of the *Empire State* building was perfect for the event, a later time with more advanced aircraft buzzing *King Kong*.



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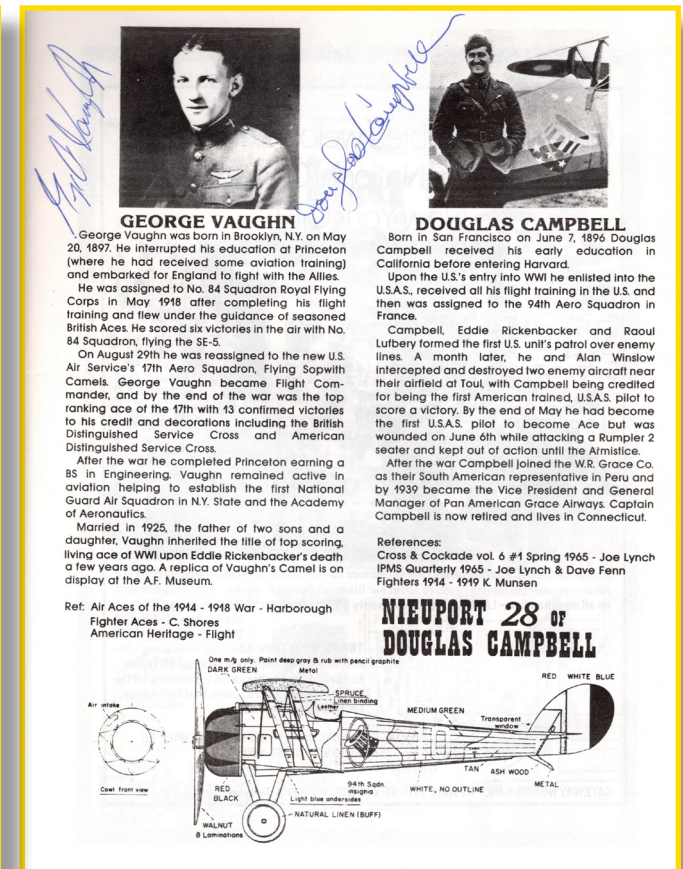
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At that time, a fellow Engineer in my group at Fairchild Republic was Julie Cobb who flew B-17Gs as Lead Bombardier with the 91st BGH, 401st Squadron. He shared many stories with me at work and I asked if he would be a speaker at the show. He was honored to do it.

Howie was able to get top WWII ace pilot, Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski to attended the event to give us a first hand view of flying the P-47 Thunderbolt, and on to F-86's.

I don't know how Howie found these WWI pilots, George Vaughn and Douglas Campbell without the use of computers and the internet? But he did, and they also attended. Well done Howie!

Ready for a King Kong remake of an IPMS Nationals?





# 1/48 Monogram (Hasegawa) A-4E/F

Kit Number 5976



This kit is actually a *Hasegawa* mold rebboxed under *Monogram ProModeler*. The kit has 9 sprue trees containing 187 parts. There are two duplicate trees, with very clear parts bagged separately. No photoetch parts. Instruction booklet has four pages of 9 steps to assemble the model. No figures, no weapons or parts for any kind of diorama display. The decal sheet provides 2 aircraft markings with a few stencil markings. The parts provided have pin locators, and scribed panel lines that could have been inscribed a little deeper. Some mold flash that can easily be removed. There are some sink marks nothing too noticeable with only one exception.

This kit can be built as either an early *A-4E* or late *A-4E/F* (w/avionics hump). Straight and cranked refueling probes are included. No exposed engine, nor open gun bays. Nice detailed wheel wells that look great with some wash when completed. The cockpit detail is adequate. Wing slats are open which is par for the course for the *A-4* when it's on the ground.

Back in the late nineties, *Revell-Monogram* introduced a line of kits under the name *ProModeler*. These were aimed at adult modelers and included both car and airplane kits. Originally, the airplane kits were *Monogram's* 1/48 kits with additional detail parts. At the turn of the century, the *ProModeler* line started to include *Hasegawa* kits as well. The *A-4E/F* was one of the first (the copyright on my example was 2002); eventually, *Hasegawa's* 1/48 *F-4E* and *P-38 F/G/H* were released in the line.

The kit was purchased at a *Toy Liquidators* outlet store in *Monticello, NY*, going for a lot less than what *Hasegawa's* MSRP was at that time. Retail now is \$25.00 to \$30. The big attraction was that it included decals for a *Blue Angels* *A-4* along with alternative markings for a *Marine A-4F* from *VMA-324*. The decals are thin and appear to be very good, although at this point, I noticed some yellowing of some of the clear decal film.

Now, if it really matters to you, this kit cannot be built as accurate *Blue Angels* aircraft. *Blue Angels A-4s* used a bigger engine, with larger bulged intakes. These are similar to the types of intakes seen on *A-4Ms*. *Hasegawa* includes the larger intakes with its kit of the *Blue Angels A-4E*, as well as the unique boarding ladder that the *Blue Angels* use. However, the instructions do point out that if you build the *Blue Angels* version, the wing slats should be glued in place as per the actual team aircraft.

Another issue is that the kit does not include any underwing stores, other than drop tanks. This is part of the *Hasegawa* business model, which requires the modeler to buy either *Hasegawa's* weapon sets or

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# In The Box Kit Review *by Steve Adler*

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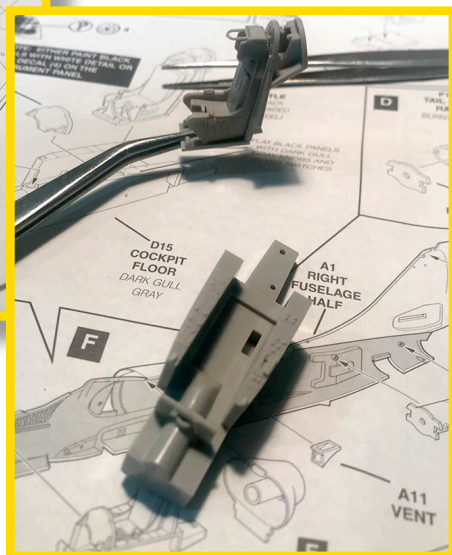
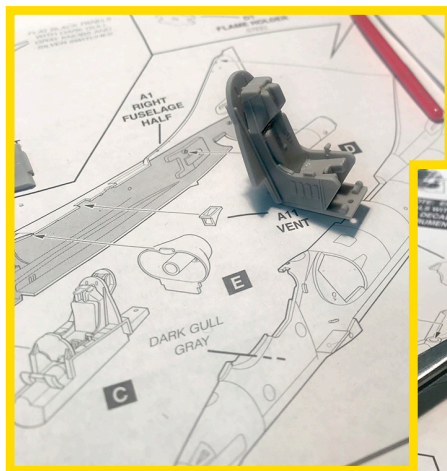
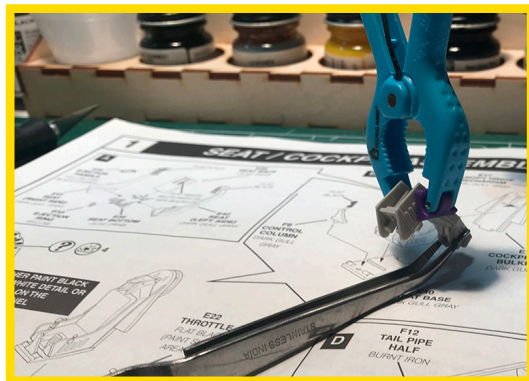
aftermarket bombs/rockets/missiles if you want to depict an A-4 that is loaded up. I paid a bargain price for mine, so it's not a big issue, but considering what the *Hasegawa* releases cost, that's a pain.

The mold is good with the exception of the intakes. These are multi-part affairs. Each has a hexagonal plate on the exterior that does not belong and should be removed. Additionally, one of the intake lips has what appears to be either an ejection mark or sink mark on the leading edge of the lip. This is very noticeable and has to be filled and sanded.

I found the cockpit detail to be adequate. Given the cramped nature of the A-4 cockpit, you're not going to see very much. There are aftermarket sets available; I would think about replacing the seat with a resin one. The instructions for assembling the kit seat are somewhat lacking although I was able to get mine together and make it presentable. (see photos)

Other than the underwing stores issue, the only other issue I note is the choice of markings. As I pointed out, the kit does not build up into an accurate Blue Angels aircraft (that would come about in 2005, when *Hasegawa* released their own *Blue Angels* version). The alternate markings for the *Marine* version is also an odd choice-VMA-324 was known as the first A-4M version. I suppose this was to give equal time to the *Marine Corps*. However, there are plenty of aftermarket decals available for the A-4, so this is a minor point.

**Conclusion:** The model looks right. It's a typical late *Hasegawa* kit. Goes together without any major headaches. The only downside is the lack of underwing stores. Someone with a few kits under their belt could handle this. There are a couple of issues, but nothing that requires a lot of skill to overcome.

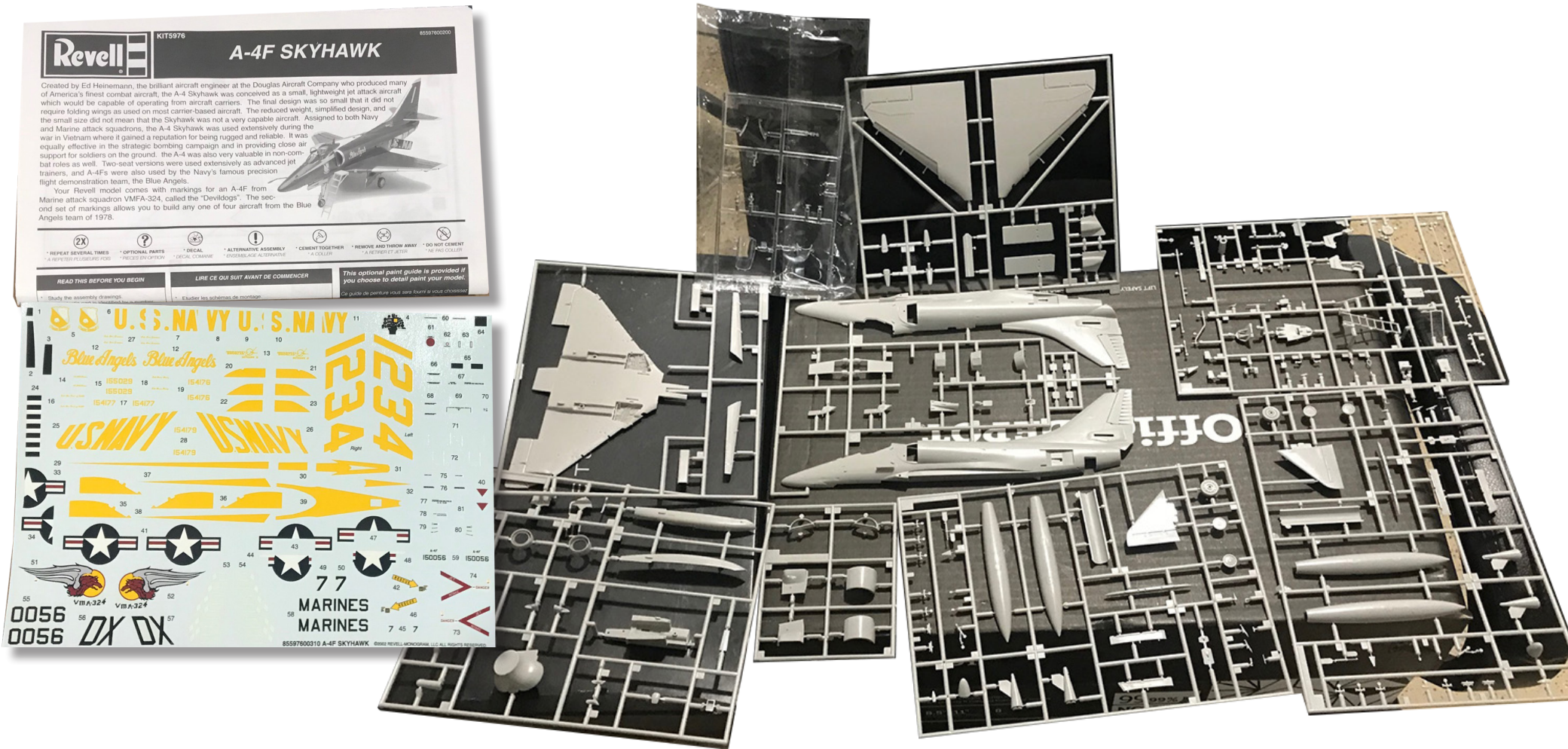


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# In The Box Kit Review *by Steve Adler*

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# Two Time Capsule Pictures *by Robert DeMaio*

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I found this picture going through my file cabinet of a few of us at the Grumman Plant 7 in Calverton, NY. It brought back memories. Soon after starting my job at Grumman in 1984 I was assigned my engineer post out at Calverton to oversee the A-6F redesign mockup. In addition, I still had my immediate job to design hydraulic lines and wire harnesses all through the left engine compartment. I got the incentive to build a 1/48 scale A-6F model using an EA-6B and an A-6E. The picture of me holding the completed model was taken by the Grumman photographer in plant 6 where I worked on the mockup, and posted in the Grumman World newspaper.

Soon after Grumman Supervisors asked if they provided a glass case, would we be able to provide them with Grumman models to display?

A few members of the Suffolk Scale Model Club in Holbrook, took on the challenge. There were also a couple of Grumman employees who built models and displayed them in the case. One such employee was Bill Barto, who I believe is still active as a Grumman Historian. For doing this effort, Grumman offered us a weekday tour of the Calverton facility.

*From left to right is Fred Seitz III, myself, my wife Joanne, I think the next guy is Jim Dinacola(?), and Roger Herzog. Due that it was a weekday, most builders couldn't make the tour, but Grumman also hosted a 50th Anniversary. I believe some outside builders made the event.*



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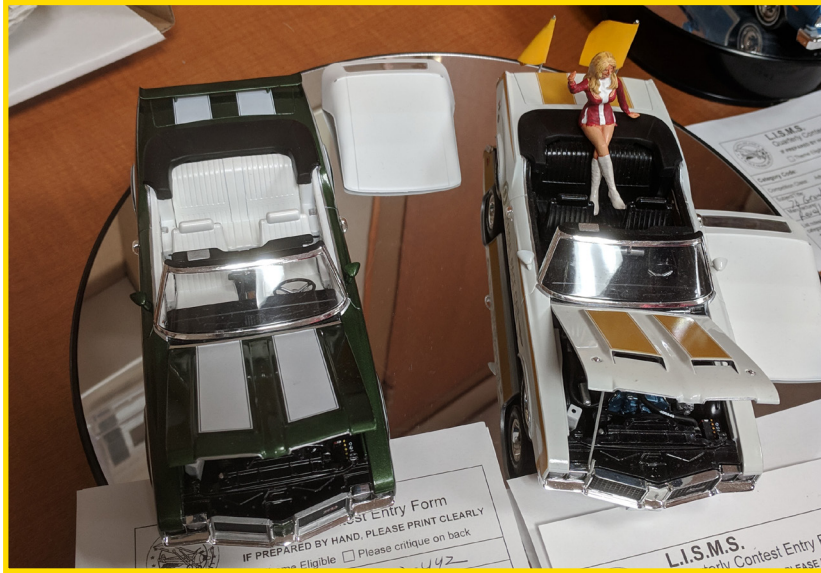
**Model Engineer.** Since Bob DeMaio works on the real A-6F, he knows where every gauge and pipe is to go on his model. (Photo by Gerry Costello)





# Seen On The Table & Contest Results *by Robert DeMaio*

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# Hints & Tips of Plastic Modeling *by Robert DeMaio*

This is a new section devoted to hints & tips where all beginners to return modelers from years past can use this. I welcome all our veteran club members take a few minutes to add some hints into our newsletter. If you don't have any pictures, no problem, clear detail in words will do.

This month I will touch on clear parts and do you need Future Floor Wax (or new name: Pledge Floor Care with Future Shine)? There are many topics on this so I will start with when you open the kit and it has clear parts, your first mission is to check them out! Make sure they aren't scratched or broken. If in a bag, great. If

not, wrap them in some paper until you are ready for working with them. Clear pieces make or break a nice built model. The internet has many methods you can check out, try, and use what's best for you. This is one method and product that seems to be the most popular by modelers. When ready to work on them and your parts are perfect you should have Future Floor Wax in your arsenal. Pour some in a clean plastic disposable cup enough to dip each clear part into it with tweezers. Dip each one, giggle it when lifted, and rest it on any edges on a piece of cardboard to dry.

I hate to tell you but I really don't use this method. Normally I use the clear part

as is. Future will not protect the part from the modeler's mishaps, like glue marks and scratches during building. In addition, you might want to scrape the edge to be glued. Gluing is another topic in itself for later discussion. Future is an Acrylic coat and Acrylic does have a tendency in time to loose luster. This is all relevant to how long you will have the model on your shelf. I have models in my cabinet since the early 70's. All my clear parts are still as clear as was then. Fifty years from now I want my clear parts to still be clear when I look at them. Yes I hope to be here. You as the builder must decide what's best for you.





# Long Island Scale Model Society Clubhouse Contest March 2019

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## Aircraft 1/72 and smaller

|     |             |               |
|-----|-------------|---------------|
| 1st | Steve Adler | P-51D Mustang |
| 2nd | Ray O'Neill | SC-1 Sea Hawk |
| 3rd | Joe Yeager  | Mig-29        |

## Aircraft 1/71 to 1/48

|     |                  |                   |
|-----|------------------|-------------------|
| 1st | Marshall Voizard | P-61B Black Widow |
| 2nd | Fred Seitz       | Ki-45 Nick        |
| 3rd | Steve Martens    | B-25              |

## Aircraft Vac-forms, Scratchbuilt, & Conversions:

|     |             |               |
|-----|-------------|---------------|
| 1st | Ray O'Neill | Type 95 GZH-1 |
|-----|-------------|---------------|

## Armor Smaller than 1/48

|     |                 |                                  |
|-----|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1st | Joe Yeager      | German Captured Soviet T-34 Tank |
| 2nd | Thomas Gagliore | Tiger I                          |

## Armor 1/48 larger

|     |            |                  |
|-----|------------|------------------|
| 1st | Joe Yeager | German 3.7mm Gun |
| 2nd | ?          | Soviet T-20      |

## Dioramas all types & scales:

|     |             |           |
|-----|-------------|-----------|
| 1st | Gary Morgan | "The End" |
|-----|-------------|-----------|

## Figures all types & scales:

|     |             |                             |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st | Gary Morgan | Krusk 1st Corps             |
| 2nd | Joe Yeager  | German Soldier in Snow Camo |

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## **Automotive Larger Than 1/43 Scale:**

|     |              |             |
|-----|--------------|-------------|
| 1st | Mario Pogano | Car Display |
| 2nd | Jim Boulukos | Mustang     |
| 3rd | Gary Morgan  | Wreck       |

## **Automotive Trucks 1/43 & Larger:**

|     |              |                                 |
|-----|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st | Joe Yeager   | Tow Truck 1/35 scale            |
| 2nd | Mario Pogano | Mack Tractor Trailer 1/24 scale |
| 3rd | Gary Morgan  | 1/24 Scale Trucks               |

## **Sci-Fi all types & scales:**

|     |                 |                          |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1st | Thomas Gagliore | Warhammer Fantasy Figure |
| 2nd | Rick Verist     | Flesh Eater Courts King  |
| 3rd | Jim Boulukos    | Hoopla Mobilehead        |



# Show Calendar Listing for 2019

See Bob DeMaio for details

| Date/Day               | Event & Location   | Website   |
|------------------------|--|---|
| May 4<br>Sat           | RepLIcon 29<br>Freeport Recreation Center 130 E. Merrick Rd.<br>Freeport, NY                             | <a href="http://www.lisms-ipms.org">www.lisms-ipms.org</a>  |
| May 9-11<br>Thu-Sat    | AMPS National<br>Buffalo, NY   | <a href="http://www.amps-armor.org/siteshows/showmain.aspx">http://www.amps-armor.org/siteshows/showmain.aspx</a> |
| Aug 7-10<br>Wed-Sat    | IPMS National Convention 2019<br>Chattanooga Convention Center 1150 Carter St.<br>Chattanooga, TN, 37402 | <a href="http://www.ipmsusa.org">www.ipmsusa.org</a>  |
| Sept 15<br>Sun         | Patcon 2018<br>Hudson Elks Lodge 959 99 Park Street,<br>Hudson, MA, 01749                                | <a href="http://www.ipmspatriot.org">www.ipmspatriot.org</a>  |
| Sept. 20-21<br>Fri-Sat | Armorcon<br>Crown Plaza Danbury, CT 06810  | <a href="http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/armorcon-1">http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/armorcon-1</a>         |
| Oct 26<br>Sat          | HVHMG 28<br>Elks Club Hall 29 Overocker Road<br>Poughkeepsie, NY 12603                                   | <a href="http://www.hvhmg.com">www.hvhmg.com</a>  |
| Nov 10<br>Sun          | Baycon 2017<br>Elks Hall 326 Farnum Pike<br>Smithfield, RI 02917   | <a href="http://www.ipmsbaycolony.com">www.ipmsbaycolony.com</a>  |
| Nov 15-16<br>Fri-Sat   | Long Island Figure Show<br>Freeport Recreation Center 130 East Merrick Rd.<br>Freeport, NY 11520         | <a href="http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com">http://www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com</a>                       |

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